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No “Second Class” Graduates

Dear friends of CIU,

About a year ago, a CIU graduate who owns and operates a successful business venture here in North America confided to me that he felt like a “second class” graduate because he wasn’t serving in full-time professional Christian work. When I asked him why he felt that way, he said that the subliminal message he received when a student at

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CIU (and even after) was that only those students who pursue full-time church, parachurch or mission field roles are “first class” graduates. All of the rest are somehow inferior. I was very sad to hear this, and sincerely apologized if I or anyone else serving at CIU had communicated such a message, even unintentionally.

The clear facts show that the majority of our CIU graduates (slightly over 50 percent) are engaged in vocational marketplace roles. Those roles are just as important as any full-time Christian service, especially when those who are in the marketplace are convinced that they are serving where God has called them. I know many CIU grads who are making an incredible difference for eternity as lay people on the job, in their homes, and in their local churches. Their overt witness for Christ, their prayer life, and their financial giving to the Lord’s work are truly remarkable.

This issue of CONNECTION highlights a few of our many graduates who are making a difference for the Lord in the marketplace. You’ll want to read every article. I wish we had space to include many more first-hand accounts of what our CIU marketplace graduates are doing! If you are in that category, you are “first class” and we celebrate you and what you are doing! I would love to hear your stories.

Yours for His glory,

George W. Murray
President

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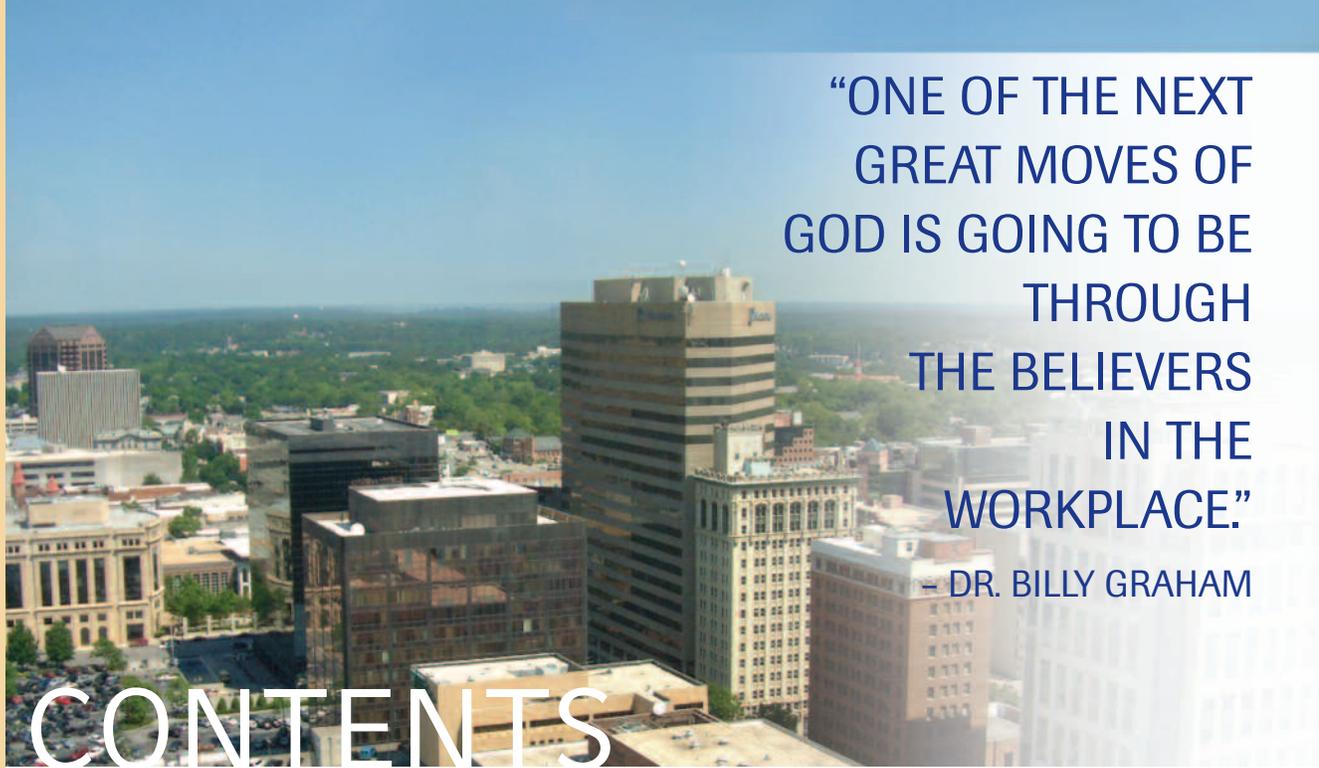
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Columbia International University Names Interim Provost



CIU Interim Provost
Dr. Bill Jones

A long-time professor of evangelism and missions at Columbia International University has been named the interim provost of the school.

Dr. William H. "Bill" Jones was named to the position by CIU President Dr. George Murray. He replaces Dr. Ralph Enlow who

left CIU at the end of the academic school year. Enlow has accepted the position of interim executive director of the Association for Biblical Higher Education. He had been provost at CIU since April 2000. The provost is responsible for the oversight of the overall educational mandate of the university.

Jones graduated summa cum laude from Georgia Institute of Technology and has doctorates from both Columbia Biblical Seminary & School of Missions and Gordon Conwell Seminary. He is also the co-founder and president of Crossover Communications International, a missions agency in Columbia, S.C. He has been a member of the faculty at CIU since 1990.

A passionate communicator, Jones has trained thousands of people all around the world to effectively share Christ's love and forgiveness using the John 3:16 One Verse Method. He has also authored several books including *The Daring Disciple Series: Knowing God, Discovering Your Identity, Walking in the Spirit*, and *Learning to Trust*.

Jones says as interim provost he'll work to empower the deans, faculty and staff to achieve CIU's mission. "I want to see CIU continue its historic mandate of glorifying God by inspiring, developing and equipping our students for lifelong pursuit of God and servant leadership in His global cause," Jones said.

President George Murray says his goal is to appoint a permanent replacement for the provost position within a year.

CIU to Build Sports and Fitness Center

Columbia International University could be playing intercollegiate sports in the future. Never in its 83-year history has the school fielded a sports team as part of an intercollegiate athletics association. But that could change with the building of a sports and fitness center on campus.

For students who thought that the talk of a sports and fitness center was just a long-running rumor, a ceremonial groundbreaking in early May convinced them otherwise. The student body broke out in applause as CIU President Dr. George W. Murray donned a white hardhat, grabbed a golden shovel, and joined other CIU officials in turning over small mounds of earth in a sparsely wooded lot adjacent to the seminary.

Perhaps the most excited person in the crowd was the Dean of Student Life Rick Swift. He began a feasibility study in 1994 to see what it would take to get CIU into intercollegiate sports. He found out the bottom line was CIU needed a bona fide sports center to be a part of an athletic association. He began to see hope in 1996 when a generous financial gift from a CIU donor was designated for a sports and fitness center. But it wasn't enough money to start the project. Since then he's been riding what he calls an emotional "a roller coaster" waiting for additional funds to come in.

But on the day of the groundbreaking Swift was beaming.

"I'm happy. I've ridden the roller coaster up and down. This is awesome," Swift told the crowd.

The sports and fitness center will house a large full-size basketball court, auxiliary courts, aerobics room, cardiovascular machines, free weights and dumbbells. There will also be a lounge area with wireless Internet. Swift refers to the lounge as "a second student center, a place to hang out." He says the center's overall contribution to life on campus will be very positive. "Students who exercise, study better and sleep better," Swift said.

And Swift says intercollegiate sports will provide students with "something fun to do."



CIU students react to the news of the sports and fitness center.

"It will bring us together, become a rallying point," he added.

Swift is looking into the possibility of intercollegiate sports with the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA).

New Graduation Tradition at CIU

The 2006 Graduates of Columbia International University were introduced to a new tradition. During commencement exercises in May, graduates were encouraged to take what they've learned at CIU and use it to continue to sow the seed of the gospel. That message was reinforced in a tangible way with a new CIU graduation tradition. As the graduates were

each awarded their diplomas, they were also handed a small burlap bag of seeds. Symbolic of their move from student to alumni, the seeds were scooped from a large wooden tub and bagged by Alumni Ministries representatives and presented to the graduates by the Director of Alumni Ministries Roy King.

Beginning with the current semester, new students are receiving their seed bag that will be filled at graduation. The practice is based on Jesus' Parable of the Sower in Mark 4:3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow."



Director of Alumni Ministries, Roy King encourages a graduate to sow the seed of the gospel.

CIU Distinguished Alumna with the Lord

Beloved Columbia International University Distinguished Alumna Sara M. Petty passed away on June 5, 2006 at the Laurel Crest Retirement Home in West Columbia, S.C. She was 93 years old.



Sara Petty

Petty was recognized as CIU's Distinguished Alumna in 1992. That year the honor was given to two people. The other person was Petty's dear friend Mittie Hatch. Hatch passed away in January, 2006.

Petty was born in Randleman, N.C. After earning her undergraduate degree from Asbury College, she received her M.A. from Columbia Bible College (Columbia International University) in 1939. Afterward she was a schoolteacher in Trinity, N.C. and Ware Shoals, S.C.

In 1945, Columbia Bible College President Dr. R.C. McQuilkin asked Petty to establish a Bible teaching department at CBC. She became the dean of women in 1952 and served as "College Mom" for 21 years. She retired from CBC in 1979. She then lived in California for several years teaching Adventures in the Bible classes before returning to Columbia where she helped establish Marketplace Women to Women Bible Studies.

Petty's long-time friend Betty Dent, a member of the CIU Board of

Trustees, considered Petty her mentor. She called Petty a "dear Christian lady" who was always ready to give a word of encouragement.

"I'll always remember the way she lived her life. There was no guile in her heart," Dent recalls. "She had a heart for the Lord. She reminded me of where to set my thoughts. She was easy to be with. She lifted my spirits."

Sam Gado Goes to the Hospital (to work)

Imagine coming out of surgery and one of the first people you see in the recovery room is Sam Gado of the Green Bay Packers – in scrubs. That's exactly what happened to a patient at a Green Bay hospital. Gado, one of Ben Lippen School's most famous graduates works at the hospital to gain experience for life after his career in the National Football League. He wants to become a doctor and return to his homeland of Nigeria.

According to an Associated Press story, Gado just wants to blend in at the hospital, but a patient blew his cover when he told his wife the guy in the scrubs plays professional football.

"She says, 'My husband swears that you're Samkon Gado and I'm telling him that you're not, that you wouldn't be working here if you were.' And he'd just gotten out of surgery, so this guy was doped up," Gado told AP.

Gado fessed up. After the initial shock, the woman asked, "What are you doing here?"

As it turns out, a little bit of everything. He checks vital signs, helps patients get out of bed and draws blood. He says he's working on improving his bedside manner.

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CIU Friends Come to Aid of Cancer Victim

Discs Sold to Help Ultimate Frisbee Fanatic

It was just another day at the office when Ben Speece, a 2003 graduate of Columbia International University started “talking funny” as he describes it. A co-worker next to him at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Call Center in Columbia said, “You sound horrible.”

Ben was rushed to the emergency room. Weeks later during surgery, a tumor was found in his brain. When the pathology report came back it was determined that Ben had Testicular Cancer that had spread throughout his body. Chemotherapy began immediately.

Just a few weeks prior, Ben had been flinging a Frisbee with other CIU graduates and current students who share a love for the fast paced game of Ultimate Frisbee. Thursday nights would find Ben at the weekly pickup game. But now he had lost the use of much of his right side. And though Ben’s prognosis for recovery was good, medical bills mounted.



Ben Speece and his wife Liza with the Frisbees soon after Ben’s surgery.

Enter Ben’s Frisbee friends.

One of them is Nick Hauser, a CIU Seminary student who also works in the university’s Development Office. Nick and the other Ultimate Frisbee players were reminded of another athlete who had battled Testicular Cancer: Olympic bicyclist Lance Armstrong. Armstrong promoted yellow “Live Strong” bracelets that were sold for cancer research. It was decided they would do something similar for Ben.

“We had first thought about doing wrist bands, but we thought the most fitting thing for Ben would be an Ultimate Disc,” Nick said.

“Ben is a very passionate Ultimate Frisbee player. He was always teaching people how to throw an Ultimate Disc. He would order a quantity of discs off the Internet, teach someone how to throw and then say, ‘Here’s your first disc.’ Ben was always giving discs to people. People who play on Thursday night would say Ben was the one who taught them how to throw a Frisbee.”

Initially the Ultimate Frisbee crowd had 200 of the \$10 discs printed. They sold out quickly. The proceeds are given to an emergency fund set up for Ben and his wife Liza at Columbia Crossroads Church where they are members.

Printed on the Frisbees is Ben’s name, a website address where people can keep track of his progress, and The Bird of Paradise. Ben grew up a Missionary Kid in Papua New Guinea. The Bird of Paradise is on the flag of that Southeast Asian country.

What does Ben think about what his friends are doing for him?

“It’s awesome. They didn’t tell me until they had the Frisbees. They

just showed up (at the hospital) and said, ‘Hey man we’ve got something for you.’ That was really cool.”

He vows to play Ultimate Frisbee again.

“I hope my condition improves. I’m going to be back.”

New Life 91.9’s Faith, Family and Freedom

New Life 91.9 has started a new Independence Day tradition in the Charlotte area.

Knight’s Stadium in Fort Mill, S.C. was packed with over 13,000 people enjoying a hot Fourth of July in the Carolinas at New Life 91.9’s Faith, Family and Freedom. The event began with a daylong family-friendly carnival. Then, just before night-



Mac Powell of Third Day sings at Faith Family and Freedom event.

fall, skydivers landed on the baseball field and unfurled a huge American flag as the National Anthem was played. Contemporary Christian music band Third Day then brought down the house with lead singer Mac Powell’s powerful voice as they sang their classics and brand new songs. The band stopped the music for 10 minutes and explained that Jesus is the reason they sing. As Third Day exited the stage, a dazzling fireworks show began and left everyone in awe! The staff of New Life 91.9 is planning on making this a great Charlotte family tradition!



Steve Sunshine and Amy Byrd of 89.7 WMHK interview Natalie Grant (center) at WMHK's 30th Birthday Bash.

WMHK Celebrates 30 Years of Ministry

89.7 WMHK's annual Open House was extra special this year as the radio station celebrated 30 years on the air in the Midlands of South Carolina. Thousands of families converged on the campus of CIU for the birthday bash. They enjoyed great food, carnival games and a concert by Christian music artist Natalie Grant.

Music Boat 2007

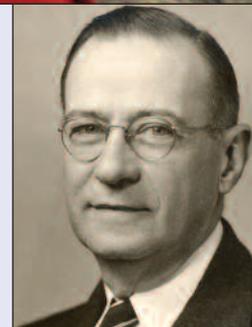
Imagine cruising the Caribbean under the stars while listening to Third Day, Big Daddy Weave and Nicole C. Mullen – live! New Life 91.9, 89.7 WMHK and Premier Christian Cruises are making it happen with Music Boat 2007! The cruise will depart Miami, Fla. for an April 30 - May 4 itinerary to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Other Christian music artists on board will include Building 429, Todd Agnew and Salvador. Cabin space aboard the ship is on sale now at www.newlife919.com and www.wmhk.com. An early sell-out is anticipated!

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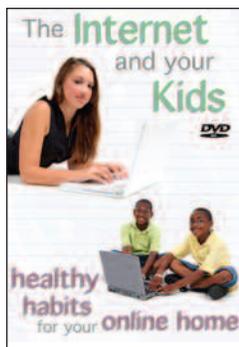
CIU Grads Create DVD to Help Parents Keep Their Kids Safe in Cyberspace

After discovering pornography on the computer of their 10-year-old cousin, San Diego area educators Brian and Julie Dixon knew something had to be done about Internet safety. Failing to discover a resource that actually shows parents specific steps to protect their children online, the couple decided to make their own DVD to educate parents about online dangers.

It's called *The Internet and Your Kids DVD: Healthy Habits for a Safer Online Home*. In just a few weeks of online sales through their website, the Dixons sold out of their first run of DVDs.

The Dixons have CIU connections that run deep. Brian is the son of CIU seminary professor Dr. Larry Dixon and is a 2001 graduate of CIU's Master of Arts in Teaching Program. Julie is the daughter of CIU President Dr. George Murray and graduated in 2001 from CIU's Teacher Education Program. Today Brian teaches media arts to middle and high school students. Julie teaches fifth grade. They credit their experience in curriculum development and video production at CIU for enabling them to create the DVD.

The DVD is divided into chapters that cover a particular Internet danger area. Each chapter begins with interviews with youth about their online habits. The Dixons then guide parents through easy-to-follow tutorials that drive home the importance of Internet safety



and outline the necessary steps for parents to follow.

In their 10 years of combined classroom experience, the Dixons have noticed hesitancy among parents to get involved in their children's online life. Julie says that with technology constantly changing, it may be tempting for parents to throw up their hands and give up.

"We believe just a few healthy habits can go a long way toward protecting children online," Julie said. "We explain these healthy habits on the DVD."

While working on his doctoral degree in educational technology, Brian Dixon researched the most effective ways to protect children on the Internet.

"The Internet is a double-edged sword, providing amazing educational opportunities, but also unprecedented access to inappropriate content," explains Brian. "The most disgusting material imaginable can be accessed with just a few clicks."

And the sad reality is that children are accessing this material.

"We were shocked when we learned that our 10-year-old cousin was viewing pornography," Brian said. "We thought it was an isolated incident, but what we've found is that it is a cultural phenomenon that needs to be addressed."

"It's not that children want to get involved in pornography, but pop-up ads and deceptive website links are luring them into this dangerous area," Julie adds.

For more information about *The Internet and Your Kids DVD: Healthy Habits for a Safer Online Home* visit www.internetsafetydvd.com.



Julie and Brian Dixon

"WE WERE SHOCKED WHEN WE LEARNED THAT OUR 10-YEAR-OLD COUSIN WAS VIEWING PORNOGRAPHY."



A Sleep Specialist Hears God's Wake-up Call

Renewed Faith Helps CIU Grad Be a Caring Supervisor

By Bob Holmes, *Connection* Editor

Sue Harmon puts people to sleep. No, she's not boring. She is a RPSGT — registered polysomnographic technologist — at SleepMed, a sleep disorder service. She is supposed to put people to sleep. That's her job. But talk with her about her renewed love for the Lord, and how God has used her at work, and you'll get a jolt of spiritual caffeine.

The former Sue Crist is a tall, blonde, 51-year-old who looks at least 10 years younger. She comes across to a new acquaintance as soft spoken and even somewhat shy. But she is also articulate and professional. Like many alumni of Columbia International University, Sue did not go into full-time ministry, but to the marketplace.

After Sue graduated in 1977, the native of Lynbrook, N.Y. stayed in Columbia, married, and had two boys. About 15 years ago she began taking courses at the local community college, Midlands Tech. Those courses would lead to certification as a respiratory therapist, a stepping stone to her eight year career helping thousands of people get a good night's sleep. Her move up at SleepMed has been swift. As a clinical manager at SleepMed, Sue oversees a total of 14 SleepMed clinics located in South Carolina, North

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Carolina and Tennessee. She has about 35 sleep technologists under her supervision. Sue says she is the kind of person who wants to help whenever she sees a need and that’s probably one of the reasons God blessed her with the job.

“It gives me an ability to share my blessings with others,” Sue told *Connection*.

But things could have been different. She admits to being “away from the Lord” for many years. God used the death of Sue’s mother seven years ago as a wake-up call in Sue’s life.

“Now I just want to please God and that is the difference,” Sue said. “I’ve turned my life completely over to Him. I don’t want my will done, I want His will done.”

And that means in her career, as well.

During a recent interview at a SleepMed clinic in Lexington, S.C., Sue described the process of how sleepless patients are monitored through the night. She discussed CPAPs (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) and the importance of oxygenation. Frankly, much of it went over this reporter’s head. Except the part about how grateful the patients are when they wake up after finally getting some shut eye. For Sue, that is one of the most rewarding aspects of the job.

But she says even more rewarding is how God is growing her and using her as the supervisor of those 35 sleep technologists under her oversight.

Sue says God has gifted her as a good listener. So she has become a counselor of sorts to the sleep technologists who are willing to tell her what’s on their minds.

“They come to me with their problems and issues and we talk about them, and I even pray with them. It’s not just work-related. It’s personal things too. I feel like it’s ministry.”

But she doesn’t always have time for extended conversation. Sue’s day can get hectic. She’s often seen with a telephone receiver next to her ear. A patient or the patient’s physician is likely at the other end of the line. She tries to maintain a godly attitude despite the hurried pace by focusing on Bible verses she keeps close by. Her favorite on-the-job Scripture is the “love verses” from 1 Corinthians 13.



“Love is PATIENT, love is KIND,” she recites with emphasis. “I’ve got those verses on my computer.”

Sue also prays the prayer of the psalmist David who wrote in Psalm 141:

Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD;
keep watch over the door of my lips.

“I have to pray that everyday because I don’t want the wrong words to come out. I want the right words to come out. It’s so easy in this job to say the wrong thing. I’ve done that, that’s for sure. I’m not the perfect manager. And I’ve had to go back and apologize when I have done it.

“I really want to be a compassionate, caring, and kind manager. I want Jesus Christ to be seen through me. And I want the technologists to see that. I want the patients to see that. I want the people I work with in the office to see that. That’s my desire.”

Even though Sue has never used her Bible degree from CIU in full-time ministry, she says the world needs CIU graduates in the marketplace who are living out the school’s motto “*To Know Him And To Make Him Known.*”

“That’s where (the motto) needs to be, in the marketplace, bathed in prayer. Pray for those CIU grads in the marketplace because we need it.”

Businessman or Preacher?

For a CIU Graduate the Answer is “Yes”

By Bob Holmes, *Connection* editor

Some days Shirley Moreland asks her husband which hat she should be wearing. “Am I the wife of an evangelist? Am I the wife of a Bible teacher? Am I the wife of a pastor? Am I the wife of a counselor? Or, am I the wife of David Moreland the businessman?”

David Moreland’s simple reply is, “Honey, you’re the wife of all those guys.” The 1967 graduate of CIU says it’s who he is, and it’s always been that way and will always be that way.

That’s because David Moreland has a passion for business and an even greater passion for God’s Word. And God has been pleased to show David a way to marry those two passions at many junctures in his life.



David currently serves as vice president of marketing and sales at Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, Fla. It’s one of the largest life-care retirement communities in the United States with a \$75 million budget and almost a half billion

dollars in assets. David enjoys sorting through the stacks of facts and figures that come across his desk. But at the same time, David considers his spiritual gifts preaching and teaching, which in his younger days, led well-intentioned advisors to encourage him to go into full-time ministry.

The duel passion for God and the marketplace began long before David took the job at Shell Point. He comes from a family of entrepreneurs and inventors. His grandfather created the first air-powered gun to spray cement. For 30 years the family used the process to re-stucco homes and commercial buildings in David’s birth state of New Jersey. In the 1960s his father sold the business and moved to New England to open a retail and catalog business that David would later take over.

Before he entered the family business, David was heavily involved in ministry which included a team that did street preaching in New York City. But even after he went into business full time, the heavy ministry schedule continued. David would travel every weekend. He was a featured speaker at many Bible conferences in New England. He did 25-30 youth retreats each year. He would leave Friday, come

home Sunday night and go to work Monday morning at his business. His inspiration came from men who ministered in New England 300 years ago, the Puritans.

“I was always touched by these men who were businessmen and politicians and they were involved in the community, but they were also theologians,” David told *Connection*.

“And that always made sense to me. It seemed to me that everybody should be doing that. And that was the kind of the model I followed, much more than the professional model of going to college and then going to seminary and getting ordained. That seemed so restrictive to me.”

These days David says his success as a businessman is a platform for the gospel. He laughs when he tells the story about one of the world’s leading ecologists who made an appointment with him one day. David says many in Florida feared the man. He was big physically and politically. David describes him as 10-foot tall and bullet proof. He once used his influence to shut down phosphate mines in Florida.

“He made an appointment to come see me and I thought, ‘is he going to sue me or what?’”

As it turns out, the man’s wife had been in a Bible study led by Shirley Moreland, also a CIU graduate. He told David his wife was enjoying the study. David picks up the story from there:

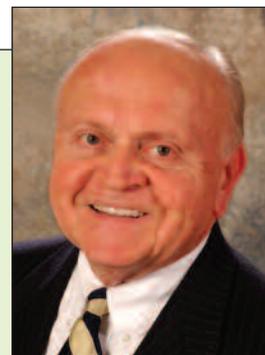
“I thought, ‘what’s coming now?’

“He said, ‘I’m a little jealous.’ I said, ‘I don’t understand what you mean.’ He said, ‘You know, they’re studying the Bible, right? Well, do you think you and I might ...’ He was asking me to have a Bible study with him!

“Today, this gentleman is wonderfully saved, and he is a deacon in his church. Very active for the Lord.

“Would I have been better as a pastor? I don’t think so. I kind of like this.”

In addition to serving as vice president of sales and marketing for Shell Point, David Moreland serves on the Board of Trustees of Columbia International University and on the Board of Trustees for Foundation in Christ in Galway, Ireland. He provides marketing services to a number of organizations on a consulting basis. He is regarded by many as an authority on the mature market.



David Moreland

Living the Christian Life at Work

It Can Open Doors for Evangelism

By Gary A. Walter

I was at a business dinner with nine co-workers when the waitress came to take our drink orders. As the waitress made her way around the table, everyone ordered either beer or wine. When my turn came, I ordered a soft drink. Immediately, all conversation stopped and nine heads turned to stare at me. A co-worker next to me said, "Gary, why don't you order a Perrier?" From the stares I received I quickly implemented that advice and ordered a bottle of the upscale French mineral water, whereupon nine heads nodded their approval and all conversation resumed.

I learned two things from that little incident. One is that living the Christian lifestyle in the marketplace will get people's attention. The other is that the Christians in the marketplace need to understand the subculture the Lord has placed them in. As it turns out, among my colleagues, if you don't drink alcohol, the alternative beverage is not a Coke. While we stand by our convictions, we also need to be sensitive to marketplace mores.

There are many biblical applications that can be brought over to the marketplace. They go far beyond simply avoiding alcohol and being sensitive to others expectations. For example, Psalm 15:4 describes the way a righteous man should live: "... he keeps his oath even when it hurts." In the business world many deals and agreements are made. As a Christian it is important to keep your word, especially when you make a promise to do something. There are many people in this world who do not follow through on a promise or an agreement if they receive no benefit. If the agreement works against them, then they don't hesitate to deny any agreement. The



THE CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO KEEPS HIS WORD EVEN IF THE AGREEMENT WORKS AGAINST HIM.

Christian is one who keeps his word even if the agreement works against him.

Another practical witness for the Christian in the workplace is not swearing or cussing. In I Peter 3:10 we read, "For the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit." There is a lot of crude language spoken in the marketplace and people notice when your speech is pure.

Most importantly, Peter writes, "but

sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;" (I Peter 3:15). A life lived for Christ in the marketplace often results in opportunities to share your faith. Jesus said, "... open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35).

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Gary Walter

The Gospel Goes to Work

CIU Alumnus Finds His Flocks on the Job

By Roy King, director of CIU Alumni Ministries

I recently returned from teaching overseas at a missionary training center. I met 47 students who are either headed toward or are already involved in taking the good news across cultural and language barriers. Over lunches and evening tea we listened to their plans to go to North Africa, the Middle East, and several Asian points on the globe. Packing, shipping, and long hours on planes with small kids will be the norm. My own travel involved over 19 hours each way in the air; with the help of an airplane. But often the “GO” in the GOSpel that God invites a Christian to move into does not require that amount of travel.

So how do we become the incarnational presence of Christ to those living right around us? They may have little or no interest in forming a new friendship with a neighbor, visiting our churches, or inviting a stranger into their home. Each day the car pulls away from the



house to return each evening after the errands and “kid transport” are concluded. Where can we find common ground to connect?

One of our seminary alumni has found a meeting place; a place where the salt and light of the gospel can spread from heart to heart. David Hawkins has become a corporate chaplain with Corporate Chaplains of America. Companies pay for him to take a brief walk through their facilities and connect with each employee. This leads to lunches, after work meetings, and phone calls in moments of crisis. Trust is built over repeat visits, listening well, and being willing to wade into the often messy and complex family relationships of the employees. David is still a pastor, shepherd and evangelist; it is just that his congregation is available to him Monday through Friday and scattered in about six different locations around the Florence, S.C. area.

There are a broad variety of effective models for market-place ministry. God is creative and loves giving customized assignments to his unique — one of a kind — children. Paul reminds us:

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is

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anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me... (1 Corinthians 3:5-10)

David Hawkins of Corporate Chaplains of America prays with a worker on the job site.

Notice: God gives the assignments, and those receiving assignments have one goal but diverse contributions to invest in seeing the purpose fulfilled. And the really good, good news is that God supplies the grace, the growth, and the fruit!

Business owners and managers are beginning to recognize that the attendance, health and morale of employees improve when a chaplain is available to care for the spiritual needs of company employees and their families. Meanwhile, the leadership of Corporate Chaplains of America stands behind on-the-job pastors such as David Hawkins with training, encouragement and 1-800 pager service. David would not have the open door for ministry without this team.

Listen to an audio novel *The Third Awakening* found at www.iamchap.org to catch the vision for the mighty way God works in building his body that is on the GO!

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Business as Mission

Strategies Impact the Bible College's Curriculum

By Dr. Pat Blewett, dean of the CIU Bible College

Considerable discussion is taking place in mission organizations regarding the role of business in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. For some, the discussion is about the need for business and administrative professionals within traditional mission organizations to help serve those on the front lines. For others, the discussion is about the need for business and administrative professionals to be the front line by providing creative access platforms on which believers can serve as salt and light in societies where traditional missionaries are not welcome.

In the 21st century, that platform often takes the form of a NGO – Non Governmental Organization. Overseas, the NGO is often involved in international relief or community development. In North America, it may be a “faith-based” rescue mission or drug rehabilitation center.

NGOs are growing. A recent United Nations report estimates that there are nearly 29,000 international NGOs. In Kenya alone, about 240 NGOs come into existence every year. The need for business professionals to administer these organizations is greater than ever.

The creation of Christian ministry opportunities within NGO structures does not mean believers are abandoning their commitment to the local church or worldwide evangelization.

Steve Saint, son of the 1956 missionary martyr Nate Saint, described it this way: “We do missionaries a great disservice when we measure their effectiveness primarily by the number of people in the churches they plant. The most spiritual thing they can do for a self-propagating church that can also govern itself is to help the people find jobs so that they can support the ministry. There is a bigger need in many areas today for missionaries with business skills than with advanced theological degrees.”

Dr. Wayne Grudem, a contemporary evangelical theologian talking about poverty says, “I believe the only long-term solution to world poverty is business. That is because businesses produce goods, and businesses produce jobs. . . . Therefore, if we are ever going to see long-term solutions to world poverty, it will come through starting and maintaining productive, profitable business.”

In a textbook he recently wrote, Columbia International University mission instructor Dr. Chris Little describes the Apostle Paul’s mission strategy as kingdom focused but rooted in sound business practices in which Paul did not create economic dependency. He, at times, had external funds to support his ministry, and he used his business platform as his craft and first contact with people where he served. Most folks call Paul’s personal skills or trade “tent making.”

CIU Intercultural Studies faculty member, Dr. Mike Barnett recently wrote about Creative Access Platforms in the *Evangelical Mission Quarterly*. He suggests a variety of platforms such as student access, education access, sports access, as well as business access.

CIU has been engaged in the business-as-ministry discussion for several years. We’re exploring a Business and Organizational Leadership Program that adequately prepares individuals for service within NGOs as well as for believers who see themselves as entrepreneurs or corporate workers in countries that are not necessarily friendly to traditional Christian ministries.

During the feasibility study exploring a Business and Organizational Leadership Program, the faculty discovered that within traditional North American based mission organizations it takes one administrative support person with business related skills for every 2.5 to 3 missionaries serving in church planting,

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medical, or other education related roles. In reviewing mid-sized to large evangelical churches in North America, evidence exists demonstrating the increasing need to select individuals to serve as church administrators with skills to manage facilities, budgets, and strategic planning processes who are biblically trained and business trained. As the faculty looked at the CIU campus, it discovered that only one in three employees of the university had a direct role in the educational process; all others provide administrative and business related support for the ministry.

With this as background, the Bible College faculty created a unique program in which a student accomplishes a first major in Bible and ministry leadership skills and a second

major in Business and Organizational Leadership. A student gains additional coursework in cultural anthropology and other intercultural communication courses so that he or she can be a strategic leader within the nonprofit or profit sector of international business. See the accompanying chart for additional

specifics about the bachelor’s degree curriculum. CIU will also offer a minor in business as well as a certificate level program.

What if a person does not feel called to serve in an international setting or with an NGO? Our goal is for every student to find the place where God has called him or her to serve. For some, it may be serving a local church as a deacon with budgeting skills while being a godly entrepreneur. For others, serving may include functioning as an executive who has a clear vision about how he or she can help friends who are serving in international settings. Solid skills in business and organizational leadership combined with sound Bible knowledge and ethical personal ministry skills are needed in all corners of our world. While many will find a calling stateside, we also believe that approximately 40–50 percent of our graduates will use these strategic marketplace ministry skills in cross-cultural settings.

If God has gifted you or someone you know with talents in business and organizational leadership that can be refined and used for His glory, examine CIU’s new undergraduate Business and Organizational Leadership Program.

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The Protestant Work Ethic

A CIU Connection

By Mike Blackwell

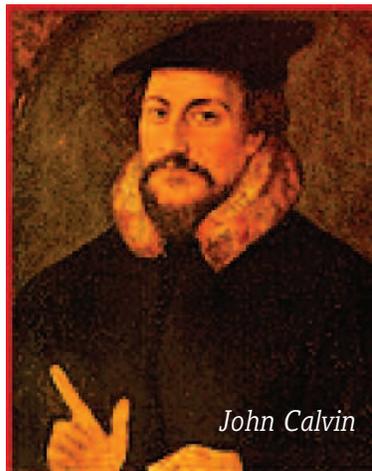
Work is somewhat paradoxical in that we are not sure whether to call it a blessing or a curse. Early Greek civilizations considered work to be punishment or “Ponos” which came from the Latin word, “poena” or “punishment.” Aristotle, a dualist, promoted a by-level concept, where the majority does the work or labor, and higher pursuits such as arts, philosophy and sciences were kept for the elite. Yet we have the opposing view from Augustine who proclaimed “Laborare est Orare; orare est laborare” which means “to work is to worship; to worship is to work.” As society progressed, so did the view of work.

Nevertheless, Christianity’s place in molding and shaping America’s work ethic is often overlooked. While many see the Protestant Reformation only in theological terms, others recognize it had significant impact on the social, political and economic environment. Not only did the Reformation set the Church free from the State and the divine rule of kings, it socially struck at society’s dualistic view of work. Reformers saw all work — whether it was sacred or secular, intellectual or manual — as a way of serving God. From this Martin

Luther proposed that in order to practice such a “higher life,” men and women did not have “to withdraw from the secular world.” Luther taught “all men are equally obligated to fulfill both the commands and the ‘advices’ of the gospel,” and: “this fulfillment is to be accomplished, not in the cloister, but in the sphere of the secular life itself.”

This was significant because it affirmed manual labor. (Actually the definition of the Hebrew word “avodah” reveals that work and worship are from the same root.) Luther, however, disapproved of commerce as an occupation. From his perspective, commerce did not involve any real work, thus a person should earn an income which would only meet his basic needs, and the accumulation or hoarding of wealth was sinful. St. Thomas Aquinas echoed similar sentiments in that he believed most forms of trade conducted for profit were inherently immoral, holding: “He who in trading sells a thing for more than he paid for it must have paid less than it was worth or be selling it for more.” An ethical businessman was thus a contradiction in terms.

Most historians agree John Calvin introduced the theological doctrines that, when combined with Luther’s, formed a significant new attitude toward work. To Calvin an active, austere, and hard-working



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person gave evidence to himself and others that he was one of God's chosen ones. Calvin supported the premise that selection of an occupation and pursuing it to achieve the greatest profit possible was a religious duty. While traditional Pre-Reformation theology viewed work at worst as a curse and at best

a distraction, Protestantism held that a businessman's work could be pleasing to God. A diligent worker, for instance, was less likely to be tempted.

Anecdotally, I offer the example of what happened in a local Columbia, S.C. cotton mill town, full of blue-collar families. Mill towns in the 1920s harbored all the social sins that often come with poverty stricken areas — alcoholism, domestic violence, gambling; to name a few. Across town there was a teenage girl named Emily Dick, who was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society. She taught Sunday classes for mill workers' children and recruited others to share God's love with mill worker families. Hoping to introduce them to Christ and His grace, they taught Bible, sewing, cooking and other classes.

As the workers began to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ, they began to change. The change was evident to H.C. Dresser, vice president of the entire mill chain. When he visited the Columbia, S.C. mill, he asked the superintendent why his mill was different - why workers in this particular mill were more dependable, more diligent and had less absenteeism? Why were there fewer fights and domestic disputes? The superintendent, a Christian, answered: "Miss Emily Dick."



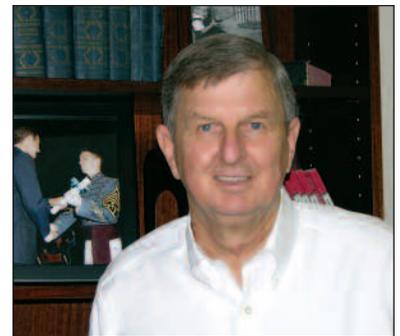
Miss Emily Dick

When Dresser met Emily, he was so impressed he offered her a job — not in public relations or corporate communications, but rather the job description was written to meet Emily's "calling," — teaching God's Word. According to historical documents, Mr. Dresser offered to hire Emily to start her program in all of their east coast mills. Those familiar with the history of Columbia International University know that from these efforts to teach God's Word to local mill workers, Columbia Bible College, now CIU, was founded.

In the book of Revelation we are told of four living creatures surrounding the throne of God; they have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." The four creatures knew their job description well. They were to worship and glorify God, night and day. Work was not time off from their duty to God; they simply worshipped while they worked.

The importance, therefore, does not lie in our jobs per se; it lies in our purpose, which is, as stated in the Westminster Confession of Faith: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

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From CHAOS to Order

Pastor's Wife is Consultant to "Messies"

By Sandra Felton, The Organizer Lady

For the first 21 years of my marriage to my pastor husband, I used to joke that if cleanliness was next to godliness, I was living in deep sin. But inside I wasn't laughing. I was living a seriously cluttered life and didn't know what to do about it. It was the early 1980s, and there was very little information available about organizing the home.

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My house was always on the verge of CHAOS. In today's world of messiness that has come to mean the Can't Have Anybody Over Syndrome, not a good characteristic for a pastor's wife who is trying to minister for the Lord. My family suffered from living in mess, not being able to find what they needed, and embarrassment about its condition. My dear husband endured with varying levels of patience and impatience. I had two higher education degrees, (a bachelor's degree from Columbia International University, and master's degree from the University of Miami) was teaching math in a Christian high school, but couldn't figure out how to create an orderly living environment. It was, as the King of Siam told Anna in the musical *The King and I*, a "puzzlement."

As in every story of struggle with a besetting problem, there came a final straw that brought me to the point of being willing to change — if only I could figure out how! Although I had had many stresses from living in disorder, the final blow came when I found that the floor boards under the kitchen sink had been rotted by a leaking pipe. There was so much clutter under the counter, I had not caught it in time and we had to remodel the whole kitchen.

Fueled by frustration, I sought a program, an insight, anything that might help me solve my dilemma. I read what little I could find and interviewed people who seemed to have their organizing act together. Slowly a plan emerged and my life began to change. I knew I had turned a corner. To share joyfully what I had learned and to gain further support for myself, I announced a group meeting in a little ad in our local paper beginning with the words, "Messy house? Frustrated?" Twelve people came to that first meeting. We called it Messies Anonymous even though at the time I didn't know anything about Alcoholics Anonymous. To me it just meant we struggled with clutter and didn't want anybody to know about it.

Messies Anonymous has just celebrated its silver anniversary. Word spread through radio appearances such as those on the Moody network and Focus on the Family, newspaper and magazine articles. From my first book, *The Messies Manual*, to the most recent, *Organizing Magic*, released in July of 2006 and the eight books in between, the message has gone around the world, jumping cultural bounds. From Australia, the Netherlands, India, and the United Kingdom women have written testimonies of gratitude for the help they have received. The books have been translated into German, Dutch, Spanish, and recently into Indonesian confirming the global need for help in this area. The desire for order and beauty seems to be universal.

Organizing is a crossover topic that often leads to deeper spiritual discussions. When women gather to learn how to organize their homes and lives in local church settings, it is not difficult to include talk of a heavenly home. Messies Anonymous' Scriptural mandate is from Galatians 6:10, "As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Organizing is a tool that enables us to accomplish God's will in our lives. When a Christian is disorganized, he or she is hindered in following the Apostle Paul's instructions to the Ephesians: "careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity." (Eph. 5:15-16) As Cindy put it in a forum posting on the Internet: "I thank God for the places He has brought order - my finances, my desk at work, my kitchen, my living room. I pray that He helps bring order to the rest of my life. I am not sure that Jesus loves a clean floor but I know for sure that our Lord put the world in order and that order is wonderful when it occurs in our lives. Chaos is hard to function in."

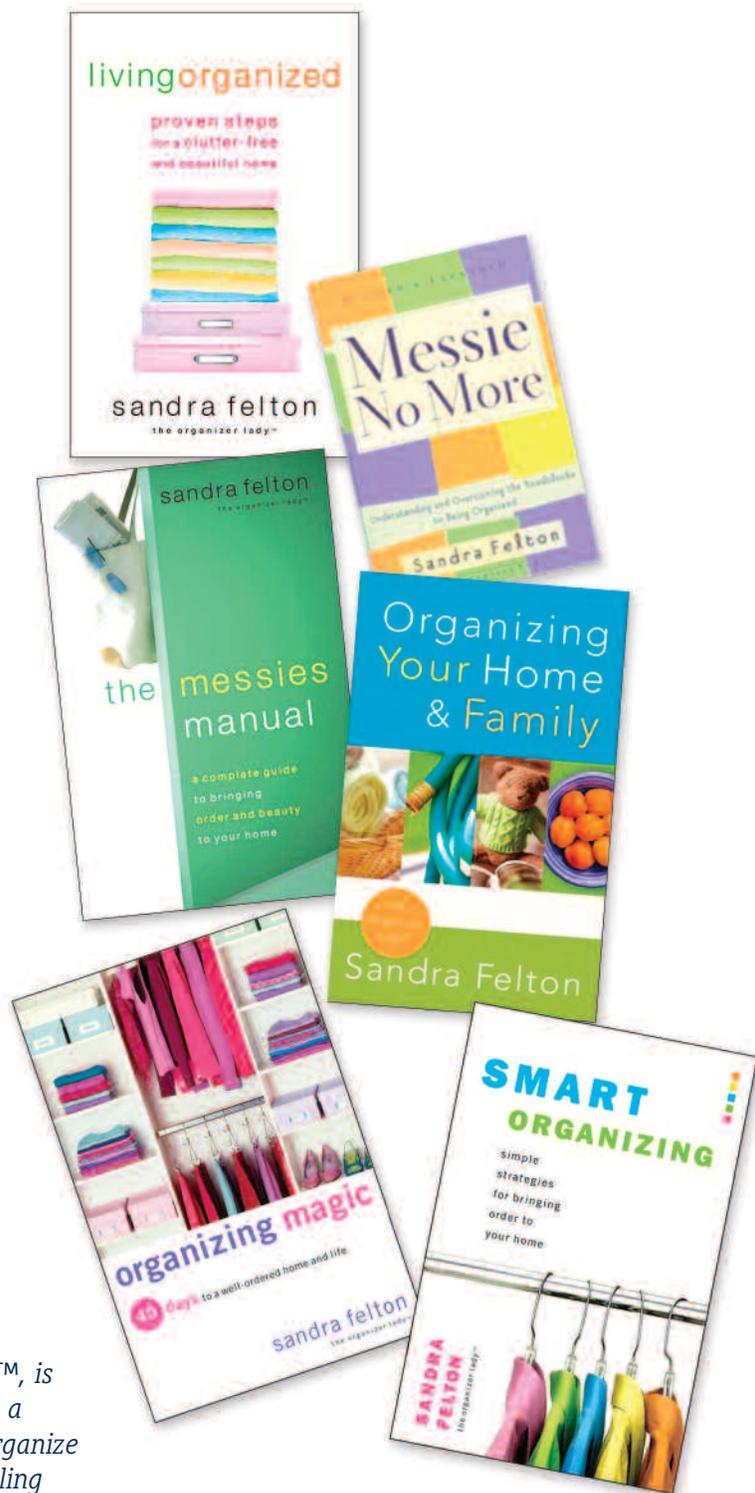
Through our web site, www.Messies.com, we reach out in various ways, helping people to get started, hosting interactive groups including one called Faith in Organizing Action (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Faith-in-Organizing-Action>), and sending out a daily reminder called The Organizer Lady™ (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/The-Organizer-Lady>).

For further information or help contact Sandra Felton, The Organizer Lady™ at srfma@aol.com.

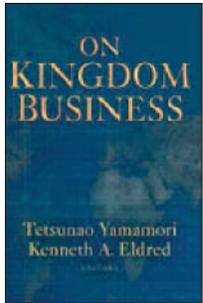


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Recommended Reading from the Authors in this Edition of *Connection*

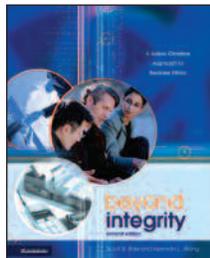


On Kingdom Business: Transforming Missions Through Entrepreneurial Strategies, edited by Tetsunao Yamamori and Kenneth A. Eldred. This

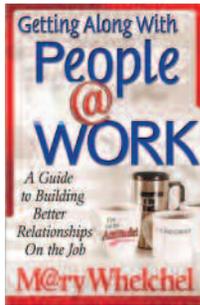
book provides case studies and theological underpinnings to the Christian businesspersons wishing to use their business skills overseas for the cause of missions. The case studies examine Christians in business at different locales around the world. Then the advantages and pitfalls of business and mission are examined. The central proposition of the book is to demonstrate how business can be a powerful tool in mission work. Published by Crossway Books.

Beyond Integrity: A Judeo-Christian Approach to Business Ethics by

Scott B. Rae and Kenman L. Wong offers a balanced and pragmatic approach to a number of concrete ethical issues. The book equips men and women to develop a biblically based approach to the ethical challenges of 21st century business. Published by Zondervan.



Getting Along with People at Work by Mary Whelchel. Whelchel believes that one of our greatest opportunities to witness on the job comes if we can learn “to simply maintain a positive attitude in the midst of a negative world.” Published by Vine Books.



Running Away?

All of us face the temptation to deliberately choose a marketplace or ministry vocation that is NOT what God wants, as Jonah did. Some run away from God vocationally by LEAVING the ministry and going into the marketplace, while others run from God by GOING INTO the ministry and leaving the marketplace. CIU President, George Murray, gave a great chapel message about this struggle titled: *Jonah: The Danger of*

Choosing a Convenient Alternative. To purchase a CD copy please contact the CIU Bookstore at 1-800-777-2227, ext. 3263 or visit www.ciu.edu/bookstore.



Stephanie's Marketplace Resume Tips

By Stephanie Bryant, associate director, CIU Career Planning & Placement, CIU Alumna (M.Ed, 1999)

So how do you write a resume to get a marketplace job when you have a degree from a Bible College or Seminary and basically all ministry experience? It's not as hard as you may think. Most employers are more interested in knowing that you have a degree, rather than what your major was, except for very specialized jobs and those requiring licensing or certification. As for your work experience, employers look for the skills and abilities you have more so than where you got them. Your ministry experience and academic training can easily transfer to fit a marketplace position. The key is in the presentation. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Remember, “one size does not fit all” for your resume, whether applying for a marketplace or ministry position. Always tailor your resume to fit each job you apply for. Get the position description or as much information as you can about the job so you know what strengths to highlight.

Ask yourself, “Is this RELEVANT” for everything you put on your resume. You are not writing an autobiography so you do not need to tell them everything about yourself or every little detail about what you did at each job. Employers are only interested in seeing if you'll be a good fit. Winning first place in a pingpong tournament might not be relevant, even if you are proud of it.

To keep from looking like a religious zealot, state everything in more generic terms. If you went on a mission trip, try to frame it as international travel experience. If you taught Bible studies, focus on your teaching ability, lesson plan creation, classroom management and relational skills, not on the subject. If you pastored a church, emphasize your management and organizational abilities. Highlight all your skills and abilities that are transferable to a marketplace job.

Keep in mind that employers only spend about 30 seconds reading each resume. Be sure to have an eye-catching, professional looking resume with all the important information at the beginning. Keep it to one page, easy to read, and error free.

Remember, the primary purpose of a resume is to get an interview. And don't forget to always include a cover letter with every resume. For more help with writing a marketplace resume, please contact CIU's Career Planning & Placement Office at 1-800-777-2227, ext. 3076 or e-mail SBryant@ciu.edu.

Alumni Project Update

Renovations have begun on the new Pamplin Auditorium! The old theatre-style seating is being removed to make way for laptop-ready tables and desk chairs. Old audio/visual equipment is being replaced by up-to-date technology.

Meanwhile, the next phase of the Alumni Project offers The Alumni Association an exciting opportunity to give personal fitness and sports a fresh role in the total life training of CIU students.

As you probably know, CIU has broken ground on a top notch Sports and Fitness Center. The Alumni Association will provide the exercise equipment. But this is not just any equipment. The Student Life Leadership has selected equipment that meets commercial standards to handle the anticipated level of use.

Our goal is \$175,000 and to encourage our faith and launch us out with prayers of thanksgiving we have received a "seed" gift of \$25,000.



Workers removed old seating in Pamplin Auditorium.



Alumni Ministries Director Roy King tries out the weights for the new CIU Sports and Fitness Center.

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- ▶ Office Computers

You can find a detailed list of the exercise equipment and information on how to donate at www.ciu.edu/alumni.

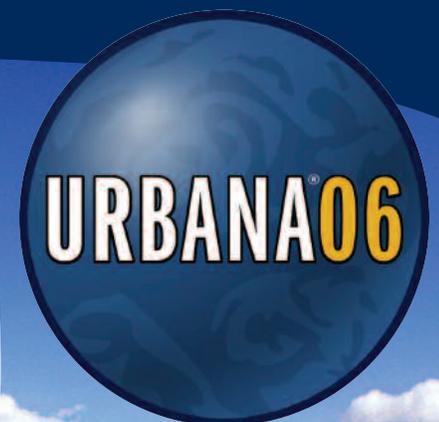
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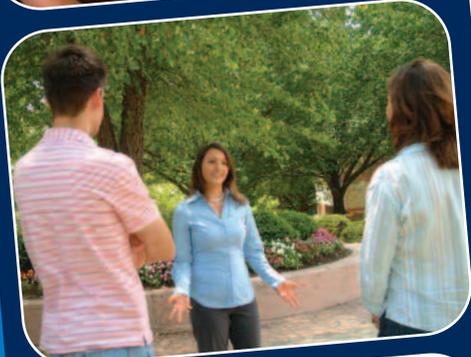
As a student at Columbia International University you may have experienced InterVarsity's Urbana Student Missions Convention at some time in the last 60 years. Or maybe you always hoped to go but never made it. Now as a member of the CIU alumni here's your chance to attend Urbana 06 and receive a \$50 discount off the adult registration fee when you register at www.urbana.org.

Urbana 06 is Dec. 27-31 and will be held in St. Louis instead of the University of Illinois so that more people can attend. Dynamic speakers will include Rick Warren and Ray Bakke.

To take advantage of the CIU \$50 alumni discount go to www.urbana.org and enter the discount code C10720 when you register. You may also choose steeply discounted housing at many St. Louis hotels when you register.

Please join us in praying that God will use the five days of teaching and worship at Urbana 06 to demonstrate His glory and power around the world.





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