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THE FIRST WORD



Bob Holmes, Editor-in-Chief

From the Editor

Welcome to the new "CIU Today" magazine. We hope you enjoy reading about the latest on what is happening today on the campus of Columbia International University, and around the world where our 18,000 alumni serve in nearly 150 countries.

"CIU Today" combines the best of two CIU publications that many of you have enjoyed over the years: the in-depth features of "Connection" magazine and the updates on CIU alumni of "Upward" magazine. It will be published three times each year, in October, February and June.

A special welcome is extended to those of you who are new to CIU publications. Think of "CIU Today" as a family album of sorts, as we share snapshots of how CIU fulfills its purpose: "CIU educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ."

In each edition of the magazine, CIU President Dr. Bill Jones will have "The Final Word" which you'll find on page 35. His thoughts this month on religious liberty in the United States are vitally important in the wake of the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision last summer. The case for Hobby Lobby was developed with the assistance of a CIU alumnus — pointing to the importance of preparing more CIU graduates who will make an impact on their world.

This inaugural edition includes a special feature on "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." It's not about boogie boarding at the ocean or mountain trail hikes. But instead, CIU students discuss how they used summer internships and mission trips to serve others while gaining valuable career and ministry experience. Well before graduation, these students are already learning how to live CIU's motto: "To Know Him and to Make Him Known" through their chosen professions.

Assisting me in the alumni section of the magazine is Peggy Lee Manoogian of Alumni Relations. She especially wants to hear from alumni who have contributions for the Class Notes section of the magazine. Former classmates are always interested in what's going on in your family, career or ministry, and where you are living. So, be sure to contact Peggy Lee at alumni@ciu.edu, or (803) 807-5500.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding "CIU Today," please write to publicrelations@ciu.edu. May you be challenged and encouraged as you read about what's happening at "CIU Today."

Bob Holmes
CIU Today
Editor-in-Chief

To CIU Alumni:

Have you ever learned about a change and wondered why nobody ever thought of it before? Well, this is one of those times for me. Welcome "CIU Today!"

Combining the "Connection" and "Upward" magazines emphasizes that whether you are a friend of CIU in the community, a current student, or an alumnus, you are all part of the CIU family.



I think one of the most positive outcomes of "CIU Today" will be that current students and the community will be much more in touch with alumni and what they are doing throughout the world. "CIU Today" will strengthen these relationships for the glory of God. One publication for one family; and all of us with the purpose of knowing Him and making Him known. This is one change that everyone can applaud.

Speaking of applause, let's hear it for Homecoming 2014 which is only days away! This year's Homecoming will include Faculty Forums, a spectacular fireworks display, and a powerful display of God's power through the CIU players in the "Bridge of Blood" Dinner Theater.

At this point you are encouraged to close this magazine briefly to read about Homecoming 2014 on the back cover. Then, open it up again and continue reading the rest of the first issue of "CIU Today!" See you at Homecoming 2014.

Don Sarazen
President
Alumni Association Leadership Council

CIU News

CIU Moves Up in U.S. News Rankings

Columbia International University rose 18 positions in the annual U.S. News & World Report college rankings. CIU is number 37 among regional universities in the South. The 2014 rankings take into account factors such as class size, freshmen test scores and the graduation rate; areas that some parents and students use as a guide to choose a school.

CIU Provost Dr. James Lanpher says the rise in the rankings reflects CIU's commitment to excellence and he specifically notes CIU's peer assessment score in the survey increased by about 15 percent. The score is determined by a survey of presidents, provosts, and others at institutions in the South that are similar to CIU.

"When this score goes up it means that others in the higher education community are having a higher opinion of us based on what our faculty produce and on CIU graduates that they know," Lanpher said. "As high school students look for a college, it's definitely to their benefit to choose a school that has a good and increasing reputation."

Lanpher says another contributing factor to CIU's ranking is retention and graduation rates. U.S. News puts together several bits of data to come up with a "predicted" graduation rate and then they compare this to a school's actual graduation rate. In CIU's case, the actual graduation rate is significantly higher than the predicted rate.

"This implies that students at CIU are well-supported in an atmosphere in which we do everything we can to help them succeed and that they do succeed at a higher than expected rate," Lanpher said. "Since college is a significant financial investment it makes sense to go to a school that increases the likelihood of success."

Lanpher says it's rewarding to be publically recognized, but CIU has a higher calling.

"Of course, even without rankings, we at CIU would continue to try to improve everything we do because it is our deepest desire to serve God by educating men and women who will impact the world for Christ in whatever role He calls them to." ■

New Board Member Named

The outgoing president of Midlands Technical College in Columbia has been named to the Columbia International University Board of Trustees. Dr. Marshall (Sonny) White Jr. is retiring from his position at Midlands Tech in January after eight years on the job. He is a native of South Carolina and has an extensive background in higher education, business and industry, and in community service.

White earned both a Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Clemson University, where he has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus. He replaces University of Tennessee professor Dr. Russell L. French who served on the CIU Board for 23 years. ■



Dr. Marshall White Jr.

CIU Student Honored

Cole Harper, a junior at Columbia International University, is the Sterling L. Smith Scholarship recipient for 2014.

The \$1,000 award is presented annually by South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) to a student enrolled at a member school who meets high academic standards and demonstrates leadership and a commitment to community involvement. SCICU represents 20 private institutions of higher education in South Carolina.



Cole Harper

Harper, who lives in Columbia, South Carolina, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Bible and Youth Ministry, Family, & Culture. He says he is honored, but could hardly believe it when he found out he was the winner.

"It blows my mind that I was chosen from among so many people who were probably just as qualified," Harper said. "The Lord really is faithful to provide for those who love him."

In addition to his studies, Harper balances two part-time jobs; he serves as a page for the South Carolina House of Representatives and as an usher at the Koger Center for the Arts.

Harper is also in his fifth year of involvement with Young Life, a ministry to high school students. He serves on the worship team at his church, and in his free time enjoys playing Frisbee, guitar and reading.

After college, Harper plans to work for Young Life, where he says he will "continue to employ my God-given talents and leadership abilities to see people redeemed and communities transformed by the power of Jesus." ■

CIU News

Members of the community gathered at Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia to hear Philip Yancey.



"Wherever I go, I see the effects of this school."

Philip Yancey Returns to CIU

Best-selling author and 1970 Columbia International University alumnus Philip Yancey often recounts tales of his time at CIU: how he met his wife, Janet; how his fellow students went on to do powerful ministry around the world; and even how he began a relationship with God during his time at CIU.

Yancey returned to CIU on May 1 and 2 to meet with students and to celebrate the school's 90th anniversary with a banquet at Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia. The banquet was held in conjunction with "Forward in Faith," a \$36 million fundraising campaign for the development of CIU. There were more than 350 people in attendance, including CIU students, faculty, and alumni, as well as members of the general public.

Yancey is known for writing openly about difficult topics in the Christian faith. He has authored more than 20 books, including "What's So Amazing About Grace?" and "Where's God When It Hurts?" His message at the banquet — which he introduced as "Seasons of the Soul" — addressed a few of these difficult questions. He encouraged his

audience to pursue God in every season and circumstance.

"The springtime of the soul is the new life [in Christ] which we've all tasted," he explained. "I had that as a student at CIU."

Yancey went on to speak of the "summers" of life, when ministry is fruitful and the world is in bloom; the autumns, when it's hard to hang onto hope; and the winters, which hold the most difficult life circumstances.

"If you're upset with the evil on this planet, I assure you God is far more upset," he said. "If you're grieved by the hurt on this planet, I can assure you God is far more grieved, and He's going to do something about it."

Throughout the banquet, Yancey also praised CIU for preparing students who impact the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Wherever I go, I see the effects of this school," he said, recounting his interactions with CIU alumni who minister around the world.

Yancey also took time to meet with current CIU students for a Q&A session. He addressed topics such as engaging

secular culture and the spread of the gospel, while also taking time to answer individual students' questions.

"Our God wants to see that no one misses His grace," he told students. "In the gospels, Jesus raises the ideals so high that no one could ever make it. But in the same passage, He gives grace so low no one could fall beneath it."

The message Yancey brought to CIU was both challenging and encouraging: believers should seek God wholeheartedly in every circumstance, while shining brightly to the world around them.

"We're told to show a different way of being human," Yancey said. "We don't have to respond [to opposition] with hatred and animosity. See to it that no one misses the grace of God." ■

Photos: Chris Brink



Philip Yancey speaks at 90th anniversary banquet.



Dr. Bill Larkin



Senate Honors Hulbert, Larkin

The South Carolina Senate honored two Columbia International University professors who passed away in February. In resolutions offered by Richland County Senator Darrell Jackson, a CIU alumnus, Dr. Terry Hulbert and Dr. Bill Larkin were remembered for nearly eight decades of impact on students and evangelical scholarship.

Scan the QR codes with a smartphone to read the resolutions which detail the lives of Hulbert and Larkin. ■



Dr. Terry Hulbert



First Women Graduate from Prison Initiative

Graduation day is always an emotional day. But few graduates feel the overwhelming joy expressed by Kim at her graduation — held behind the razor wire-lined fences of a South Carolina prison.

Kim (full names of inmates are withheld because of security concerns) was among the first cohort of 12 student-inmates to graduate from the Columbia International University Women's Prison Initiative held at the Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution located directly across the Broad River from CIU's main campus. Graduates of the Prison Initiative earn an Associate of Arts degree and are disbursed among South

Carolina's female inmate population to minister as chaplain's assistants.

Just over an hour before commencement on Aug. 8, the graduates learned they could briefly meet with their families. As the cohort quickly made their way to a visitation room, Kim paused. She realized that her parents' poor health and distance from the prison, meant that they could not attend. But suddenly, Kim shouted and wept tears of joy on the shoulder of Prison Initiative Director Andre Melvin. She learned that he had driven across half the state that morning to pick up her parents, and he made sure they had the medical supplies they needed to get through the day.

"It was an overwhelming surprise," Kim said. "To think that someone would be that selfless for an inmate like me, to

make this an experience for my family and for me, it's overwhelming."

And that was just the beginning of the emotional day.

Marching to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance," Kim and the other graduates were presented their degrees by CIU President Dr. Bill Jones and were congratulated by their warden, and by the director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Bryan Stirling.

The charge to the graduates came from former Corrections Director Jon Ozmint who was instrumental in the establishment of the CIU Prison Initiative among male inmates in 2007. Since the program began, 63 student-inmates have graduated and have been assigned to 22 male institutions across the state.

Family and friends, who had not used up the tissues that were placed at the end of each row of chairs in the prison gymnasium, grabbed another when Tara spoke on behalf of the Class of 2014.

"The time has come to exhibit what God has poured into us and glorify Him in our lives," Tara said. "To make Him known is what we have been prepared to do." ■



SUPPORT *for* COMBAT VETERANS

By Bob Holmes

For many years Bobby Farmer denied that he was suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). But the Viet Nam veteran and CIU alumnus says, "The many holes in my wall would probably tell you something else."

"I had the anger, I had the irritation, I had the lack of patience, I had everything you can think of, and I had it since Viet Nam," explains Farmer who graduated from CIU in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies.

But it wasn't until he fell into deep depression following a triple by-pass operation, and with the help of counseling, that the ordained Presbyterian pastor and chaplain admitted that he had PTSD. The depression got so bad that it took him 18 months to desire to be in public again. He went from working full time and traveling the world as a missions and outreach pastor to working five hours a week.

But that's when a group of other former combat veterans at his church, Northeast Presbyterian Church (NEPC) in Columbia, came alongside him. Out of that group was formed the NEPC Combat Veterans Support Group in 2011.

"That brought about healing for me," Farmer said.

Farmer says there are some experiences and deep thoughts and feelings that a combat veteran can only share with another combat veteran — including struggles with PTSD. That's when he says, the healing begins.

"The loss of brothers in war, survivor's guilt, the things that you saw, the things that you did and the things that you felt like you should have done," Farmer said listing the types of inner wounds some combat veterans keep hidden from most people, but are willing to share with another combat veteran.

Now Farmer is making sure many other veterans have a chance to heal. He is taking the model formulated by the NEPC Combat Support Group to other churches through a new ministry he founded called Project Josiah Restoration Ministry.

Named for the Old Testament Josiah, a righteous king who brought healing to Judah through spiritual reform and the repairing of the temple, Farmer says he is taking the healing of combat veterans to other churches with Project Josiah groups meeting in Aiken, Charleston and Sumter in South Carolina and in Wilmington, North Carolina.

"Project Josiah brings combat veterans together to peer counsel one another in churches where they have a safe environment and where they feel comfortable to share with their brothers who have been in combat," Farmer said.

One of the core values of Project Josiah is service. Farmer says getting combat veterans to serve one another is a key to restoration and healing.

"All veterans desire to serve other veterans, but you can't serve if you're in your room and you can't get out," Farmer said.

And some veterans are literally in their room.

The Project Josiah website includes the testimony of Timothy Shoenfelt, a veteran of the Iraq War, who says one of Farmer's groups was instrumental in bringing him out of his apartment which he rarely left for two years. Suffering from a traumatic brain injury and PTSD, Shoenfelt says, "By the grace of God, Chaplain Farmer was placed in my life."

"The struggle is ongoing, but knowing you're not alone is a huge comfort and relief," Shoenfelt continues. "Knowing other service men and women feel like you feel, gives you a sense of normalcy."

Farmer points out that even though the groups meet in churches, and their sessions include prayer, the gatherings are not Bible studies. But the gospel is shared, as Farmer puts it, "organically."

"As I get to know you, I get to tell you who I know, and I know Jesus, and I'm going to tell you about Jesus," Farmer explains. "It's relationship evangelism. Jesus was with sinners, so that is where I am."

Farmer says many veterans are going through a spiritual battle. But he knows that for him, God was there in the midst of his depression and doing something new in his life.

"I told God to leave me here until I've learned everything I need to know because I know You're going to cause this to be a ministry," Farmer said. "And he has made the ministry bigger than anything I've ever had before."

For more information on Project Josiah visit www.projectjosiah.org.

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CIU by the NUMBERS

Where do alumni work?





WHAT I *did on* *Summer* VACATION

Summer is a great time for college students to take a break from the classroom and get away from the books. Here's a review of seven CIU students who did exactly that.

[But not like you might think.]

While not in the classroom, they were still learning and making the most of their CIU education through internships and mission trips. Whether on the other side of the world or in their hometown, these students made the most their summer gaining valuable hands-on experience in the professions and ministries they are pursuing. From caring for orphans to organizing political gatherings to sharing the gospel through soccer; for these CIU students, it was a summer to remember.

By Bob Holmes
"CIU Today" Editor





Photo courtesy Bridges of Faith

“There’s just something really special about kids that I really can’t describe.”

Larissa Tse

Year: Senior

Major: Business & Organizational Leadership

Home: Albany, New York

Internship: Bridges of Faith, Billingsley, Alabama

Larissa Tse has “always had a thing for children,” as she puts it. As a matter of fact, she once told her mother that she wanted to have 20 children of her own.

“There’s just something really special about

kids that I really can’t describe,” Tse said. That’s why her summer internship at Bridges of Faith in Billingsley, Alabama was a perfect fit for her. The ministry brings children from orphanages in the Ukraine to its 140 acre rural campus for a month of recreation and education where they are surrounded by the ministry of volunteer Christian families.

“We want to show them the love of a family, because a lot of their parents are on drugs or alcohol or they are in prison or they are dead,” Tse explained. “It’s interesting when we watch these kids and just love them — they almost don’t know what to do, because they just never had that. It’s really neat.”

The knowledge gained in Tse’s Business & Organizational Leadership (BOL) major was put to the test when she was put in a supervisory position over high school volunteers. But she says she had been taught about leadership from Dr. Benjamin Dean, the director of the BOL program.

“He teaches a lot of what it means to

be a leader – having to be humble (and teaching) the importance of everyone on the team,” Tse said. “It’s also such a well-rounded program because I learned a piece of every little bit of (business).

Because the internship was Tse’s last class needed for graduation, she has the option of raising support and staying on at Bridges of Faith for a couple years as she works toward her dream of opening an orphanage in Afghanistan.

“I’ve prayed about it during my time at CIU,” Tse said. “There is a tremendous need. It breaks my heart. I really want to go there because of the huge need. I think it will be incredible if I make it there.”

And yes, she realizes Afghanistan has its dangers.

“I’m not afraid of what will happen to me,” Tse concludes. “If I end up dying there, I am totally fine with that. I’m going to heaven anyway. My life isn’t really here.” ■

"I would love to be an elected official. It would be cool to be in Congress and making legislative decisions."

John Owens

Year: Junior

Major: Business & Organizational Leadership

Home: Columbia, South Carolina

Internship: South Carolina Republican Party

John Owens' political heroes include President Abraham Lincoln because "he was able to keep the Union together," and Rand Paul, a Libertarian-leaning U.S. Senator and an advocate of state's rights because "he's a constitutionalist."

When the political dichotomy was pointed out to Owens he explained:

"Every era needs a different type of leader, a different type of policy."

Owens expounded on his political views while munching on a BLT at the No Name Deli just down the street from the South Carolina Republican headquarters in downtown Columbia where he was doing a summer internship.

The internship gave Owens the opportunity to rub shoulders with South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, the keynote speaker at the South Carolina GOP's annual convention. But Owens' internship mostly exposed him to the grassroots work of running a statewide political party. He spent a lot of time on the phone and on the streets asking questions of voters.



"I make a lot of survey calls trying to figure out what issues are the most important to the people of South Carolina in the upcoming elections," Owens explains. "I also do research in the counties to determine how many swing voters there are."

He laughs as he tells the story about canvassing neighborhoods door-to-door with a colleague in the Columbia area. As they drove into a secluded neighborhood two men blocked the road and banged on the car windows.

"We had to speed off and make them run out of the way of the car," Owens said. "We weren't sure what they wanted."

But Owens knows what he wants, and that's to be involved in government and politics. He is absorbing all he can so he can make an impact in the political arena.

"I think there needs to be more conservative Christians in politics, even influencing behind the scenes, witnessing to some of the people in Washington," Owens said. "It seems like an area that is left out a lot. I understand the importance of missions, to go overseas, but there is a big need in our own country."

Owens gets a little frustrated when he meets evangelical Christians who are apathetic toward politics.

"Those people (in politics) influence a large part of the nation" Owens said. "So what they do, the bills they pass, how they proceed on the national stage, in the end it will affect our society."

"Politics is important and we need to be involved (in it) at some level," he continued. "We can't just ignore it. God created government for a reason. We can't just all live in anarchy."

So, does Owens want to run for office some day?

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The record number of freshmen enrolled at CIU in fall 2014



"The Lord let me serve in a beautiful setting, doing three things that I love to do..."



Amy Hamilton

Year: Senior

Major: Communication

Home: Irmo, South Carolina

Internship: Baumholder, Germany

For Amy Hamilton, an invitation to assist a missionary family serving U.S. military personnel in Baumholder, Germany included everything she could ask for.

"I can't fully comprehend how blessed I was to be doing this internship, Hamilton said. "The Lord let me serve in a beautiful setting, doing three things that

I love to do: videography/photography, music and youth ministry."

Hamilton's summer schedule was full. By the time she left Germany, Hamilton's portfolio included producing four promotional videos for two families serving with Cadance International and conducting two photo shoots for the families. Cadance International is an evangelical mission agency dedicated to reaching military communities with the gospel.

A large part of Hamilton's time included hanging out with middle and high school youth groups, the children of military personnel. She taught them how to lead worship within the youth group and led a Bible study/fellowship time with the youth girls. Hamilton said her time leading the youth in music was the most

rewarding part of the internship.

"Music is powerful and it has played a big part in my relationship with the Lord," Hamilton said. "Through music, we can not only praise God for his many attributes, but we can also be honest with ourselves, others, and God about how we are feeling. We can bring our vulnerability, sinfulness, and neediness to the Lord and acknowledge that He is the only One who can forgive and satisfy us. I want these students to see that we can worship God not only when all is well with the world, but also when our lives are falling apart."

Hamilton, who already has her own freelance photography business, hopes to one day move overseas permanently to use her communication and music skills to "help build the church or a Christian organization."

"But we'll see what God's plans are," Hamilton adds. "He definitely has the best idea for how my life should play out, and He's changed my plans enough in the past before that I know better than to say I know what's going to happen." ■



On a street in Pakistan

Joy (full name and photo withheld because of security concerns)

Year: Senior

Major: Intercultural Studies

Home: Japan

Internship: Pakistan and Turkey

Joy was hoping to share her faith among Muslims in the two Central Asian counties she visited over the summer, one of which she is considering for long-term ministry after graduation. But while working with a mission organization, she mostly ministered to fellow believers who suffer persecution for their faith. They wanted to know why she would even consider coming to their country.

"A lot of people would come up to me and say, 'You're from the States, that's a Christian country, that's where I want to go. It's The Promised Land,'" Joy said.

"I was able to share with them, wherever God has called you to go, that's where you should go," Joy continued. "It's not about being safe or comfortable. It's not about living in a Christian bubble. It's really about claiming His promises and doing what He has told us to do."

Joy, who grew up a missionary kid in Japan where the population of evangelical

Christians is less than one percent, challenged the Central Asian believers to look beyond themselves.

"There are actually fewer Christians in Japan than in your country, you should think about going to Japan," Joy told them, but at the same time understanding their mindset of being a minority in a majority Muslim country.

"They are so inward-focused, (and) thinking 'we have to look out for ourselves' because (they) live in fear of laws that Muslims can use against them at any time," Joy added.

And yet, Joy learned from the local believers who turned to Christ from Islam.

"They really counted the cost before they came to Christ, you could really see that," she recalls with a sense of awe in her voice. "They are still struggling with priorities and how to balance life because their families and their jobs are pulling them in a different direction."

Joy was greatly disappointed that she had little contact with Muslims during her internship. During her final days in Pakistan she turned her disappointment into prayer: "God, I want to have interaction with Muslims."

God answered that prayer, not while she was still in Central Asia, but on her trip

back the United States — what she calls, "one of the coolest things."

During a layover in Abu Dhabi, she was befriended by a Muslim woman who lives in Pakistan. The woman saved Joy a seat next to her in the airport, and Joy was able to share her Christian testimony with the woman.

"She gave me her phone number so when I go back I can contact her," Joy said. "She says I have a place to stay with her."

Then Joy sat next to a man on the plane who was also from Pakistan. The man was concerned that Joy travelled alone to his country. But Joy shared she is a Christian, and that "if we really trust that God is in control, then we can rest in that, have peace in that."

"God, I want to have interaction with Muslims."

The final answer to Joy's prayer came after her plane landed in New York City and she met yet another man from Pakistan. They were both having flight connection delays, and for the man it meant he missed the deadline to make a deposit on an apartment. Joy shocked the man when she asked if she could pray for his situation. So she did, in Jesus' name.

An hour later, the man got a call from the landlord who offered to hold the apartment for him. The man turned to Joy, and said, "I guess God heard your prayer." The man started asking about Christianity and how it differs from Islam.

"I was praying to have interactions with Muslims, and on my plane trip back I got to meet three different Muslims from Pakistan and have conversations with them," Joy said. "It's like God saying, 'I'm still at work. I hear what you're saying and I have plans (for you).'"

While Joy is still processing her next move after graduation in May, she says the internship helped confirm that her heart is in Pakistan.

"Part of this internship for me was, 'OK God, show me if this is where you want me to go or not because I'm willing to go if you want me to.'" ■



Daniel Miele

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Year: Junior

Major: Education

Home: Greensboro, North Carolina

Internship: Mission Trip: Brazil & Chicago

Daniel Miele

Year: Junior

Major: Global Business Development

Home: Florence, South Carolina

Internship: Mission Trip: Brazil & Chicago

As two members of the CIU Rams men's soccer team used their sport to reach people for God, they found that for the people they were trying to reach, soccer was their God.

Daniel Mallard and Daniel Miele travelled to Brazil over the summer with the Chicago Eagles soccer team whose mission is "to glorify God and see lives transformed by communicating the message of Jesus Christ through the global environment of soccer." In Brazil, they operated soccer camps and played in matches against amateur, professional and national teams. The timing could not have been better; the World Cup, the largest international soccer tournament on the globe was being played in Brazil. And while Mallard and Miele didn't get to see a World Cup match in person, they took advantage of the national soccer fervor.

"Soccer is like God there, it's what they worship," Mallard said during an interview between Rams pre-season practices. "All the kids wanted to play soccer because of the World Cup. We were able to go to a lot of schools and neighborhoods and just hang out with kids and play with them and through broken Portuguese share Jesus Christ with them."

When it came to playing matches, Mallard and Miele said being skilled at their craft,

made a huge difference — and so does good sportsmanship.

Miele says that the Brazilians don't want to lose to Americans, so illegal tackles are not unusual as local referees selectively make penalty calls. But as Christians, he and his teammates do not retaliate.

"It is a real test of patience to get up and keep playing," Miele said. "When they are talking trash and maybe they just completely wipe you out, dirty tackle, the fact that you get up and keep playing, and playing hard, it says something to them, and they notice."

"That shows them that we play differently, and they want to know why we're different," Mallard added.

Which sets up an opportunity for post-game conversations.

"When we talk at the end of the game, they are very attentive," Miele said. "They want to know what we have to say (about) how Jesus can impact your soccer, which most people don't see."

"If you do love Jesus, and you want to be more like Him, the way you play will completely change," Mallard chimed in. "And that's what we're trying to do here at CIU is play differently."

Travelling from Brazil, Mallard and Miele took their soccer ball to the parks in some of the toughest neighborhoods on Chicago's Southside, where basketball is king. They managed to coax youngsters off the basketball courts to attend soccer camps that included a daily devotional.

In one of the most crime-ridden neighborhoods, where known gang members gather for pickup soccer matches, Miele and a local urban outreach leader were invited off the street to play in



Daniel Mallard

"Soccer is like God there, it's what they worship."

one of those matches.

"I loved it. That's what I love to do," Miele said excitedly explaining that because of his advanced soccer skills, they wanted him to stay when the match was over.



Daniel Miele

"They were shaking our hands and wanted us to come back," he continued. "I love how soccer breaks down language, cultural and religious barriers."

After graduating from CIU, both

Mallard and Miele want to be involved with soccer ministry — an endless summer of sorts.

"It's a dream to want to keep doing it, to impact these people (with) the gifts and abilities God has given us to honor and glorify Him," Miele said. "It's a dream."

Mallard agrees.

"It's awesome. It's awesome. I don't want to do anything else." ■

Photos: Chicago Eagles



Campers at Word of Life Spain

started to read the book of John with them."

While Gonzalez's time with the ladies was limited because of her responsibilities at the camp, she squeezed in as much time with the women as possible.

"It was rewarding to see that they were interested in what I had to say and they had good questions about God, Jesus and the Bible," Gonzalez said.

Gabriela "Gaby" Gonzalez

Year: Senior

Major: Intercultural Studies

Home: Mexico

Internship: Word of Life Spain

Gabriela Gonzalez traveled to Sant Celoni, Spain over the summer to minister to children as a camp counselor. But God had additional plans for her. She would also reach out to the seniors of the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gonzalez says that as she walked the streets of downtown Sant Celoni, she befriended two elderly women.

"...it was an eye-opening experience to see the need in the church in Spain."

"One of them I met outside a bakery (and) after a long conversation, I (told her) why I was there and I was able to share the gospel with her," Gonzalez said. "The other lady, I met her because I sat next to her on one of the benches outside the plaza.

"The cool part is that they knew each other. It is a very small town, so it is basically the same people every day," Gonzalez continued. "After several days, they both started to ask me questions about my beliefs. I shared with them, and

At the camp, Gonzalez learned teamwork and communication are vital in cross-cultural ministry as she worked with fellow Spanish-speaking team members from various countries.

"Even though they all spoke Spanish, there were still some misunderstandings because of the language," Gonzalez observed.

But Gonzalez apparently made a good impression on the Word of Life leadership.

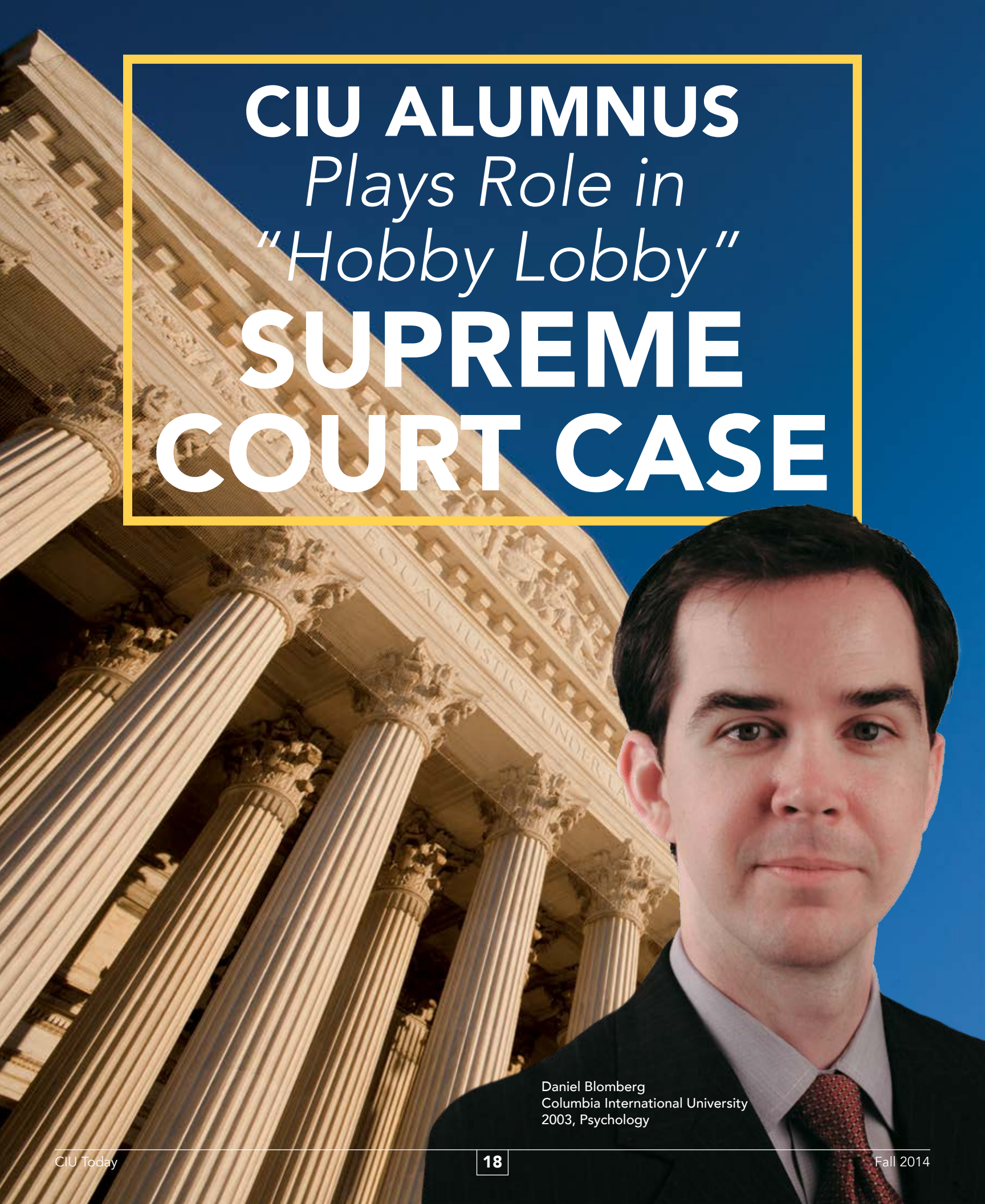
"The team of Word of Life Spain asked me to come back with the possibility of working as a full-time missionary with them," Gonzalez said. "This internship was a good opportunity to have a basic understanding of the culture in Sant Celoni, and it was an eye-opening experience to see the need in the church in Spain." ■



CIU by the NUMBERS

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The number of countries represented by CIU students



CIU ALUMNUS
Plays Role in
"Hobby Lobby"
SUPREME
COURT CASE

Daniel Blomberg
Columbia International University
2003, Psychology

Daniel Blomberg Defends Religious Liberty

This past spring, Columbia International University alumnus Daniel Blomberg found himself in the middle of one of the most important and closely watched Supreme Court cases in the history of the United States: *Hobby Lobby v. Burwell*, better known as the Hobby Lobby case. The Christian family that owns Hobby Lobby, a nationwide chain of craft stores, wanted to protect its religious pro-life convictions and not be forced to offer four specific contraceptives that cause abortions, as mandated by federal law in the Affordable Care Act.

Representing Hobby Lobby was The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C., where Blomberg serves as legal counsel. The Becket Fund is a non-profit, public-interest legal and educational institute with a mission to protect the free expression of all faiths.

Blomberg graduated from CIU in 2003 with a degree in Psychology, and in 2008 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is the featured speaker at the President's Lunch, Oct. 31 during Homecoming 2014 (see page 29).

Blomberg discussed his experiences with "CIU Today."



What was your involvement with *Hobby Lobby v. Burwell*?

My firm, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, was counsel for *Hobby Lobby*. I served in the background on the case, both before the court of appeals and the Supreme Court. I was also a part of the litigation team on two related cases, *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Sebelius* and *Wheaton College v. Burwell* that went to the Supreme Court in the last several months.



Briefly explain what was at issue.

Hobby Lobby was about whether the Obama administration could force people to violate their faith as the cost of doing business. The administration insisted that business owners had no right to religious liberty in the marketplace. Thankfully, the Supreme Court disagreed.



Why was the *Hobby Lobby* case important to religious liberty?

For many reasons, not least is because the government's position was so extreme. If the government won, then it could force business owners to violate their consciences in innumerable ways. The most obvious example is the religious belief at issue in *Hobby Lobby*: paying for employees' abortion-inducing drugs and devices. But other examples abound, including being forced to pay for surgical abortions, as some states are already trying to do. Without *Hobby Lobby*, religious business owners would have been forced to either close their shops or violate their consciences, with a resulting forced-exodus of the devout from the marketplace.



Are you involved in any other religious liberty cases?

Several! A few are on behalf of religious ministries that, like Hobby Lobby, object to helping the federal government deliver contraceptives — including abortifacients — to their employees. Another concerns a small Anglican Church's effort to keep the IRS from censoring their pastor's sermons. Another involves a Mennonite couple who are being forced by the state to personally host same-sex wedding ceremonies in their old-stone-church-building-turned-art-gallery. Yet another is helping a Sikh woman who faced governmental discrimination because of her religious attire. And I'm privileged to work in a number of ways protecting military religious liberty. It's a fun job!



How did CIU prepare you for constitutional litigation?

Very well. First, CIU built up my faith. Law, and particularly constitutional law, is not value-neutral, and its values are not always good. CIU helped set a solid faith foundation. Second, I was surprised how much CIU's hermeneutical training prepared me to interpret statutes, cases, and constitutions. Lawyers and judges use those same exegetical skills every day (though falling into eisegesis is, of course, just as common — if not more so — as with scriptural interpretation). Third, I was even more surprised how much CIU's psychology training came in handy. In retrospect, I shouldn't have been: studying law is studying something made by men, and so it helps to better understand the law's makers. And learning about those makers at a school founded on the Maker helps even more.



Why have you set your focus on defending religious liberty cases in your law career?

Because I think this is what God wants me to do. And because it allows me to defend the core rights of remarkable, often-inspiring people every day (though generally not Sundays...). I am very thankful that God has given me the opportunity. It's far better than I deserve. ■

See page 35 for comments from CIU President Dr. Bill Jones on the *Hobby Lobby* case.

Register to hear Blomberg at the Homecoming President's Lunch at ciu.me/hc14-register.

ACADEMICS

Insight into Islam: Sunni vs. Shi'ite

Recent turmoil in the Middle East and Asia centers on conflicts between the two major sects of Islam, Shi'ite and Sunni. You may wonder about the differences between the two groups and why they hold animosity toward one another. You may also consider how best you can pray for them during this time of unrest and war.

For insight, we turn to CIU Professor of Intercultural Studies, Dr. Ed Smither. Smither served for 14 years in intercultural ministry working primarily among Muslims in France, North Africa, and the United States. Smither responded with this email Q&A.

Q: What are the historic differences between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims?

A: The origins of Shia (anglicized Shi'ite) and Sunni Islam begins with the question of who should lead the Muslim community. Shias claim that before Muhammad's death in 632, he appointed Ali, his blood relative, to lead the community; however, Abu Bakr was elected instead to be the caliph (political and spiritual leader). Eventually, Ali would be set apart as the fourth caliph (656-661); however, he would be assassinated in 661 which brought about a formal split between Sunnis and Shias. In short, Shias believe that the leader of Islam should be a blood relative of Muhammad while Sunnis believe that the leader can be any member of the community.

Q: Are there differences in religious practices?

A: Generally speaking, Sunnis and Shias pray and practice Islam in a similar manner, but there are some differences. Historically, Sunni Muslims were led by a caliph; while Shias have preferred to be led by an imam (prayer leader). Shias believe that God's light (nour) is passed down from imam to imam in leading the community. If we look closely, we find that there are some additional verses in the Shia Qu'ran and even the call to prayer from a Shia mosque will include a word about Ali. Finally, while all Muslims should make the pilgrimage to Mecca (hajj), Shias seem to place more value on pilgrimages to Najaf and Kerbala (both in Iraq) where the slain sons of Ali — Hassan and Hussein — are buried. Sunni Muslims regard themselves as orthodox Muslims.

Q: Are there regional differences? / Which group is larger?

A: About 85-90 percent of Muslims in the world are Sunni

Muslims with most of the world's Shia Muslims living in Iran (about 90 percent of the population) or Iraq (60 percent of the population). There are also significant Shia populations in Syria and Yemen.



Dr. Ed Smither teaching

Q: Why does their relationship remained strained after all these years?

A: Part of the strain certainly goes back to the violence and betrayal associated with the seventh century split. In recent years in Iraq, Saddam Hussein led a Sunni government that actually oppressed the Shia majority. Things were certainly strained further in another way as Iraq (Sunni led) and Iran (Shia) were embroiled in a war for most of the 1980s.

Q: How can Christians best pray for the violence taking place among Muslims?

A: We can certainly pray for peace and an end to fighting and testify to our Muslim friends about the peace that our Messiah, the Lord Jesus has brought — that when we are reconciled with God, we can also be reconciled to our enemies and love them. We can also pray for leaders in the Middle East that they will have wisdom. Also, we should lift up other mediators — including Western political leaders — that they would advise and influence with cultural understanding.

Q: Does it matter whether a Muslim is Sunni or Shi'ite when it comes to our Christian witness to a Muslim?

A: Well, it certainly helps to know about the doctrinal differences between Sunnis and Shias and perhaps to craft our witness in light of those differences. However, I think the most important part of our witness to Muslims is to show them friendship, love, and hospitality, to share our story of how we have met Christ, and to patiently explain the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ giving time to answering our Muslim friends' questions.

For more insight on Islam, check out the Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies at Columbia International University: www.ciu.edu/muslimstudies. ■

Introducing the CIU Honors Program

A new Honors Program at Columbia International University offers an opportunity for highly motivated students to enhance their CIU educational experience.



Dr. Mike Naylor directs the Honors Program.

Within the Honors Program, students read a number of works that have been identified as "Great Books" that have played an important role in human history. Honors students will then engage critically with selections from these works to further develop skills in communication (written and oral), research, and critical thinking.

Students from every major may participate in the Honors Program, and most students can complete the program

within their recommended course of study. Honors courses are offered in the areas of English, philosophy, psychology, literature, Bible, and theology. Honors students will also have the opportunity to complete an honors-level capstone course in their major, for a total of 24 credit hours for the program.

Beyond the classroom experience, Honors Program students connect with each other and faculty at special events during the year.

Students demonstrating high academic performance in the classroom, and a score of at least 1750 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, are eligible to apply for the program upon acceptance to CIU. Interested students should contact Dr. Mike Naylor (mnaylor@ciu.edu) for more information. ■

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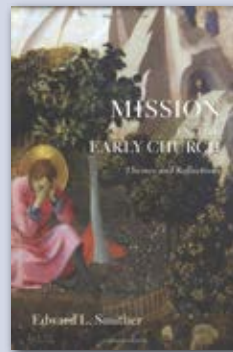
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The top four majors receiving bachelor's degrees in spring 2014:

Psychology
Youth Ministry, Family, & Culture
Bible Teaching
Communication

RESOURCES

New Books by CIU Professors

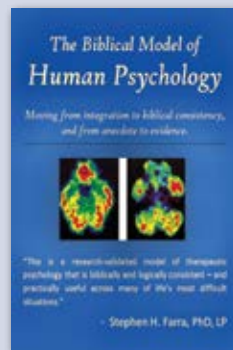


Mission in the Early Church Themes and Reflections

By Dr. Edward L. Smither

Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies

How did Christian mission happen in the early church from AD 100 to 750? Beginning with a brief look at the social, political, cultural, and religious contexts, "Mission in the Early Church" tells the story of early Christian missionaries, their methods, and their missiology. This book explores some of the most prominent themes of mission in early Christianity, including suffering, evangelism, Bible translation, contextualization, ministry in Word and deed, and the church. Based on this survey, modern readers are invited to a conversation that considers how early Christian mission might inform global mission thought and practice today. Published by Cascade Books.

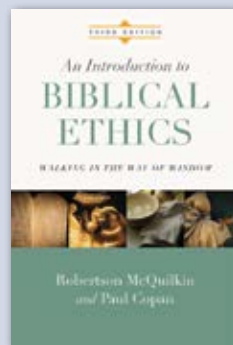


The Biblical Model of Human Psychology (Kindle Edition)

By Dr. Stephen H. Farra

Psychology Program Director

The Biblical Model of Human Psychology works from the assumption that there actually is such a thing as a natural biblical psychology, deeply and yet unmistakably embedded in the pages of Scripture. Using step-by-step therapeutic procedures and clarifying case studies, the book then attempts to show how much of the empirical outcome research over the last 40 years fully supports it.



An Introduction to Biblical Ethics Walking in the way of wisdom

(Third Edition)

By CIU President Emeritus Robertson

McQuilkin and CIU alumnus Paul Copan ('84)

Unlike many approaches to ethics, this book foundationally turns to Scripture, going only as far as Scripture itself goes. The result is an overview of biblical ethics that not only addresses the life of love and wisdom to be lived out by Christians as virtuous individuals, but also as Christians in community, in society and in a world of God's creation.

This new edition includes added material on animal rights, bioethical issues and how Christians can make a difference in the media. Published by IVP Academic.

ATHLETICS

CIU's First Women's Soccer Coach Considers Her Job "Full-Time Ministry"

By Bob Holmes

Kara Farnsworth recalls the time when she tried to enter a staff meeting at Colorado Christian University. A university employee told her that students were not allowed in the meeting. It took a little doing, but she finally convinced the employee that she was not a student — but an assistant soccer coach. It's a mistake she has gotten used to. Farnsworth has often been confused for one of her players.

"Happens all the time," Farnsworth laughs. "In 10 years I'm going to appreciate it even more so than I do now," Farnsworth added during an interview in CIU's Moore Fitness Center where office space for coaches continues to expand to match CIU's growing athletics program.

While the 24-year-old may look young, Farnsworth has a mature outlook on a daunting task. As CIU's first women's head soccer coach, she is building the program from scratch and has less than a year to do it with the first season scheduled for the fall 2015 semester.

"God has made it clear that this is where I'm supposed to be," Farnsworth said. "That excites me, and I know that He is faithful."

Farnsworth, a native of Upstate New York, has been playing soccer almost from the time she could walk. Her father was a college soccer coach and her older brother and sister played the game. She comes to CIU from the assistant's position at Colorado Christian which followed her playing career at Roberts Wesleyan College. At Roberts, Farnsworth was a four-year starter, team captain for one year and the team chaplain for two years. It was at Roberts that Farnsworth says she accepted Christ during her freshman year turning soccer into something more than a sport, but a platform for sharing her faith in Jesus Christ.

"Soccer has been a gift from God," Farnsworth said. "It's a blessing that I've had the ability to play, and now coach it and teach it, and to use that to share the gospel, to use that gift to glorify God. That is what God has instilled in my heart."

In other words, for Farnsworth, soccer coach is a calling.

"I am a soccer coach, but I am in full-time ministry," Farnsworth

"I am a soccer coach, but I am in full-time ministry. I do that through the avenue of coaching soccer."

explains. "I do that through the avenue of coaching soccer."

Farnsworth has a ready smile and a bubbly personality that will likely connect with young women making their way through the college experience.

"I have a passion for working with college athletes," Farnsworth said. "I just went through what they are going through. At college, you are figuring out your own faith. It's no longer your parents' faith, but your own. Being a part of that is something that excites me."

Farnsworth's first order of business at CIU is recruitment. She will be looking over the current roster of CIU women who participate on a women's club team, but she is networking with high school coaches and club team coaches as she seeks out women who desire to help her do something historic — lay the foundation of the women's soccer program.

"It's tough to come into a situation that is not established and not know who your teammates are going to be," Farnsworth said. "It's my word that they are trusting in as they help me build. It's just as much me as them once they get here. It's creating a family-type atmosphere together."

As Farnsworth recruits a soccer family over the coming months, high school athletes should not be fooled by her youthful look and amicable personality. The woman is a competitor — for Christ.

"I want to compete, I want to win," Farnsworth said. "By succeeding, by winning, that's when others are going to want to listen to what we have to say." ■



COACH'S BIO

Name: Kara Farnsworth

Age: 24

Born & Raised:
Upstate New York

Professional Experience:
Assistant Soccer Coach,
Colorado Christian University,
Lakewood, Colorado

Education: Master's Degree,
Curriculum & Instruction,
Colorado Christian University

Playing Career: Roberts
Wesleyan College, Rochester,
New York

Professional Philosophy:
"I am a soccer coach, but I
am in full-time ministry. I do
that through the avenue of
coaching soccer."

Meet
KARA FARNSWORTH



CAMPUS LIFE



Couple Retires After 55 Years of Service

By Bob Holmes

Not every working married couple gets to have lunch together every day. But Larry and Jane Huss have been able to do just that quite often over the years. The Huss' retired from Columbia International University after a combined 55 years of service.

Larry had been at CIU for 35 years as an accounting clerk, accounting manager, and controller. Jane had 20 years of service – 11 years at Ben Lippen School, CIU's Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school, where she taught middle school music and choir, high school choir, and was head of the Fine Arts Department. For the last nine years she served at CIU as assistant registrar. Many will also remember Jane as the pianist for CIU's commencement exercises.



Larry Huss (left) reminisces with retired CIU Professor Dr. Milt Uecker.

Both look back at their time at CIU with great fondness with Jane saying she will miss the people.

"That was the best thing about my job," Jane said. "Getting to help students, staff, faculty, and the deans."

Larry considered it "a great blessing for both of us to have worked at CIU. Another of God's gifts to us."

Besides continuing to have lunch together, the Huss' have a number of plans for retirement, including more time with the grandkids.

"I love doing crafts, and have quite a few things around the house that need attention," Jane said. "We have also talked about taking day trips around the area, but never found the time to do that. So I hope to do a couple of those every month."

When asked about retirement plans, Larry says he wants to become a professional wrestler under the name "Ferocious Larocious," but quickly adds, "Actually I plan to garden a lot and read."

The Huss' have two sons. Both graduated from Ben Lippen School and one of them from CIU.

"I will always be a huge supporter of both Ben Lippen and CIU, and will always promote them to anyone who is thinking of attending," Jane said. "They will always have a special place in our hearts."

Larry echoes the sentiment.

"As I look back over my time at CIU, I can only say what a tremendous blessing it has been to work here," Larry said. "It is a rare privilege that few enjoy. Thank you Lord!" ■



Jane Huss reacts to one of her grandchildren who surprised her at a CIU reception honoring the Huss' 55 years of service.





High 5s for Katie Parsons (left) from her friends.

Photo courtesy Anni Jackson

Celebrating Triumph over Tragedy

By Melissa McCutcheon
CIU Student Writer

For CIU junior Katie Parsons, Jan. 31, 2009 started out as an ordinary day. She was working on her family's farm in Candor, North Carolina, helping her cousin drill holes for fence posts. Her job was to keep the machine, a post-hole auger, straight while the holes were being drilled.

Suddenly, the auger caught the tip of her glove and pulled her into the machine, causing extensive injuries to her head, arm and hand. She was airlifted 85 miles away to a hospital in Chapel Hill, where she wasn't expected to survive the night.

Fast-forward to Jan. 31, 2014, the five-year anniversary of Parsons' accident. As a CIU student, Parsons had made many close friends, and was participating in several ministries around Columbia. She had earned a reputation as a lighthearted, positive, and passionate daughter of God. Her friends wanted to celebrate God's sparing of her life, so they crowded into a single room in her residence hall, where they laughed, sang praises to God, and prayed.

"[My friends] made a cake, and a bunch of us got together," Parsons recalled. "They all went around and said things they appreciated about me, the things they saw in me. It was so cool to just gather with friends and celebrate life with them."

She also remembers that party as an example of the family of God taking care of its members.

"It reminded me of the importance of having a community of believers constantly surrounding you," she said. "It showed me that all of my friends really care."

Parsons still carries some of the physical scars left behind because of the accident. But, her friends see beyond that.

"I have never known someone who has gone through such personal tragedy and emerged as so joyful and caring a person," said Lauren Forester who was Parsons' RA. "The Lord has used her, and will use her, to radically change the lives of people all over the world for the gospel."

Though the past five years haven't been easy for her, Parsons uses her accident as a platform to tell about God's goodness to her.

"Through any circumstance in life, God is faithful," she said. "Things may not always turn out how you expect in the beginning, God will always work them for good." ■

DEVELOPMENT

The “Development” of CIU

By Jeff Wheeler

Sr. Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Development. I’ve often wondered why they label fundraising at a university as “Development.” So I decided to do what all good inquirers do – I Googled it. Here’s the definition I found:

Development (1): *the process of developing or being developed; synonyms: growth, maturation, expansion, enlargement, spread, progress.*

Now I get it.

We are in the development business at Columbia International University; developing young men and women by educating them with a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. We do that through academic programs in ministry, in missions, and in the marketplace. We continually develop our programs, keeping our degrees up to date so that our students leave CIU equipped with a deep knowledge of God’s Word and skilled for the profession or ministry they have chosen.

We want to expand, not just on the main campus, but internationally through online learning. As CIU President Dr. Bill Jones has said, we want to reach more people and make our programs and our university more accessible.

We want to see the gospel spread; whether that means a graduate joins a missions agency overseas or becomes a



committed Christian businessman or woman providing a witness by the way they live their life. To make this happen, we hire outstanding professors who are leaders in their area of expertise. We attract motivated, bright students. We provide scholarships that impact those students. We maintain our facilities with quality and care.

But, we don’t do this alone. Back to that word “development.” We are committed to developing our financial partners, because their gifts strengthen CIU’s ability **To Know Him and to Make Him Known**. We assure them that CIU remains steadfast to its foundational biblical principles that have guided the school for over 90 years, and match our financial partner’s interests with CIU’s priorities.

At CIU, we have a goal to be the premier biblical university in the Southeast, and we want to challenge all of our friends and alumni to learn more about that vision. Our provost, Dr. James Lanpher, recently described a biblical university as having the following criteria:

- biblical study at its core and at all levels
- significant options for professional Christian ministry training at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels
- a breadth of study options outside of professional Christian ministry, including some at the doctoral level
- a breadth of undergraduate options in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and the arts
- consciously and explicitly identifies itself with the evangelical tradition
- consciously and explicitly accepts students and employs diverse faculty and staff from the evangelical tradition
- supports research specifically with the goal of finding biblical answers to the questions that confront our world
- committed to spiritual development of its students so that they become full participants in God’s mission to the world regardless of profession or geographical location
- accepts as an integral priority, its role in God’s biblical mission to take the gospel to those who have not heard it.

I think that says it well.



There are several ways that you can participate in this "development."

CIU fund

- 1) Consider being a giver to our **CIU Fund**. This is the annual fund where alumni and friends make regular, often monthly, gifts to CIU to support both financial aid and salaries. You can do that online at www.ciu.edu.
- 2) You may choose to give to one of our named scholarships or set up an endowed scholarship of your own. Director of Development Frank Bedell can share with you how to do that. You can reach him at (803) 807-5001 or fbedell@ciu.edu.

FORWARD *in Faith*

- 3) Consider a one-time gift toward our **Forward in Faith** campaign goal of \$36 million. Funds from this campaign go to scholarships, programs and facilities, enabling us to serve more students than ever before.
- 4) You might consider CIU in your estate giving. Sr. Vice President of Operations Keith Marion can offer a complimentary estate inventory to help you assess your giving options. You can reach him at (803) 807-5011 or kmarion@ciu.edu.

So calling it development does make sense. Columbia International University is developing and equipping young men and women for the ministry and professions God has given them. And you can be an important part of their development through your gifts to CIU.

For 90 years, God has faithfully provided for Columbia International University, but he has chosen to do that through people; some who give regularly and others who give sacrificially.

How about you? Join us in the "development" of the future of CIU at community.ciu.edu/support or use the envelope enclosed with this edition of "CIU Today." ■

Establishing an Endowment at CIU

Endowments provide immediate and future funding of student scholarships.

With a gift of at least \$10,000, you can make an impact for generations to come.

For example, with the power of an endowment, a \$25,000 gift, over the next 25 years will:

- Generate student scholarships totaling \$35,500
 - Have a market value of approximately \$48,500*
- *Estimate based on an 8% ROI, 5% scholarship annually*

This year, CIU endowments will generate \$578,150 in student scholarship assistance while maintaining the integrity of the original gifts used to establish the endowments.

Not in a position to contribute \$10,000? Here's an option.

The Tower Fund

The Tower Fund is a quasi-endowment named for the CIU Prayer Towers that point us to God.

Here is a little known fact about quasi-endowments that may astound you. These funds have produced well over \$10 million in student scholarship aid or approximately a half million dollars per year AND the original gift amount for each of these funds is still intact.

A quasi-endowment accommodates contributors who want to make a lifetime impact with regular smaller gifts, but also want their gifts to accumulate toward a \$10,000 goal. When an individual's fund reaches \$10,000 it will become its own, separate, unique quasi-endowment.

Think about contributing to the Tower Fund. You might want to make it an honorary or memorial fund. Regardless, it will begin to make an immediate and long-term impact in the lives of students at CIU. There is no minimum amount. Donors will receive two quarterly reports: a Tower Fund report and an individual report on their personal giving toward the fund.

The Tower Fund will help keep future students focused on, as our alma mater song states, "pointing upward toward God and heaven and light."

For more information contact:

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New this year:

Faculty Forum: Tough Topics

Friday, Oct. 31 | 2:15–3:00 p.m. | 3:15–4:00 p.m.

CIU College of Intercultural Studies professors will address these tough topics:

Business as Mission -
Challenges and Benefits
– Keith & Danise Stokeld

Teaching English and
Bi-Vocational Missions
– Joe LeTexier

Reaching Muslims Today
– Trevor Castor

What is the Priority of the
Church as it Interacts with
the World?
– Dr. Chris Little

Learning from Mission
History
– Dr. Ed Smither

Seven Life-Changing
Questions in Evangelism
– Dr. David Cashin

Dinner Theater: Premiere of "A Promise Kept"

Friday, Oct. 31 | 6:00 p.m.

Come watch the
Unforgettable Love Story of
Robertson and Muriel McQuilkin

President's Luncheon Speaker Daniel Blomberg

Friday, Oct. 31 | 12:30 p.m.

Daniel Blomberg serves as legal counsel for The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. He worked on the important Hobby Lobby case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year.

Fireworks Show

Friday, Oct. 31 | 8:30 p.m.

Back by Popular Demand

Saturday, Nov. 1 | noon

Alumnus of the Year | Kite Flying for Kids
Kid's Bouncy House | Helicopter Rides | Campus Tours
Alumni Soccer Match | Speed Meeting with Students
CIU History Mystery Library Tour | CIU Bowl

For detailed schedule and information visit
www.ciu.edu/alumni/hc14.

You may also contact Alumni Relations at
alumni@ciu.edu or (803) 807-5500.

Alumni and Friends: Registration is required for both
free and ticketed events at ciu.me/hc14-register.



ALUMNI *Class Notes*

1950s

Walter ('50) and Sharon Nelson ¹ celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this past summer. Walter remembers studying under "the giants" of CIU, including R.C. McQuilkin and James "Buck" Hatch. Walt and Sharon live in California where he served as music director at Palm Springs Baptist Church. They have three children, seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Wnsn10@gmail.com

Bob ('52) and Dot Lightvoet ('52) Weeber ² After 64 years of association with Ben Lippen and CIU, Bob and Dot have moved to Michigan to live near their daughter. If you would like to get in touch with them, please contact the alumni office. alumni@ciu.edu

1960s

Ruth Beneke ('64) ³ returned to the United States from France in 1997 after serving for 31 years with North Africa Mission/Arab World Ministries. She now volunteers with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Lancaster County, South Carolina. She also sings in her church choir and has served for 42 years with Evangelism Explosion.

Anne Childs Blodgett ('64) ⁴ founded and directs Anajali Ministries, a nonprofit that works with children in East Africa. The ministry includes the Anajali Primary School in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya. The children are provided noon meals,

an excellent education, and safety during the day. Anne and her husband, Bradford, have two daughters. annevt@att.net

1970s

"Basha" Barbara (Sochacki) ('74) and Richard Zackavich reside in Palm Bay, Florida and have been married 25 years. Basha is an ordained elder with the Church of the Nazarene and has been serving as a full-time healthcare chaplain since 2011. For five years, she served as an associate pastor and worship leader at First Church of the Nazarene in Melbourne, Florida. Basha is forever grateful to God for the life skills learned and time spent at CIU. bzackavich@yahoo.com

David ('76) and Nancy Majors ⁵ reside in Evans, Georgia. They served in Japan for 15 years where David pastored a church and taught school. The Majors have three children, a daughter-in-law and two grandsons. In his new book "Learning about God," David presents theology to regular people in plain language, offering answers and insights designed to build up your spiritual life. dmajors06@gmail.com

Diane Lace ('78) and David Wolff serve in Nairobi, Kenya at Rosslyn Academy. Diane left CIU with a heart for missions, and praying for a future husband who would have a burden for foreign missions. A year later she met David, and God called them to the mission field. dianew@rosslynacademy.com



1980s

David ('80) and Gwen Brooks ⁶ reside in Singapore. They have served with Mission to the World and Wycliffe Global Alliance for 38 years in various capacities. David currently serves as associate director of partnerships on the global leadership team of the Wycliffe Global Alliance. The Alliance includes 118 organizations in over 80 countries desiring to see the Bible translated into over 1,900 languages that still do not have the Scriptures. The Brooks have four adult children and three grandchildren. *David_Brooks@wycliffe.net*

June (Leland) Wiegert ('81) ⁷ is a stay-at-home mom to 13-year-old Zach and step-grandma to five fantastic grandchildren. She also writes sermon study guides for home groups and teaches a women's Bible study at Aspen Grove Community Church in Littleton, Colorado. June also cares for her mom, a godly 93-year-old prayer warrior who still lives alone and has her own blog! June and her husband Neil are preparing for a mission trip to the slums of Sao Paulo, Brazil this fall. *juneliz59@gmail.com*

Rusty ('83/'03) and Terri Rabon ⁸ reside in Cayce, South Carolina. Rusty serves as pastor of Grace Chapel in West Columbia, South Carolina. They have three adult children, all married, and four grandchildren. Terri is the pianist for the church's worship team, and loves being a grandmother. Grace Chapel, which was planted in 1940 with the help of students from Columbia Bible College, will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2015. *rustyrabon@gmail.com*

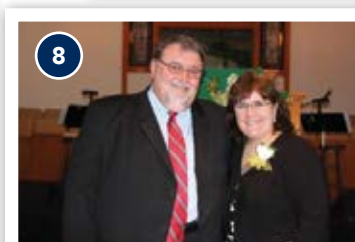
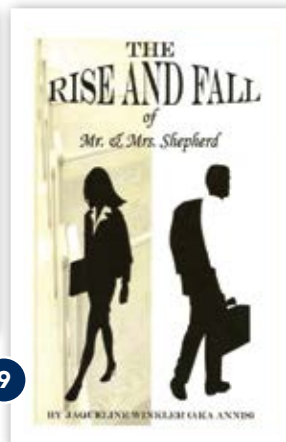
Jackie Winkler (aka Annis) ('84) ⁹ has written and published a book, "The Rise and Fall of Mr. & Mrs. Shepherd," as a ministry to those whose marriages have failed. She says her time at CBC/CIU was the highlight and foundation for her faith in Jesus Christ. *jawinkler@hotmail.com*

Beverly ('87) and James "Jay" ('88) Hubbard ¹⁰ served as missionaries in Brazil. Bev credits Dr. Alex Luc's class "all those years ago" for helping prepare her to write the book "The Story of the Bible--God's Message to the World." The Hubbards have four married children, five grandchildren and live in Sanford, Florida. *hubbard@bellsouth.net*

Roger ('88) and Laura Dye ¹¹ now reside in Winnsboro, South Carolina after 16 years in Chile as missionaries. They are raising support to join the staff of FamilyLife where Roger's role will be assistant to the director of Global Hispanic Ministries. FamilyLife is a ministry of Cru (the new, shortened name for Campus Crusade for Christ). Roger writes, "Our goal, (our delight) is to train teams of local leaders throughout Latin America and to assist Hispanic ministries in the Mid-South region of the United States." *www.dyefamily.org*

Brad Bessent ('89/'11) ¹² is a mobilization strategist who has written the book, "The Gospel Unleashed." The book offers practical and insightful suggestions for releasing your church's Acts 1:8 DNA. Brad weaves together three essential strands of church practice to form a cord of obedience not easily broken. *bradbessent@msn.com*

Jim ('89) and Jenny Suddath ¹³ live in Dalton, Georgia where Jim is a pastor and involved in men's ministry and mentoring. He has also served as pastor at churches in Chattanooga and Jackson, Tennessee. The Suddath family has increased from a family of 6 to 11 due to marriages and grandchildren! They have learned to be thankful and content in ALL circumstances as they have weathered church ministry and health challenges. They remember their four years in the CIU Village ('85-'89) as some of their very best, and they still have a relationship with many of the friends that were made there. *heyjsuddath@gmail.com*



1990s

Kevin Stacy ('97) became the executive director of Metro Nashville Public Schools Department for English Learners. He oversees work in the International Student Registration Center, English Language Development Curriculum and Instruction, and Translation Services. kevindstacy@yahoo.com

2000s

Stephen ('05) and Sherry Bowdler ('05) James ¹⁵ announce the birth of their daughter Charlotte Evan James on Feb. 21, 2014. Stephen is also serving in his third year as youth pastor at Wawasee Community Bible Church in Milford, Indiana. sherryjames@gmail.com

Ryan Pack ('07) ¹⁶ has accepted God's calling to be pastor at First Baptist Church of North Augusta, South Carolina. He and his wife Heather have four children. They have moved to North Augusta from Hendersonville, North Carolina where he served since 2008. ryanp@fbcna.org

Chris ('08) and Julianne Walker ('07) Kanyugi ¹⁷ live in the Philadelphia area. Chris is counseling high-risk adolescents and Julianne is a stay-at-home mom working for a local nonprofit that focuses on building community among resettled immigrants and refugees. They have one daughter, Ella. j.kwalker@live.com

Daniel ('09/'14) and Rebekah Donovan ('10) Hodges ¹⁸

Before moving to Texas to attend Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), Daniel and Rebekah lived in The CIU Village where they enjoyed the fellowship of like-minded, Christ-following friends. Daniel plans to complete the Master of Sacred Theology at DTS, and then pursue a Ph.D. with the eventual goal of teaching at the college or seminary level. Rebekah is the stay-at-home mom of their three kids - Josh (3), Alayna (2), and baby Isaiah born August 2014. rivqah.hodges@gmail.com

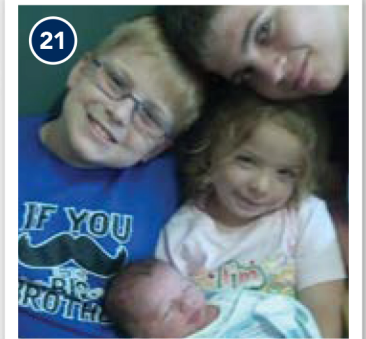
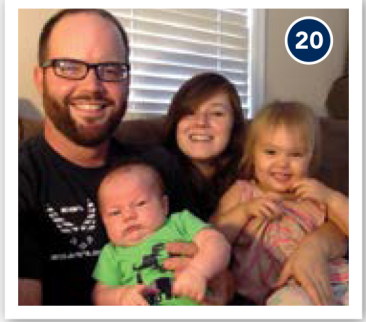
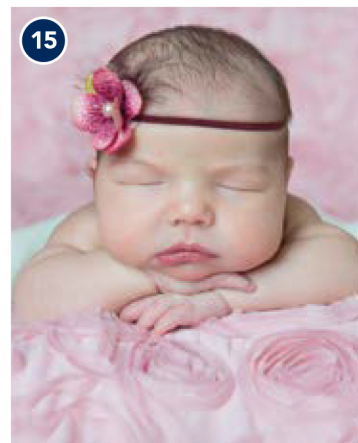
2010s

Bradley ('11) and Courtney Cochran ('12) Wise ¹⁹

welcomed Hosanna Joy to their family on July 9, 2014. Grandparents **Paul ('87) and Barb (Ben Lippen staff) Cochran** love their new role as grandparents. courtneywise89@gmail.com

Matt ('10) and Ashley Miller ('10) Ray ²⁰ along with daughter Laila welcomed Salem Nathaniel to their family. Matt works as a park ranger at Riverfront Park in downtown Columbia. They are hoping one day to work and make disciples in Southeast Asia. mattheweray@gmail.com

Bob and Dawn Carter ('05) Baker ²¹ welcomed Joseph David Anthony to their family on Aug. 5, 2014. He joins big brothers Robby and Gabriel and big sister Gracie. bakergirl2009@gmail.com



Hannah Smith ('12) and Steven Brown '22 married in June 2014. They are living in Columbia, South Carolina as she pursues her Master of Arts in Counseling. Steven graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in public relations and is employed by Hodell-Natco in Blythewood, South Carolina. hlynn03@gmail.com

Joachim ('12) and Simone Schmid '23 are very happy to welcome their second daughter Anna Joy. She joins big sister, Amy. mail@SimoneUndJoachim.de

Aaron Little ('13) '24 Aaron's new book, "Water the Earth, a Student's Guide to Missions," is a compelling primer of the mission of God. It weaves together the personal, the theological and the practical into an inspiring reminder to make God known. Aaron and wife Vio reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee. poimaino@gmail.com

CIU Men's Soccer Coach James and Beth Whitaker '25 welcomed Jackson Jeffrey to their family in July 2014. He joins Jillian, Madeline, David, and Ellison as part of the Whitaker Team. We look forward to seeing Jackson play on Coach Whitaker's team in the future. jwhitaker@ciu.edu ■

With The Lord

- Kenneth Hood ('39)** – April 2014
- Elizabeth Munn ('39)** – June 2014
- Avis Marshall Phelps ('44)** – June 2014
- Ruby Rish Bolton ('47)** – May 2014
- Robert Munn ('48)** – May 2014
- Lucille Hampton ('49)** – May 2014
- Donald McFarland, spouse of Faye McFarland ('49)** – April 2014
- Betty Ruth Doverspike ('50)** – April 2014
- Don Hesse ('53)** – May 2014
- Nadine Lewers Wheatley ('53)** – August 2014
- Lillian, wife of Sam Eisenback ('54)** – January 2014
- Elizabeth Osborne Walston ('54)** – July 2014
- Joanne Cassell Morrison ('56)** – April 2014
- Lonnie Sparks ('56)** – June 2014
- Mabel, wife of Kenneth Houts ('58)** – April 2014
- Jerry Ballard ('60)** – March 2014
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- Patricia "Pat" Hillard ('75)** – May 2014
- Rob Black ('85/'12)** – July 2014
- Cherith McCrum ('02)** – May 2014

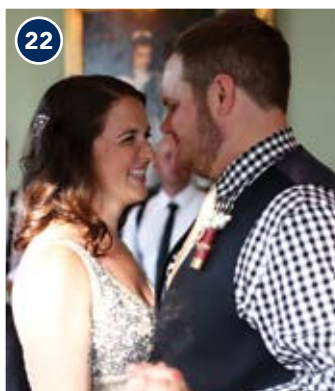
CIU by the NUMBERS

90%

The percentage of CIU alumni who recommend CIU to prospective students interested in Christian ministry



Enos Weswah ('80) Sadly we announce the death of Enos Nambafu Weswah on July 5, 2014 in Kenya. He was among 48 people brutally murdered in an attack by masked gunmen in the town of Mpeketoni. It is unclear who carried out the attack. Weswah served at Kenya Baptist Theological College as registrar and deputy principal before becoming principal in 2005. He retired in 2010. Weswah leaves Edna, his wife, and Yolanda, his daughter. ■



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ALUMNI News



William (Bill) T. Harding III to be honored at Homecoming 2014

William (Bill) T. Harding III ('50) and his late wife Elaine ('50) went to Ethiopia in 1954 with SIM, studied the Amharic language and achieved what Bill calls "a joyful fluency that allowed me to preach." They served in the area of pastoral and conference ministry at the International Church in Addis Ababa for 42 years. Combined with their children who followed in their footsteps, the Harding family has served in various capacities in Ethiopia for over 60 years. In honor of the Harding family's work, over 218 local churches planned and built the Harding Bible School in Ethiopia which opened in February 2013. The school was locally constructed and is self-supporting, reaching far beyond traditional missionary work. Bill and his current wife Betty continue to serve God with SIM. ■

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A website honoring the legacy and ministry of CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin.

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THE FINAL WORD

The Hobby Lobby Case; CIU Concerns and a Connection

In 1948, Columbia International University's first president R.C. McQuilkin published a letter to supporters expressing his concern over a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that public school buildings could not be used to further the faith of any particular religious body. He wrote that if the Supreme Court decision was "interpreted in an extreme way," the public school system would be secularized and "a tremendous moral breakdown is the inevitable result of a policy like that."

Interesting how his prediction came true. Decades later, many important Supreme Court decisions still revolve around those few simple first words of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

CIU took great interest in the most recent Supreme Court ruling on religion known as the Hobby Lobby case. The Christian family that owns the nationwide chain of craft stores simply wanted to protect its religious pro-life convictions and not be forced to offer in its employee health care plan, four specific contraceptives that cause abortions, as mandated by the Affordable Care Act. We understand the concern.

The mandate from the Department of Health & Human Services would have required insurance coverage for potentially life-terminating drugs and devices or pay fines to the IRS.

The family, like many evangelicals, has no moral objection to the use of 16 of 20 preventive contraceptives required in the mandate. However, the four potentially life-threatening drugs and devices include Plan B and Ella, the so-called morning-after pill and the week-after pill. Covering these drugs and devices violate deeply held Christian beliefs that life begins at the moment of conception, when an egg is fertilized.

CIU's Statement of Standards on abortion says:

"CIU is firmly committed to the fact that human life begins at conception, that human beings are made in the image of God, and that the Bible forbids the wanton taking of human life. Our Ministry opposes abortion on demand."

Hobby Lobby, CIU and other evangelical organizations cannot fulfill their mission while paying for drugs and devices that conflict with our beliefs. Because of the implications, we watched this case closely, and offer thanks to God that the Court ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby.

We also had interest in this case because of the involvement of CIU alumnus Daniel Blomberg. Daniel serves as an attorney with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. that represented Hobby Lobby. He graduated from CIU in 2003 with a Psychology degree and in 2008 from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Daniel makes a daily impact in a very important arena. He credits his CIU education for training him to have an analytical mind that engages others views; very important for an attorney. Daniel particularly points to his hermeneutics classes for helping him examine what a text means and what its authors intended. (See page 18 for more on Daniel's role in the Hobby Lobby case.)

I'm honored that Daniel will be our special guest speaker at the President's Lunch during Homecoming 2014 on Friday, Oct. 31. Please plan to attend.

In the meantime, let us not forget to pray for our nation's leadership. In the 1948 letter mentioned earlier, R.C. McQuilkin wrote:

"Earnest prayer should go up concerning this crisis in the relation between God and the State."

Or as the Apostle Paul reminded Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Yours for His glory,



William H. Jones
President



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October 30 - November 1

Here are some of this year's highlights:

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