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# "I'm gonna be where the lights are shining on...?"



**Bob Holmes**  
Editor-in-Chief

How in the world did I get here?

The title under my name at the bottom of this page reads, "Editor-in-Chief," a position I've had for several years. But it's kind of far from where my working career started.

I must testify that it is the grace of God that has brought me from a

screaming rock 'n roll disc jockey, at a Top 40 radio station, to overseeing the production of the magazine representing one of the world's finest Christian institutions.

In the early 1980s, I was living a childhood dream. Spinning records on secular radio, ad-libbing one-liners, producing comedy bits and giving away Cyndi Lauper concert tickets. Coming out of high school and into junior college my theme song was the Glen Campbell hit tune "Rhinestone Cowboy" with the lyrics, "I'm gonna be where the lights are shining on me!" Yup. That was my goal in life.

But at the same time, I was growing in my new born-again Christian faith, and becoming increasingly disturbed by the trends in pop music, and the lifestyles of those producing it. Playing songs by the likes of Madonna, Prince and Culture Club (I even emceed a Boy George look-alike contest in the middle of a mall) made me uncomfortable.

It was at this time that my wife and I took on a children's ministry at our church. I still remember the moment when one of those fourth-graders said to me, "We listen to you every morning on the school bus."

Woe. My mind began to rewind some of those "clever" ad-libs that may have included a bit of sexual innuendo that followed one of those Madonna songs.

Could I keep living in these two worlds? It was at this same time that I was beginning to appreciate the deep Christian heritage of our nation, and even teaching it to these kids. Was I assisting in the undermining of American's future by promoting this music?

Before I made the decision to humble myself and quit radio, my wife and I talked it over with our pastor. He responded with a simple question, "Feel like you're sending more people to hell than to heaven?" Woe again.

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When the word got around the city that I had resigned, I learned that the manager at a competing station made the comment, "He's a better man than I am." No, not at all. But instead I am among those that God in love predestined "to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will ..." (Eph. 1:5).

This same God directed my paths (Prov.3:5-6) back to college where I would study journalism and learned to write as well as gab. After 12 and a half years as a news reporter at *Christian* radio WMHK, formerly owned by CIU, I would later find myself in the CIU University Communications Department editing this magazine.

Now that I am at retirement age, it is good to look back and be amazed at what God has done, as I continue to work at getting the lights off of me and on to Him. ■

**Bob Holmes**  
Editor-in-Chief



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# CIU School of Business named for Cook Family

By Bob Holmes and Alex Brickey

Columbia International University dedicated its Business School to John and Lyn Cook, owners of Cook's Pest Control, America's eighth-largest pest control company headquartered in Decatur, Alabama.

**The Cook School of Business** is the fastest growing school on campus with over 600 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Some of the newest degree offerings include a master's degree in Health Administration and a master's in Public Administration.

Because of the Cook's generosity, new funding will be used to expand business programming, offer scholarships and host Christian business leaders for workshops and seminars.

For more than 90 years, Cook's Pest Control has served homeowners and businesses across the Southeast and is known for integrity, community involvement, and commitment to excellence, earning the prestigious International Torch Award from The Better Business

Bureau, the highest award for business ethics in the nation. That's because from its earliest days, Cook's has been dedicated to God, and entrusted to operate for His honor and glory.

"We are privileged and grateful that the Cook family has recognized those qualities and invested in the CIU School of Business and its students," said Scott Adams, the dean of the CIU School of Business. "This partnership will provide additional program resources, and the Cook family's international reputation for excellence will further enhance the placement of CIU's students in businesses and ministries worldwide."

At a Chapel service preceding the dedication, Lynn Cook encouraged students to approach marketplace careers as "a platform for spreading the gospel." The Cook family has a long history with CIU. Lyn Cook has served on the CIU Board of Trustees for 12 years, while John Cook is a 1972 graduate of Ben Lippen School, CIU's Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school. ■



Lyn Cook cuts a ribbon celebrating the naming of The Cook School of Business located in the William H. Jones Center.



Mike Pence  
(Source: The White House)

## Pence to Speak at Spring Commencement

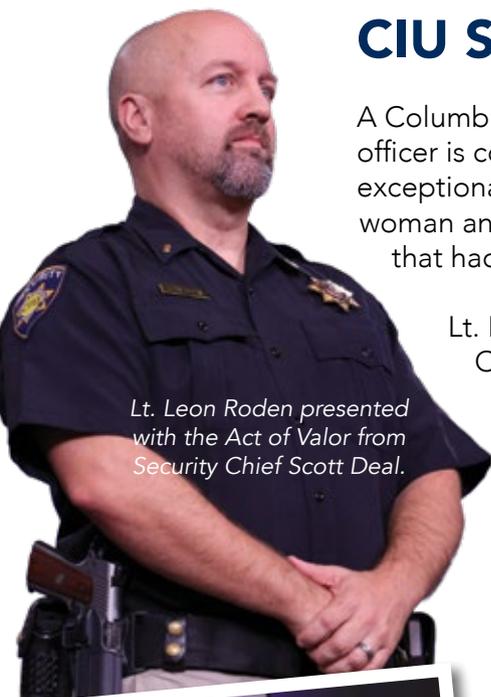
Former Vice President Mike Pence will speak at Columbia International University's spring undergraduate commencement ceremony.

Pence served as the 48th vice president of the United States in the administration of President Donald Trump. He also served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives

from Indiana and served as Indiana's governor from 2013-2017.

Pence became a born-again Christian while in college in 1981, and is known for a strong stance on biblical and family issues.

The CIU commencement exercises are scheduled for April 30. ■



Lt. Leon Roden presented with the Act of Valor from Security Chief Scott Deal.

## CIU Security Officer Commended for Act of Valor

A Columbia International University security officer is commended for "exhibiting exceptional courage" when he protected a woman and her children from aggressive dogs that had strayed on to the campus.

Lt. Leon Roden was honored by Security Chief Scott Deal with CIU's first ever "Law Enforcement Act of Valor" during an October Chapel service.

Deal says Roden's act of valor came during the summer break when a CIU alumna, who was walking on campus with her two young daughters, were confronted by three growling dogs.

"While realizing the serious threat to his own safety, Lt. Roden risked that safety and placed himself between the dogs ... and (the woman) and her children," Deal said.

Deal says Roden then helped the

family escape to a safe place, eventually taking "evasive action to protect himself" as the dogs ran away into a wooded area and have not been seen since.

A commendation read by Deal states:

"An act of valor is considered to be above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind along with unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life."

Deal explained to the student body that he was making the presentation in Chapel "so you can see the kind of security officers we have and the lengths they will go to protect people on this campus."

When it comes to college campus security, CIU ranks among the best in the nation in rankings published by WalletHub. ■



## CIU ranks in the Top 5 in SC

Columbia International University gets high marks in the annual WalletHub survey of colleges and universities coming in at #5 among South Carolina colleges and universities and ahead of other Christian schools in the state.

To help college-bound seniors make the most informed school choices, WalletHub compared over 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide across seven key dimensions: **1.** Student Selectivity, **2.** Cost & Financing, **3.** Faculty Resources, **4.** Campus Safety, **5.** Campus Experience, **6.** Educational Outcomes and **7.** Career Outcomes.

## CIU Prays for Ukraine

Noting that there are Columbia International University graduate students and alumni serving in Ukraine, CIU began Authority of Scripture Week Prayer Day on Feb. 24 with prayer for the region following Russia's attack on the country the day before.

In an email to faculty and staff, CIU President Dr. Mark A. Smith wrote that his "heart is so heavy for this nation. It has many Christians and has sought to be free.

"I also thought of all the children who are fearful," Smith added. "I thought of all the souls that are not ready to meet God who will die."



CIU alumnus Vlad Hruntkovskyi, a native of Ukraine, being interviewed via webcam on Columbia TV station WLTX.

The same day, in a Zoom interview from Kentucky, CIU alumnus Vlad Hruntkovskyi, a native of Ukraine, told Columbia TV station WLTX that his father, a pastor in Ukraine, did not evacuate, but stayed in the capital of Kyiv.

"In times of suffering and crisis, people are looking for leaders, people who will take responsibility, so my dad made that decision and I don't like it, but I completely support him," Hruntkovskyi said.

Ukrainian-born pastor Andrew Moroz, enrolled in CIU's online Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies program, is pointing people to the Bible as he described to FOX News how faith is bolstering believers in Ukraine.

The role of a pastor is to "point people to truth and to Scripture and to God and His intention and desires for us," said Moroz, pastor of Gospel Community Church in Lynchburg, Virginia.

He especially noted Romans 12:21 which reads:

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Moroz said the historic context of the verse was to first century Christians who were isolated and persecuted.

"They had every reason to give up, every reason to be overwhelmed. But instead what they experienced was overwhelming resilient hope." ■

## President Smith Honored by Columbia Urban League

The efforts of Columbia International University to be a positive influence in its own neighborhood earned CIU President Dr. Mark A. Smith the prestigious "Bridge Builder Award" from The Columbia Urban League, Inc.

Smith was recognized at the Urban League's 54th annual Fund Campaign & Equal Opportunity Day.

"I believe we are called to love each other and lift each other up," said Smith in accepting the award.



Smith with James T. McLawhorn Jr., president and CEO of the Columbia Urban League during CIU's commemoration of Black History Month

Smith also gave the spiritual charge for the Columbia Urban League's "Keeping the Legacy Alive" celebration on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. ■

### Check out Dr. Smith's Podcast

"Values for Successful Leading," is a new weekly podcast from President Smith.

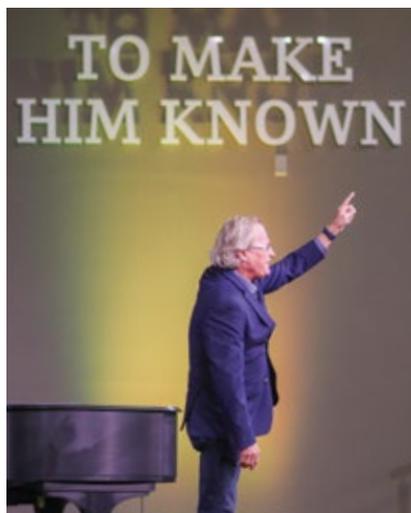
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## CIU Refreshing Church Leaders for Effective Ministry

Over 250 church leaders came from across the state and even out of state for the “Church Refreshed 2022” conference at Columbia International University. The second annual event hosted by Columbia Biblical Seminary at CIU, offers pastors, church planters and staff members resources and training to overcome fears, reignite their faith and confidently focus on the future.



**“Church Refreshed 2023” will be a two-day event, January 30-31, as part of CIU’s 100th anniversary celebration. ■**



◀ *Diego Mesa, senior pastor of Abundant Living Family Church in Rancho Cucamonga, California spoke on “Leading Through a Crisis.”*

## Seminary Dean Contributes to New NIV Study Bible

The dean of Columbia Biblical Seminary at CIU, Dr. David Croteau is one of 42 contributors to the new NIV Grace and Truth Study Bible. Croteau provides the study notes for the book of Galatians. The general editor is Dr. Al Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mohler calls the contributors “wonderful teachers of God’s Word.”



*Dr. David Croteau*

“Each of them took time from other pursuits to join in this effort, bringing their pastoral, biblical, and theological skills to this study Bible,” Mohler said. “Without them, this study Bible would not exist. With them, we shared the joy of helping God’s people to understand the Bible more deeply.” ■

## A “Concentrated” Effort: Ministering to Refugees Over One Square Mile

The tiny Atlanta suburb of Clarkston, Georgia is just one square mile, but with about 120 languages spoken there, it is the most densely populated one square mile of refugees anywhere in America.

That’s where a group of students from Columbia International University traveled the week of Jan. 17 to minister to refugees from Myanmar, Congo, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Eritrea and other regions of the world. They were joined by CIU faculty members as well as students and a teacher from Ben Lippen School. For the Ben Lippen students, the week was a part of Winterim, an annual opportunity for high school students to experience learning and ministry outside the classroom. ■



*Students organized the distribution of winter coats to refugees as cold weather began to settle in over Georgia.*

# New CIU Prison Initiative Assistant Director Prepared by God for the Job

By Julianna Bost



Assistant Director  
William Moore

With nearly 20 years of working with youth and adult inmates, William Moore is a perfect fit as the new assistant director of the CIU Prison Initiative. But prison ministry was not always on his radar.

“Were it up to me, I would not have actually gone into prison ministry, but God had mapped that out and sovereignly guided me into to that area,” said Moore, who grew up in South Carolina and graduated with an English degree from Morris College in Sumter.

Working alongside Prison Initiative Director Dr. Andre Melvin, Moore administrates a program that uniquely equips qualified inmates through an accredited Associate of Arts degree, to reach fellow inmates with the message of Christ. After graduation, alumni of the CIU Prison Initiative are assigned as chaplain’s assistants at correctional facilities around South Carolina.

Moore’s journey to prison ministry began as an English teacher. He was assigned to the alternative classes for those who were struggling, first at an elementary school in Texas, and then the Newberry, South Carolina School District.

“I guess from that point on I started seeing something — even when I went back to Dallas’ regular school district, I always got troubled kids,” Moore said.

Moore began teaching at the Dallas Juvenile Department but returned to the regular school district for better pay. However, he quickly realized, “My heart was not there; it was for those troubled kids,” and he knew why. “The bulk of those kids, particularly in the Juvenile Justice System,

were from single-parent homes and that is the way I was raised.” He says, “I did not meet my dad until I was 17. I think that gave me a heart for those types of kids because I could understand.”

This background with the Juvenile Justice System led Moore to prison ministry in Arkansas, and now South Carolina.

Moore has seen a significant impact on the lives of the Prison Initiative student-inmates, noting they proudly graduate with a cap and gown in front of family members, the same way students on CIU’s main campus graduate.

“To have an inmate complete a degree, is like a kid you throw into a candy store and say, ‘go and eat all the candy,’” Moore said. “It is that type of joy. It is indescribable. But not just them. The family gets to see that he took the opportunity to turn around his life and do something meaningful. Both sides get to feel joy unspeakable.” ■



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## CIU Prison Initiative’s Success

- 184 graduates serve in 21 correctional institutions in South Carolina
- 45 graduates have been released from prison
- The recidivism rate among those released is only 3%

**The program is 100% donor funded.**

To donate visit [givepi.ciu.edu](http://givepi.ciu.edu) or call (803) 807-5006.

# Congratulations to the Ben Lippen Cheer Team and Wrestlers!

The Ben Lippen School Cheer Team is the 2021 SCISA (South Carolina Independent School Association) state champion. The Cheer Team also won state championships in 2018 and 2017.

Meanwhile, the wrestling team won their second straight state championship defeating cross-town rival Hammond. The team played with extra heart on behalf of classmate and fellow athlete Jessica Kolp who was seriously injured in a car crash just days before. Some on the team wore pink in her honor. ■



**BLS CHEERLEADING**



**BLS WRESTLING**

# BEN LIPPEN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



## Ben Lippen Inducts Six at Inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame Luncheon

Ben Lippen School celebrated Homecoming 2021 by honoring six people who have made outstanding contributions to Ben Lippen athletics during its 81-year history that began in Asheville, North Carolina, the school's first location.



**BILL CURRIER**

NFL Standout;  
Former Ben Lippen  
Athletics Director



**SAMKON GADO**

NFL Standout



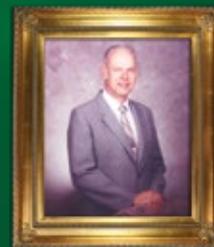
**KATIE SHOEMAKER**

High School Gold  
Medal Swimmer



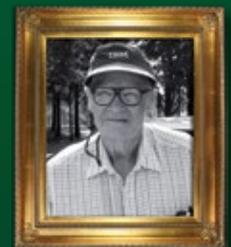
**GRAHAM TRIBBLE**

State Champion  
in Track



**BOB HATHAWAY**

Award-Winning  
Soccer Coach  
(Posthumously)



**GEORGE JOHNSON**

Legendary South  
Carolina Track Coach  
(Posthumously)

# Sam Gado Gives Credit to Ben Lippen School

By Bob Holmes

**W**hen asked if he misses playing in the NFL, Dr. Samkon “Sam” Gado emphatically answers, “No I don’t!”

“When I watch guys now I wonder, ‘How in the world did I take those hits?’” adds Gado whose football career began in high school with the Ben Lippen Falcons from 1998-2001. The native of Nigeria attended Ben Lippen while his father, Jeremiah Gado, was enrolled in seminary at Columbia International University.

After playing college football at Liberty University, Gado earned a spot on the rosters of five NFL teams from 2005-2009, his best years with the Green Bay Packers.

But it’s what happened off the field at Ben Lippen High School that would influence his post-NFL career and ministry as a physician with The Jonah Inheritance, a medical outreach in his home country.

“The desire to become a doctor came from a Ben Lippen parent who not only made it possible for me to attend financially, but his legacy and the kind of man he was, gave me the desire to be a doctor,” Gado said.

That’s a reference to the late Dr. Rick Milne, a respected Columbia eye surgeon who died in 2013.

Gado also credits a sophomore biology class with teacher Dan Janosik where Gado says. “It just clicked.”

“A spark was lit in me and I thought I could be a doctor.”

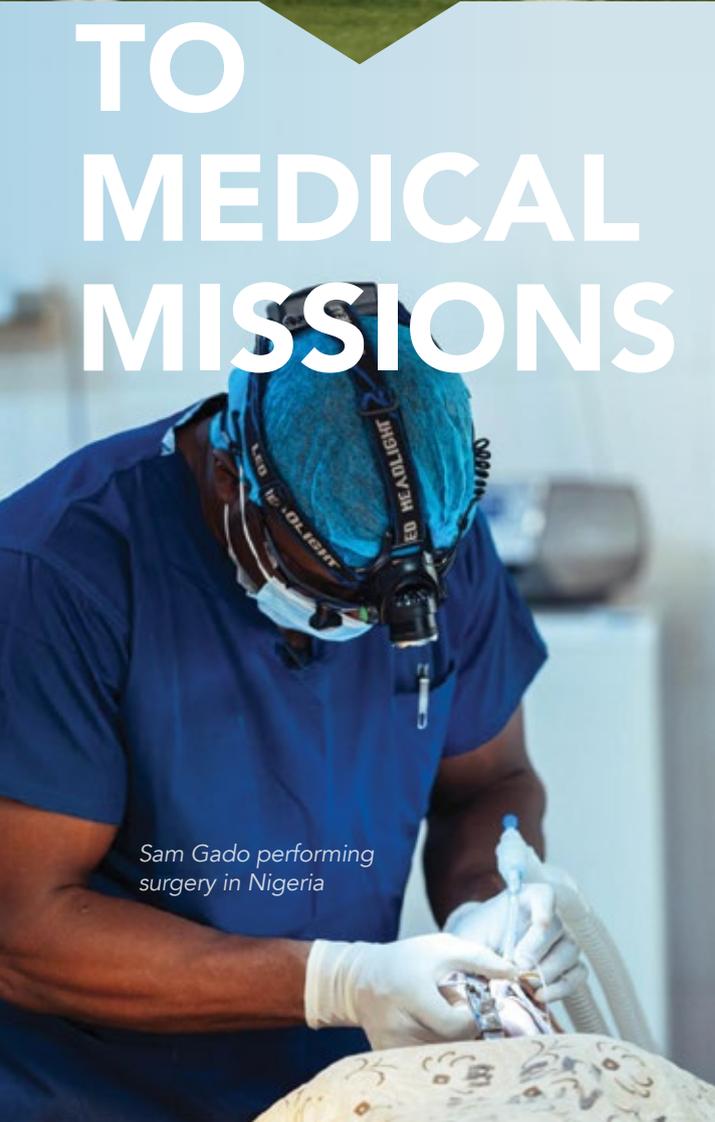
The Jonah Inheritance, which involves much of the Gado family, is named not only for the biblical prophet Jonah, but it also has familial roots. The maiden name of Sam Gado’s mother means Jonah in the Nigerian native tongue, and Gado means inheritance.

“This whole venture is to share the gospel through medicine, and yes, we are hoping to bring healing to people, but the whole point is, that we want people to understand their greatest need is met in Jesus Christ,” Gado said.

Gado made the comments after being among the first inductees into the new Ben Lippen Athletics Hall of Fame in October. ■



## FROM THE NFL TO MEDICAL MISSIONS



Sam Gado performing surgery in Nigeria

# MEET THE DEAN OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS

By Bob Holmes



**Dr. David DeWitt**

Neuroscientist, Creationist, Builder

**C**ollege student David DeWitt was majoring in science and in a real dilemma: Is evolution or the biblical narrative of creation the truth? After all, he was studying science and going to church.

“When you do that you have to come to terms with what the Bible is saying and what the university professors are saying,” said DeWitt who chose the Bible over evolution and is today the first dean of the new Science Programs at Columbia International University. “You can’t have creation and evolution together.”

With nearly 25 years of experience in higher education teaching, and nine years as chair of a biology and chemistry department, DeWitt comes to CIU from Liberty University where he was also the director for Creation Studies and established the Creation Hall Museum.

## The Choice: Creation or Evolution?

At first, DeWitt tried to marry creation and evolution as a theistic evolutionist, but he says “that doesn’t work biblically, and the scientific evidence doesn’t align that way either.”

All this didn’t come together for DeWitt in the lab, but in his dorm

room at Michigan State University where he read passages that stated God’s Word is flawless:

*And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times. (Psalm 12:6)*

*As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 18:30)*

“It really pierced me because I was believing in the miracles of Jesus, that Jonah was in the belly of a fish, I was believing that the Israelites walked across on dry land through the Red Sea, and the plagues of Egypt — why would I believe all of those miracles and not believe the miracle of creation?” DeWitt asked himself. “Why believe in the resurrection and the virgin birth and not believe in creation?”

With this biblical foundation, DeWitt is overseeing new biology courses that are at the core of CIU’s new nursing program, as well as other potential health care majors in the near future. He points to Psalm 139 that says we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

“I am so excited to be able to talk about the evidence for design in the human body, and the wisdom of God that is revealed in what he has made, right down to the cellular and molecular level,” said DeWitt who earned his Ph.D. in Neurosciences. “When you think about the number of things that can go wrong in a pregnancy from start to finish, it’s a miracle that anyone is ever born, because so many things have to be just exactly right.”

## Preaching and Healing

DeWitt’s classroom/lab is on the second floor of the William H. Jones Center near the nursing program’s Simulation Center. A skeleton greets students and microscope stations line the walls. These are but the tools of the trade that surround the Science program’s theme verse.

*A groundbreaking ceremony was held in February for a new 2,600 square foot Health Science Lab.*





**Executive Profile**

Accomplished Academic Administrator and Transformational Leader with over 24 years of experience in higher education teaching and nine years as the chair of a biology and chemistry department.

**Education**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Neurosciences  
1996 | Case Western Reserve University – School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH

Bachelor of Science: Biochemistry  
1991 | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

**Director**

Center for Creation Studies, Liberty University (July 2003 – June 2017)

**Author**

“Unraveling the Origins Controversy: Science and the Bible Confirm Creation”

**Contributor**

Answers in Genesis website

*Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. (Luke 9:6)*

“It’s not a verse that people typically memorize,” DeWitt admits with a chuckle. But notes that it underscores

the calling of believers in the science and health care professions.

“When you look at the motto of CIU, ‘To Know Him and to Make Him Known,’ and you look at what these disciples were called to do, they shared the message of Christ and healed people,” DeWitt said. “What we can do is prepare students from the biblical worldview to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of people.”

**A Scientist and a Builder**

DeWitt says God put on his heart to be involved in CIU’s plans for expansion into health care programs.

“I’m a builder, which is something I didn’t know until I had the opportunity to build,” DeWitt said. “I love starting new programs.”

The other thing he loves is watching students graduate. As a native of Michigan where vehicles are carefully planned and assembled, he sees a comparison between a new car lineup and a university commencement.

“You get a chance to create something, and then it’s real exciting when the students graduate and you see how God used you to impact their life, their family and the Kingdom.” ■





# Equipping Kingdom-Focused Nurses

## CIU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing receives state approval!

**T**he South Carolina Board of Nursing has approved Columbia International University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program to open this August for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The program comes at a time when the need for quality nurses is greater than ever. The average age of a registered nurse is 50 years old, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics also projects nearly 176,000 openings for

Registered Nurses each year through 2029. Despite this shortage, nursing schools in the United States turned away over 80,000 qualified applicants from baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2019.

The nursing program is led by Dr. Jill McElheny, a nurse with 27 years of diverse health care experience. A native of South Carolina's Lowcountry, McElheny first felt the tug toward nursing as a child, a commitment that has led her to challenging

opportunities around the world including service with the Samaritan's Purse medical disaster team.

All the Columbia area hospitals as well as an organization serving lower income population centers are ready to welcome CIU nursing students for clinical experience required for their education. But before that, the students will practice on manikins in CIU's state-of-the-art Skills and Simulation Center, located on the CIU campus. Additionally, on-campus

Despite a nursing shortage, over 80,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing programs in 2019.

science labs are under construction that will provide nursing prerequisite science courses.

“With every clinical course they will spend four weeks in simulation on campus before they spend four weeks in the hospital or the clinical setting,” McElheny said. “During those four weeks of simulation, we’ll debrief and learn from the mistakes they may have made, and then they’ll be checked off before they can enter the clinical facilities. They will be very well prepared.”

McElheny notes that professional organizations such as the Institute of Medicine (IOM), the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), and all branches of the military support the BSN degree for entry to practice nursing. ■



▲ Dr. Jill McElheny presents the CIU nursing pin to Virginia Irvine.

## Nursing Skills Center Dedicated

“I’m just amazed. I had no idea. I feel honored and humbled.”

That was the reaction from 94-year-old retired nurse Virginia Irvine as CIU’s Nursing Skills Center was named in her honor. At the surprise dedication ceremony, she was surrounded by family members including her son-in-law, CIU President Dr. Mark A. Smith. A family donation helped to fund the Center.

“I just love the Lord, and I tried to do what I could in nursing,” Irvine said of her long career. “I love people and I cared for them.”

Irvine was also presented with the first CIU professional nursing pin by Nursing Program Director Dr. Jill McElheny, a pin that will only be given to RNs who graduate from the program. ■



CIU Nursing Director Dr. Jill McElheny explains the use of manikins in the CIU Simulation Center on campus.

# Victorious Christian Living

## is Gloriously Possible!



*By Dr. George W. Murray*  
CIU's Fifth President



*Since 1923,*

Columbia International University  
has been driven by five core values  
from its very beginning.

They were articulated by CIU's third  
president Robertson McQuilkin in the 1970s.  
They are:

- The Authority of Scripture
  - Prayer & Faith
- Victorious Christian Living
  - World Evangelization
  - Evangelical Unity

If I were told that I could only choose two of those five values to best describe CIU, I would immediately pick Victorious Christian Living and World Evangelization. Why? Because on the wall in CIU's administration building is a plaque in honor of CIU's first, and longest-standing president, Robert C. McQuilkin. It reads:

*"The two-fold message upon which this school was founded, given through God's servant, is: Victory in Christ is gloriously possible to yielded, trusting hearts, and; The gospel must be taken to the ends of the earth before Christ shall return."*

Over the past 100 years, CIU's motto has captured that two-fold emphasis: "TO KNOW HIM (i.e., Victorious Christian Living) AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN" (i.e., World Evangelization). May that two-fold emphasis continue strongly over the next

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CIU alumnus

Richard Franklin ('97) says experiencing  
Victorious Christian Living is  
*“a treasure”*

that he implements in his pastoral  
counseling. Quoting St. Irenaeus,  
“The glory of God is man fully alive  
...,” Franklin adds, “Man fully alive is  
Victorious Christian Living.”

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The missionaries we have who are  
CIU graduates are some of our best  
missionaries! They are victorious  
Christians who effectively stick it out  
over the long haul because they have  
discovered and appropriate all the  
resources they have been given

*in Christ.*

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– Dr. Greg Livingstone  
Founder and first president of  
the missions agency Frontiers

100 years, but in this article, let me share a few more  
thoughts about Victorious Christian Living.

When I was serving as CIU’s president, I preached  
several Chapel messages stating that it is possible  
for every yielded, trusting follower of Christ to live  
a daily life of victory over self and sin. At the end  
of one of those messages, a CIU faculty member  
approached me, and with honest and sincere  
skepticism said, “You don’t really believe it’s possible  
to live that way, do you?” I assured him that I *did*  
believe it was possible to have such an experience  
of consistent (not perfect, but growing) victory over  
self and sin in our life and service for the Lord.

Critics of the victorious Christian life message have  
accused proponents of teaching sinless perfection.  
But that is not true. As clearly articulated in God’s  
Word, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).

Yes, victorious Christians can sin, and do sin,  
but they don’t have to sin! This, too, is the clear  
teaching of God’s Word: “For sin shall not have  
dominion over you...” (Romans 6:14). “His divine  
power has given us everything we need for life and  
godliness...” (2 Peter 1:3).

When I served as CIU’s chancellor, I was responsible  
for publishing the booklet, “Victorious Christian  
Living,” written by CIU’s third president Robertson  
McQuilkin. It is an adaptation from a larger book,  
“Five Views of Sanctification,” in which McQuilkin  
wrote a chapter titled “The Keswick View.” He  
called it that, because CIU’s historical position and  
practice about victorious living is closely aligned  
with the historic teaching of the Keswick Bible  
Conference in England and, later, with America’s  
Keswick Bible Conference in New Jersey where most  
of CIU’s presidents have preached and taught over  
the years.

In my studied opinion, McQuilkin’s booklet is by far  
the best contemporary explanation of Victorious  
Christian Living. It ends with these words:

“What glorious good news! No matter what  
may or may not have occurred in the past and  
no matter how inadequate my understanding, if  
my relationship to God is one of unconditional  
surrender and confident expectation that He will  
keep His word, I can experience a life of consistent  
victory over temptation and growth toward His  
own likeness. I can see His purpose for my ministry  
supernaturally fulfilled, and above all, I can daily  
experience loving companionship with my Savior.”  
Amen! ■

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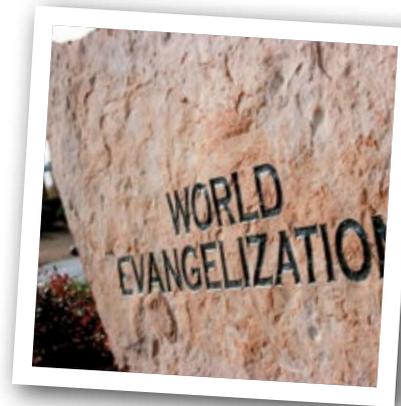
**T**he theme of Columbia International University's 100th Anniversary mission conference is the "Future of Global Mission." How should the people of God make disciples of all peoples for the next 100 years? What are the most important questions to address? To press into the future, we must take time to also reflect on the past; the last 100 years of mission sending from CIU. We seek an accurate view of the past where we evaluate mistakes, failures, and victories, resting in God's faithfulness. That's why each of our invited plenary speakers will do some looking back as they challenge us to look forward in mission.

Our plenary speakers will address some of the most urgent issues in global mission today—understanding cultures, local worship, reaching the unreached, and transformation of the whole person. As they look back on their journeys in mission, they will challenge us to move forward with wisdom and humility. Also, CIU President, Dr. Mark A. Smith, will focus on CIU's place in the future of global mission, including initiatives in global business and healthcare.

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# How should the people of God make disciples of all peoples for the next 100 years?



**Bob Priest**

Bob Priest will reflect on the legacy of his parents, Perry and Ann Priest, who studied at Columbia Bible College before going to the jungles of Bolivia to translate the Bible. Bob came from Bolivia in the 1970s to study at CIU where his uncle, Robertson McQuilkin, CIU's third president, encouraged him to focus on cultural anthropology to better understand cultures in the work of mission. Fully accepting the challenge, Bob went on to earn his Ph.D. in Anthropology (University of California-Berkeley) and focused his career on training others to understand and engage cultures. Bob Priest remains one of the world's leading cultural anthropologists among evangelical Christians.



**Steve Richardson**

Steve Richardson grew up in Indonesia where his parents, Don and Carol Richardson, saw a dramatic response to the gospel among the Sawi people, which was captured in the books "Peace Child," "Lords of the Earth," and "Eternity in their Hearts." After studying at CIU, Steve returned to serve in Indonesia and later was appointed president of Pioneers, one of the largest mission organizations in the world. The focus of Pioneers is to go the ends of the earth, making Jesus known among the least reached.



**Robin Harris**

Having served in Alaska, Canada, and Siberia, Robin Harris accompanied her husband Bill to CIU in the late 1990s where he was pursuing a master's degree in Intercultural Studies. After auditing one class in cultural anthropology (taught by Bob Priest), Robin also opted to pursue a master's degree. Later, she earned her Ph.D. (University of Georgia) in the field of ethnomusicology — the cross-disciplinary study of intercultural studies and music. As an ethnomusicologist or ethnodoxologist, she trains others in the work of contextual or local forms of worship.



**Bekele Shanko**

Though not a CIU graduate, Bekele Shanko will reflect on growing up in Ethiopia. His father, the village witch doctor, was converted after seeing a vision of Jesus. After, he led the entire village to faith in Christ. From those roots, Bekele has led mass evangelistic campaigns across the continent of Africa. As Cru's vice president of Global Movements, Bekele's passion is to see people come to Christ and to see transformation occur in every area of their lives.

# A Global Outlook Through Online Education

By Dr. Kevin Jones



**T**his is an exciting time to be a part of CIU! We truly believe we are on the verge of an enrollment explosion as we continue to improve our current online programs and create new educational opportunities through CIU Global, the new name of our online programs.

The selection of the name CIU Global reflects our goal of expanding our sphere of influence in the online education marketplace. CIU is in a great position to further expand throughout the United States and

around the world through our online programs. CIU Global also reflects the school's mission to go into all the world "To Know Him and to Make Him Known," as the CIU motto states. In addition to sending graduates into the world to serve, we are expanding our mission work through worldwide online education.

There are currently 17 completely online degree programs offered through CIU Global, and we are constantly looking at degrees that are in demand to strategically determine what new programs to add to our

repertoire. We're optimistic one more will be launched this August.

As the dean of CIU Global, what excites me are the opportunities to assist in the process of transforming the lives of our students. In Romans 12:2 we are told that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. It is my belief that CIU Global will be used by God in the transforming of our students' minds as we faithfully adhere to the tenants of Scripture and the legacy of CIU. ■

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**Dr. Kevin Jones**

The dean of CIU Global pledges that online learning will continue to be taught the same way other CIU programs have been taught for nearly 100 years — from a biblical worldview. Dr. Kevin Jones comes to CIU from Indiana Wesleyan University and more than 18 years of online learning experience.

### Where are you originally from?

*I grew up in Ohio but my wife and I have lived in Florida, Alaska, Indiana and now South Carolina.*

### What is your educational background?

*I have a bachelor's degree in Religious Education, a Master of Education, a Master of Arts in Advanced Leadership Studies, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership.*

### What would you say to prospective students who are used to in-class learning and may be uncomfortable considering online learning?

*There is no question that online learning requires good time management skills to be successful, but these are not unattainable. I have found that many students who are initially uncomfortable with the idea of enrolling in an online modality of learning very quickly adapt, and in the end, indicate it has become their preferred modality for learning. ■*

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It was quite the season for the Columbia International University's women's volleyball team. The Rams won their first National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship, defeating Mid-America University (Okla.) in straight sets.

Coach Amber Haver was rewarded for leading her team to unprecedented success as the fourth-year coach was named the NCCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year and the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Coach of the Year.

"I couldn't be prouder of this group," Haver said after the championship game. "When I recruited each of them, I told them, the plan was to win a National Championship before they graduated. I am glad they trusted me and trusted the process. The hard work and discipline paid off."

The national championship is CIU athletics second in just seven months as CIU baseball won their first-ever NCCAA National Championship in May. ■



**GO RAMS!**

*Congratulations to the seniors of the winningest men's soccer team in program history.*



## Men's Soccer Has Winningest Season in Program History

The CIU men's soccer team finished the 2021 season with a record of 19-4, an Appalachian Athletics Conference (AAC) championship, but falling just short of a national championship. As the No. 2 seed in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) D1 Men's Soccer Championships, the Rams took on No. 3 seed Judson University (Ill.) in the semifinal round, losing 1-0.

After the tough loss, Head Coach Bill Brindley, the AAC Coach of the Year, said he was proud of his team.

"I know they are disappointed about losing after coming this far," Brindley said. "But it's because we believed in each other so intensely. Because of those qualities, this group will come back better." ■

## Women's Basketball Assists in Hurricane Relief

The Women's basketball team traveled down to the Louisiana bayou in September with several other students and staff members to assist in disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Ida. The group was led by CIU's Disaster Relief and Management Program Director, Michelle Raven, and hosted by New Wine Christian Fellowship, a church organizing help to the citizens of LaPlace.

"It was a pretty big wake-up call," said Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Daron Fleming. "It was hard work non-stop from the beginning of the trip until the end of the trip. We were ripping down drywall and essentially gutting homes."



*Mary Catherine Outlaw of the Rams lends a hand in Louisiana*

The Rams also experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as ABC's Good Morning America visited the church's distribution center to honor church member Sam Mamou, who volunteered countless hours helping his community even while his own home was damaged. ■

*CIU women's basketball team meeting with ABC's Good Morning America.*





◀ Alumnus Michael Lanier singing with the Ambassador Choir

# Instilled with a standard of Professionalism

## A glance into the Ambassador Choir

By Michael A. Lanier ('17)

I stand among roughly 50 other people, stretching our voices as high as we can, down to as low as we are able. The effect is like some sort of odd siren. But to us, it's ordinary. After all, we do this three times each week, as we warm up for another Ambassador Choir rehearsal.

I've been singing in the choir since I first arrived at CIU in 2014. After graduating in 2017, I decided to keep singing for fun. In 2019, however, a new initiative was implemented for the choir, and a new director was brought in — Professor Bryce Thompson.

At first, I wasn't sure how Professor Thompson would shape the choir into the administration's vision of 100 confident vocalists in just a few short years. How were dozens of college students, from all levels of musical proficiency, going to meet the high expectations?

But as Professor Thompson explained to the new choir what he was looking for, voices began to align in ways that I had not expected. And when he began to conduct,

stunning sounds began to waft up from the risers. And that was only the beginning.

As the semesters went on, Professor Thompson instilled in each of us a standard of professionalism and expectations to perform at our best, as our music is ultimately intended for the glory of God. Professor Thompson also takes time to focus our attention on the One we really sing for through musical worship.

We have performed at several churches in the Carolinas, at a Burger King headquarters in Georgia, at the Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina, and at CIU Homecoming, as the showcase concert of the entire event. By the time this article is published, we also will have taken our first official tour in several decades, singing throughout central Florida.

Three years ago, I couldn't have imagined the Ambassador Choir blossom from a seemingly random group of students into the unified singers we are today. God has taken our devotion to the craft of music-making and used us to bring

attention and glory to Him in ways that reaffirm what CIU's mission and principles have always stood for. As for the future, it's anyone's guess as to how much farther God will take us. ■



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# New Scholarship Honors Martyr

On the wall of the lobby in Memorial Residence Hall hang plaques honoring six Columbia International University alumni who were martyred for their faith. Among them is Bart Chlan from the Class of '88 who was murdered in his bed by a homeless man to whom he offered shelter and the gospel just one year after graduating.

Endowed Scholarship. "It's for the next person coming down the line, who will continue in the way that Bart started."

Recipients receive a scholarship each year, and must declare their intention to work in cross-cultural missions after graduation.

Paul and Eleanor stopped by CIU and met the first recipient of the scholarship, David Smith, a sophomore majoring in Intercultural Studies. He grew up a missionary kid in Senegal, West Africa, and is grateful for the generosity of the Chlans.

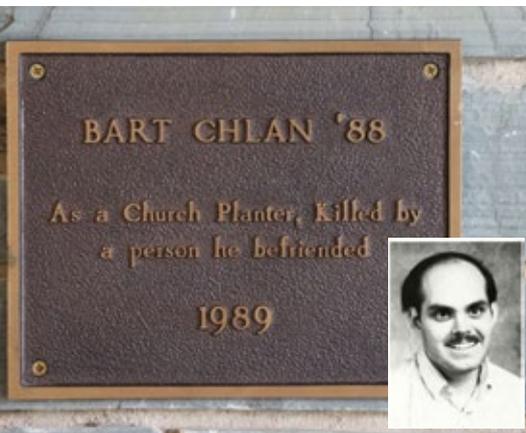
"When I first found out, I sent a screenshot of the email to my mom," Smith said. "It was so cool to see the Lord's provision."

Smith says after graduation, he hopes to plant churches in a Muslim country.

Paul Chlan says it seems Smith and Bart would have had a lot in common.

"If they would have been in the same generation and the same class, I can see that they would have gone on mission together," Paul said. "It's a very good match, and I'm very, very happy that (the scholarship) has gone to him." ■

▼ Paul and Eleanor Chlan with David Smith, recipient of the Bart Chlan Memorial Endowed Scholarship.



Now, Chlan is being remembered through a new scholarship established by his brother Paul Chlan and Paul's wife Eleanor. Paul says Bart was "one who not only preached the Word, but lived the Word."

"But it may come at a price," adds Paul who grew up with his younger brother in Maryland.

Paul says that Bart left a secure and financially rewarding position with the federal government in Washington, D.C. to attend CIU, then called Columbia Bible College and Seminary. While in Columbia, he helped plant a new church, with the graduation goal of being a missionary to Italy.

"It's for what Bart believed in. It's to pay it forward," Paul says of the \$25,000 Bart Chlan Memorial

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## Prepared for Missions and for Life CIU “a rock” for missionary couple

By Bob Holmes

**E**arly in their missionary work, South Koreans “Joshua” and “Joy” (not their real names) found an unusual way to connect with the people of a former Soviet bloc country they were trying to reach with the gospel. Local broadcasters unwittingly opened the door.

“During prime time, between seven and nine at night, a popular Korean drama was shown,” explains Joshua, a 2012 CIU alumnus who graduated with a master of arts degree in Intercultural Studies. “Korean dramas and movies were quite popular ... so (the people) wanted to learn Korean.”

Realizing Joshua and Joy were Korean, they became celebrities of sort, and were asked by some local girls if Joshua and Joy would teach them the language. Joy obliged, and doors to Muslim homes were literally opened.

“They loved us,” Joy said with a laugh. “They wanted Joshua’s autograph.”

During an interview on the back porch of the CIU Alumni Center, the couple said their ultimate goal was to plant churches in the predominately Muslim nation. They have learned the best way to do that, is through developing relationships, not with one person, but with an entire family, what Joshua calls “household ministry.”

“In the Muslim culture, our approach is that we want to reach out to the whole family,” Joshua explained. “They consider guests are a gift

from heaven, their hospitality is respectful. So, when we visited, grandma, grandpa, auntie — they all came to receive us.”

In that context the family would ask Joshua and Joy what they believed, including “Are you Muslim?”

“No, we are followers of Jesus Christ, followers of Messiah,” was Joshua’s response as he then explained the meaning of Messiah.

“Then we slowly explained the message of the gospel,” Joshua said.

Finally, the whole family came to the Lord, and we planted our first house church,” said Joy. “Every Sunday we visited their house, or they came to our house, and we worshipped together.”

Soon other extended family members were attending the house church. But due to ethnic conflicts in the nation, the family moved to the Siberia area of Russia where Joshua and Joy have information that the church still thrives there.

These days, Joshua and Joy are assigned to leadership ministry overseeing about 200 church planters and member care, and Joshua

consults at a local Bible college that is administrated by local Christians.

Joshua and Joy came to CIU in 2009 after serving in Central Asia since 2004, learning church planting from the late CIU Intercultural Studies Professor Dr. Mike Barnett as Joy audited the course.

“That course was very helpful in preparing us to go back to our mission field,” Joshua said. “That really impacted both of us.”

Joshua says the other positive impact came from CIU’s Christ-centered community, especially living in “The Village,” a mobile home park that has since been replaced by the Pine View Apartments.

“It was our first time living in the United States” Joshua said. “I got to know many students in The Village, developing close relationships.” He also noted Intercultural Studies Professor Dr. David Cashin and the late Seminary Professor Dr. Bill Larkin who impacted Joshua and Joy not only in the classroom, but for their “entire life.”

“CIU — it was a rock in our lives,” added Joy. ■



# Remembering Dr. Jack Layman

By Anne Buck

**O**n Dec. 4, 2021, popular CIU Professor Dr. Jack Layman passed away after nearly 60 years of ministry that bears immeasurable fruit and leaves an indelible impact on the hearts and minds of many.

Layman's relationship with the Lord began in college after an encounter with Jesus. Soon after, he met his wife, Liz. They enjoyed many years filled with love and laughter, fellowship and ministry.

During his 29 years at CIU, Layman taught various courses. His shepherd's heart and pragmatic, scholarly approach ignited students' passion for learning.

Professor Dr. John Crutchfield recalls, "His courses were inspiring, thought provoking, and spiritually challenging. His knowledge of everything seemed encyclopedic and inexhaustible. Much of how I think, what I know, and how I live today can be traced back to the influence of Jack Layman."

Professor Emeritus Dr. Bryan Beyer says, "Jack taught Western Civ and I taught Old Testament Survey back-to-back in Hoke Auditorium. Every semester we heckled each other in a friendly 'family feud' during our classes, and the students loved it!"

When Layman retired in 2012, his long streak of mischief inspired a befitting sendoff as Beyer and others roasted him in a packed Hoke Auditorium.

*Jack Layman puts on a show  
with Dr. Bryan Beyer.*

In earlier years Layman taught and ministered in Kenya before he was called to Ben Lippen School, where he taught and served as headmaster.

Layman was also a leader among Christian school administrators worldwide. Retired CIU Vice President Mickey Bowdon says, "Jack was an excellent role model for me as a young school administrator. His love for the Lord was demonstrated in his love for people. I admired his practical application of biblical truth in all his relationships."

Layman's long-time assistant, Elisabeth Davis, shares another example of the imprint he left on others. Years ago, while on a group trip to France, their bus driver, Antony, was deeply moved as Layman drew his Progress of Redemption chart on a napkin. Shortly before Layman died, Antony called him to say he surrendered his life to God.

Layman often said, "God is not in a hurry" and "All things in His timing." As Davis reflects on the extraordinary servant-leader she calls her "second dad" she says, "Yes, Dr. Layman, God grows things. He is never in a hurry, except when He runs to welcome a prodigal child back home. Enjoy the presence of the Savior whom you loved and served so well." ■

*Jack Layman  
as a Columbia  
Bible College  
student in 1960.*



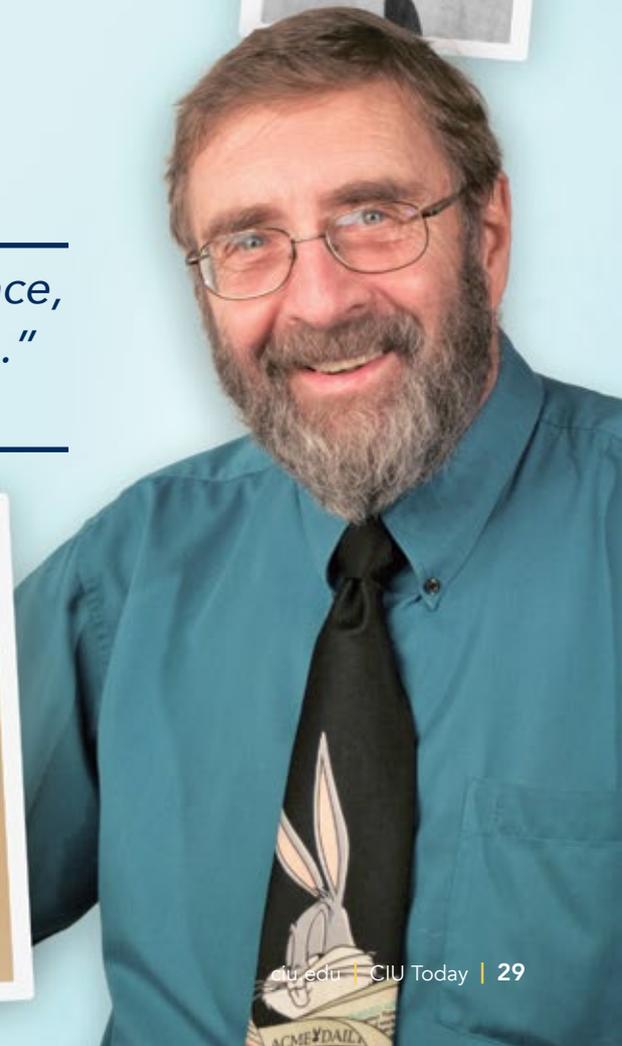

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*"I'm a trophy of God's Grace,  
not of anything I've done."*

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*– Jack Layman*

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# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

**1 Joseph ('65) and Nancy Wallis** live in Dunn, North Carolina. Joseph is a retired pastor and Bible college professor. They have four children who are all serving the Lord; one son is a missionary in Kenya.  
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**John ('66) and Bonnie Newman** had the joy of working with Duruma Christians (1987-92) to translate the Duruma New Testament. They rejoice that at Thanksgiving 2021, Duruma Christians dedicated the completed whole Duruma Bible for the 400,000 Duruma speakers of Southeastern Kenya. ✉ [john.floyd.newman@gmail.com](mailto:john.floyd.newman@gmail.com)

**2 Walter and Lois Zigrang ('69)** Lois published their story, "Who, Me? Following God's Missionary Call to the War Zones of Communist Angola." It's a Scripture-filled book for those who desire a deeper walk with Jesus, and an excellent book for those seeking God's future plan.  
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**3 Bob ('71) and Amber ('69) Leland** live in Presque Isle, Maine where they are deeply involved in local church ministry and outreach, while teaching extension courses in Bangor. Bob has published a new book, "Unexpected! Transformation – Being Conformed to the Image of Christ." ✉ [Baleland66@gmail.com](mailto:Baleland66@gmail.com)

**4 Ted ('71) and Gail McKinney** are now retired after serving with World Team in Suriname, South America for several years. Ted also worked for U.S. Steel in Pennsylvania for three years, pastored several churches, and served as the housing director at Campbell University. ✉ [teddymckinney@msn.com](mailto:teddymckinney@msn.com)

**David Gillespie ('76)** has retired from healthcare chaplaincy. He is now teaching in Furman University's OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program.  
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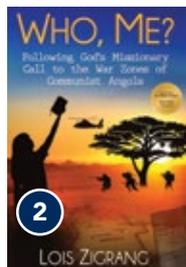
**5 Robert J. Morgan ('74)** Rob's new book "The Jordan River Rules" reminds us that the same God who led you out of trouble will lead you on to triumph! Rob will be a keynote speaker at CIU Homecoming in November.  
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**6 H. Stuart Atkins ('83)** published a new book, "Is God Silent When We Hurt?" He challenges skeptics and encourages believers, tackling big questions from a secular and biblical perspective.  
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**7 Jerry ('83) and Debbie Kotyuk** are retired and enjoying life in their new home in Canton, Georgia.  
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**Christopher ('84) and Beryl Bryan** are enjoying semi-retirement living near children and grandchildren. Christopher does chapel services at an inner-city school in Milwaukee and umpires high school and youth baseball.  
✉ [cbryanpilgrim@yahoo.com](mailto:cbryanpilgrim@yahoo.com)

**8 Roy ('85) and Pandora King** made the move to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina five years ago, renewing their commitment to live out Acts 1:8. God has given them assignments locally through church planting and outreach to teen moms. Through Zoom, they also have a global outreach of coaching and consulting pastors, parachurch leaders and business leaders. Pandora ministers to parents in Asia who are facing educational challenges with special needs children, many with autism.  
✉ [roymking@gmail.com](mailto:roymking@gmail.com)



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**9 Mike and Caroline Kirchner ('85)** serve with Mercy Ships in the Canary Islands getting ready to sail to West Africa. ✉ [Carokirch@aol.com](mailto:Carokirch@aol.com)

**10 Scott ('85) and Leslie ('78) Powell** - After 26 years in Taiwan, Scott and Leslie are caring for their aging mothers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They also lead a SEND International team serving the refugee and immigrant groups in the Lancaster region. Two of the Powells' four children are CIU alumni. ✉ [slpowell4@yahoo.com](mailto:slpowell4@yahoo.com)

**11 Richard Walker ('85)** and The Great Awakening have ministered in 52 countries planting churches and conducting pastors conferences and city-wide revivals. ✉ [greatawakeningnow@gmail.com](mailto:greatawakeningnow@gmail.com)

**12 Silas ('86) and Arti Shadid** live in Illinois where they operate UrbanSky, a smart building business. They have been attending Willowcreek Church since 1987. ✉ [silas@gfproperties.org](mailto:silas@gfproperties.org)

**13 Craig ('86) and Theresa (Wigington) ('89) Bowen** have a heart for those in full-time Christian service. Through Life Impact Ministries, they offer customized retreats for pastors, missionaries and Christian leaders on their 200 year-old farm in Upstate South Carolina. ✉ [theresa.bowen@lifeimpact.care](mailto:theresa.bowen@lifeimpact.care)

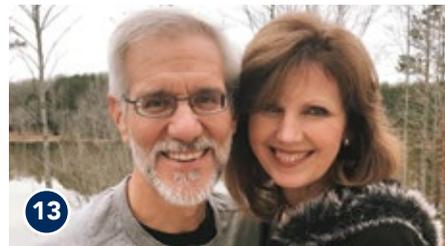
**14 Christopher ('92) and Gosia Osiecki** have assisted Ukrainian refugees with food and necessities through their church-planting ministry in Poland. They note that church members are inviting refugees into their own homes and working in refugee centers. ✉ [Krzy.osiecki@gmail.com](mailto:Krzy.osiecki@gmail.com)

**15 Bruce ('94) and Kimberly Ladson** - Baby Emma Elizabeth is already rockin' the CIU Rams gear! She was born Jan. 29, 2022. ✉ [radioflyer37@gmail.com](mailto:radioflyer37@gmail.com)

**16 James ('95) and Miki ('95) Naruke** are moving to Hershey, Pennsylvania to be house parents at Milton Hershey School. They served at Ben Lippen for over 15 years and are looking forward to seeing how God will continue to use them in the lives of young people. ✉ [jamesnaruke@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesnaruke@hotmail.com)

**17 Bill ('98) and Heidi (Tuggy) Corbin ('98)** are serving at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, ministering to predominantly unchurched college students. They have five children. ✉ [bill.corbin@me.com](mailto:bill.corbin@me.com)

**18 Wayne ('03) and Amy Bray** live in Simpsonville, South Carolina where Wayne serves as lead pastor of First Baptist Simpsonville/Upstate. He also serves as president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. ✉ [wbray@fbsimpsonville.org](mailto:wbray@fbsimpsonville.org)



**19 Josie Siler ('07)** published a children's book, "Howie's Broken Hee-Haw," a fresh retelling of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. ✉ [josie.siler@gmail.com](mailto:josie.siler@gmail.com)

**20 Daniel ('09) and Rebekah (Donovan) ('10) Hodges** are now living in Germany where Daniel is a professor at an evangelical seminary, Theologisches Seminar Rheinland. He is training German Christian workers for ministry and evangelism. Rebekah serves with women in the community and takes care of their three children ages 10, 9 and 7. ✉ [Rehodes5@gmail.com](mailto:Rehodes5@gmail.com)

**21 Paul and Lindsey (Seawell) ('09) LeDuc**, and big brother Malachi, welcomed Naomi and Abigail in September 2021. ✉ [Lindseymseawell@gmail.com](mailto:Lindseymseawell@gmail.com)

**22 Joshua ('12) and Deborah (Crutchfield) ('13) Cornelissen**, along with big brother Caleb, welcomed Micah in December 2021. Proud grandparents are John ('86) and Deedee ('87/'19) Crutchfield. ✉ [joshua.cornelissen@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.cornelissen@gmail.com)

**Richard Rugg ('13)** is the senior pastor of Hope Community Church in Superior, Wisconsin. He is the chairman of the board of trustees for Maranatha Christian Academy and was recently promoted to senior chaplain for the Superior Police and Fire Department, as well as the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Melissa, have one son, Jameson. ✉ [revrugg@gmail.com](mailto:revrugg@gmail.com)

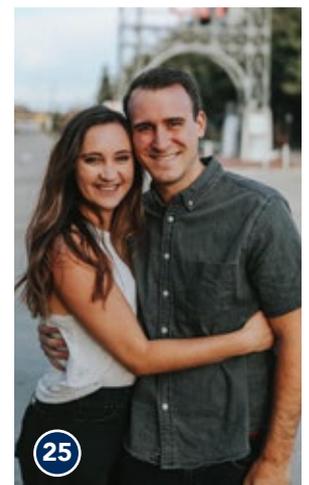
**23 Stephen ('14) and Jenn Nelson**, along with big brother Judah, welcomed Benjamin in August 2021. ✉ [sdnmandella@gmail.com](mailto:sdnmandella@gmail.com)

**24 Chris and Steph (Thiesen) ('15) Van Dalen**, along with big brother Noah, welcomed Elijah in November 2021. ✉ [Steph.Thiesen@gmail.com](mailto:Steph.Thiesen@gmail.com)

**25 Toria (Hedrick) Parsons ('16)** moved to Washington, D.C. with her husband, Sam, to pursue a career in advocacy, research and lobbying. She hopes to continue advocating for those in need. ✉ [Toriaparsons92@gmail.com](mailto:Toriaparsons92@gmail.com)



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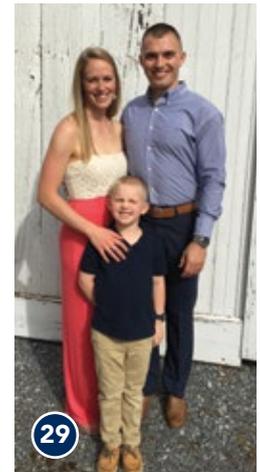
**26 Abe ('16) and Abi (Amis) ('17) Vazquez** welcomed baby Ezra in September 2021. ✉ [abigracev4@gmail.com](mailto:abigracev4@gmail.com)

**27 Stephen and Abigail (Siemens) ('17) Whitacre** welcomed baby Wesley to their family in November 2021. ✉ [abigail.siemens50@gmail.com](mailto:abigail.siemens50@gmail.com)

**28 Joey ('19) and Bethany (Sarazen) Caldwell**, along with big sister Lumia, welcomed Joseph in October 2021. ✉ [j.owen.caldwell@gmail.com](mailto:j.owen.caldwell@gmail.com)

**29 Kyle ('19) and Monica (former staff) Lambertson** - Kyle was selected to serve as an active duty Navy chaplain in August 2021. After completing the eight-week Basic Leadership Course at the Naval Chaplaincy School in Newport, Rhode Island, the family moved to Marine Corp Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina. Kyle serves as a staff chaplain at the base chapel. ✉ [mlambertson614@gmail.com](mailto:mlambertson614@gmail.com)

**30 Sam ('21) and Rose Eberle (staff)** welcomed baby Hazel in August 2021. ✉ [sameberle@yahoo.com](mailto:sameberle@yahoo.com)



## In Memoriam

**Stanley Barlow Jr. ('42)** - January 2021  
**Lydia Stanford Bowman ('42)** - November 2021  
**Margaret "Peggy" Marsh Stoddard ('43)**  
- January 2022  
**Muriel Yates Taylor ('46)** - May 2021  
**Margie Vail Parker ('47)** - March 2020  
**Sarah Kennedy Johnson ('48)** - December 2021  
**Henry "Hank" Musick ('48)** - November 2021  
**Verna Camp Querner ('48)** - January 2021  
**Douglas Butler ('50)** - September 2021  
**Frieda Paul Atkinson ('50)** - November 2021  
**Hubert Addleton ('51)** - March 2022  
**June Heidlauf Gray ('51)** - September 2021  
**Caroline Kreimann Sapsford ('51)** - November 2021  
**J. Frank Sanders ('51)** - August 2021  
**H. Edward Sanders ('51)** - January 2022  
**Verne Scott ('51)** - July 2021  
**Norma Jean West ('51)** - July 2021  
**Hazel Campbell Lohr ('52)** - March 2020  
**Carl Black ('53)** - January 2021  
**Mary Cupka ('52)** - September 2021  
**Paul Haney ('53)** - November 2021  
**Mary Lomel Wagemaker ('53)** - July 2021  
**Caryl West Gompper ('54)** - July 2021  
**William Ingbretsen ('54)** - February 2021  
**William "Bill" Farley ('55)** - October 2021  
**James Keith ('55)** - August 2021  
**Glenna Shippey McCain ('55)** - April 2021  
**Donna Morse Peters ('55)** - April 2020  
**Edna Mae Traynon Burgess ('56)** - April 2021  
**Priscilla Payne Weese ('56)** - September 2021  
**Dale Dubois ('57)** - August 2021

**Emerson Eckert ('57)** - July 2021  
**Joy D. Miller ('57)** - August 2021  
**Martha Towns Akins ('58)** - December 2021  
**John Anderson ('58)** - August 2021  
**Robert Owen Kelley ('58)** - July 2020  
**Donald Minnich ('58)** - October 2021  
**Dorothea Packard Minnich ('58)** - February 2022  
**James Perry ('58)** - November 2021  
**Ivie Sutton Weeks ('58)** - April 2021  
**Stanley Prince Putnam ('59)** - September 2020  
**Laurel Aita ('60)** - April 2021  
**Beatrice Wood Hahn ('60)** - August 2021  
**John "Jack" Layman ('60)** - December 2021  
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**Laura Capra ('61)** - October 2021  
**George Macknee ('61)** - February 2022  
**Harley Schrock ('61)** - December 2021  
**Alice Sherman Wheeler ('61)** - January 2022  
**Laura Smalluck Simpson ('62)** - April 2021  
**Eugene "Gene" Frye ('62)** - November 2021  
**Douglas Bishop ('63)** - March 2020  
**Bob Davis ('63)** - December 2021  
**Alvie Howe ('64)** - September 2020  
**J Gail Ruttenberg ('64)** - October 2021  
**Pak Fai Chan ('65)** - March 2020  
**Bonnie Peake ('65)** - February 2021  
**George "Bud" Craig ('66)** - November 2021  
**Donald Urey ('66)** - June 2021  
**Doris Bjorkman ('68)** - June 2021  
**Laura Gayle Coon ('68)** - November 2021  
**Garland Ramsey ('68)** - September 2021  
**Richard Cook ('70)** - September 2021

**Ila Pearl Farring ('70)** - December 2021  
**Larry Dubois ('71/'93)** - January 2022  
**Beverly Graves ('71)** - June 2021  
**Dale Mechling ('71)** - January 2021  
**David Cameron ('72)** - May 2020  
**William "Bill" Fewell ('72)** - December 2021  
**F. Wayne Graves ('73)** - July 2021  
**Clement Riedner ('73)** - September 2021  
**David Williams Sr. ('73)** - November 2021  
**Nancy King Cauthen ('74)** - April 2021  
**Charles O. Newcombe ('74)** - September 2021  
**Wayne Schlichter ('74)** - August 2021  
**John Franklin ('75)** - July 2021  
**Curtis L. Daugaard ('79)** - October 2021  
**Dan Wayne Ramsey ('79)** - November 2020  
**Marshall Burke ('82)** - June 2021  
**Ronald Goodson ('84)** - October 2021  
**Harry Rauch III ('85)** - December 2020  
**Sam Alford Smith ('88)** - August 2021  
**Gary Ogle ('90)** - September 2021  
**William "Greg" Strawbridge ('90)** - January 2022  
**Solomon Adeniyi Babalola ('95)** - November 2021  
**Harry Todd ('95) - October 2021**  
**Edmond "Chip" Moses ('97)** - September 2021  
**Melinda Kaye Tarleton ('99)** - June 2021  
**Melissa Arnold ('07)** - September 2021  
**Rosemary Sabatino ('07)** - December 2021  
**Venice Whitaker Inabinet ('02/'16)** - December 2021  
**Will Jones Jr. ('20)** - September 2021  
**Nathaniel Montgomery ('20)** - March 2022  
**Betty Jo Craft (Current Praying Ladies)**  
- November 2021

# From Monticello Road to the world: “sound biblical theological training”

We’re just a year away from celebrating Columbia International University’s 100th anniversary. While some Christian institutions of higher education have drifted from their biblical foundations, CIU has not wavered in our mission to “educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.”

That was very evident to me when I met The Rev. Eliazar Daila Baba of Jos, Nigeria, who graduated at our December commencement with a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies. Dr. Baba is the assistant general secretary of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) and currently serves as a lecturer at the Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS). His testimony is one of living by CIU’s core values of Prayer & Faith, the Authority of Scripture, and World Evangelization.

Dr. Baba’s testimony is titled, “My Journey Through CIU”

*My journey through CIU began with a quest for sound biblical theological training that would add more spiritual value to my life and the ministry the Lord has called me to. At 54 years old, I felt that I needed to invest the rest of my life mentoring, training and coaching younger people, who will in turn, one day take my place in leadership responsibility. So prayerfully, I Googled the internet and found Columbia International University and the Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies program.*

*I shared the discovery of CIU with my family, and everybody was very happy and excited. But I was left with the challenge of how I could raise the funds to pay for the six semesters.*

*When I began classes and the funds were not coming forth, I thought of withdrawing from the program. Then I reasoned that Satan would be very happy that I started a program, but could not continue. This prompted me to sell our rental house that served as a source of income for the family. I told the family that it was better to sell the property and use the funds for tuition. I also sold landed properties. Members of my family never resisted or objected to any suggestion. This is also how I was able to pay for my tuition fees and books for my research and writing, as well as airline tickets to attend the December 2021 commencement. I do not regret selling my family properties to receive training from CIU.*

*My graduation gave me joy and peace because CIU gave me what I requested from God three years ago. I am the happiest person today, because I have gained more knowledge that will help me do ministry better than before.*

Wow! My heart is so touched. May God grant us favor that we graduate more students just like Dr. Baba over the next 100 years, or until Jesus returns. Will you invest in CIU? You are doing God’s work by preparing God’s best to serve. ■

Yours for His glory,



**Dr. Mark A. Smith**  
President

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—Dr. Eliazar Daila Baba

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### **Homecoming 2022**

*Nov. 4-5, 2022* | *Sponsored by Alumni* | Enjoy a Friday evening concert with alumna Laura Story, kicking off weekend reunions and a President's Lunch with best-selling author Robert Morgan.

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*April 29, 2023* | The centennial class of 2023 will have the privilege of walking the stage.

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