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LCU ON MISSION

70 YEARS OF GLOBAL IMPACT



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Lincoln Christian University (LCU) is celebrating 70 years of mission. I, for one, love to reminisce about the amazing things God has done and is doing at LCU. Those reflections would no doubt highlight the remarkable “talent pool” at Lincoln Christian. Our faculty and staff are an extraordinary gift from God. Our students are servants and scholars. While serving in a myriad of Kingdom tasks, they repeatedly have higher scores than their peers in the National Survey of Student Engagement and Noel-Levitz assessment tools. Our campus reflects the beauty of masterful maintenance and the investment of over \$18 million in enhancements and new construction. We have much to celebrate.

However, our 70th birthday is not about us, but it is God’s mission in the world, through LCU. Lincoln Christian University is mission-driven in every way. This issue reflects a rich history of our mission. I can’t help but cite the thought of New Testament scholar

and erstwhile Bishop of Durham, N.T. Wright: *“It (the church) exists, in other words, to do and be for the world what Jesus had been for his contemporaries: to bring healing and hope, to rescue people trapped in their own folly and sin, to straighten out the distorted pictures of reality that every age manages to produce, and to enable people to live by, and in, God’s true reality. It exists not to rescue people from the world but to rescue them for the world: to see lives transformed by the gospel so that people can discover a new depth and resonance of what it means to be human, precisely by looking beyond themselves to God, to the beauties and glories of his creation, and to their neighbors, particularly those in need. The Church does this through liturgy and laughter; through music and drug-rehabilitation programs; through prayer and protest marches; through preaching and campaigning; through soaking itself in the Bible and immersing itself in the needs of the world. When God wants to change the world, he doesn’t send in the*

tanks (as many, including many critics, think he should). He sends in the meek; and by the time the world realizes what’s going on, the meek have set up clinics and schools, taught people to read and to sing, and given them a hope, meaning and purpose.”

I trust you will enjoy this keepsake volume. It is humbling to be a part of this rich legacy. There are countless names of global servants not mentioned in this issue only because of lack of space. We salute all who have gone before us and anticipate the same from the next generation of global *Lincoln Leaders*. Thank you for being a part of our 70 year mission.

For the Cause of Christ,

Dr. Keith H. Ray, President

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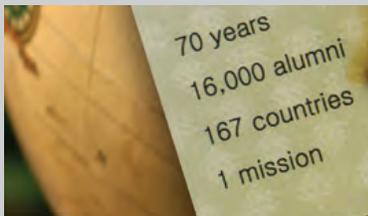
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ABOUT THE COVER:

This issue of the Restorer provides a sampling of stories of faith and obedience. Due to the constraints of space, we aren't able to publish all the information we received, so we've posted expanded articles on our website at www.LincolnChristian.edu/goodnews. We hope you'll visit us there for "the rest of the story."



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Fear Not Tomorrow... God is Already There



Gwen Smith

Dr. Ruth Graham, daughter of America's endeared Dr. Billy Graham, is a nationally known women's speaker and author. Her heart is for those who face life's difficult challenges, and she seeks to minister God's grace and restoration in her ministry of equipping others to reach out to the wounded with the love of Christ. She provides a Biblical perspective as she shares her journey of faith about her own pilgrimage through personal heartache and devastating disappointments. Ruth is the third child of Ruth and Billy Graham, has 3 grown children, and 3 grandchildren. She is the author of several books, including *Fear Not Tomorrow, God is Already There*, which inspired this year's conference theme.

Gwen Smith says of herself: *"I am an unashamed, imperfect worshiper of Jesus Christ . . . It is my joy and passion to inspire women to live fully in Christ . . . I am intensely in love with the Word of God and believe, wholeheartedly, that the Bible is divinely inspired truth."* Gwen is one of three co-founders of "Girlfriends in God," a conference and devotional ministry with more than 500,000 subscribers. She speaks, leads worship, and performs concerts for thousands of people annually at Christian women's events and churches. She also shares her testimony by appearing on Christian television and radio, authoring books (of which there are several), producing CD's, and leading worship.



Dr. Ruth Graham

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE April 30, 2014

Lincoln Christian University - Earl C Hargrove Chapel

Schedule:

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration in Chapel Foyer
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Session 1: Ruth Graham – "Who Am I? – Being an Authentic Woman in Today's World"
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Session 2: Gwen Smith – "Broken into Beautiful"
- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Laughlin Center
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Session 3: Gwen Smith – "Finding Hope in the Waiting and Wondering"
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Session 4: Ruth Graham – "Looking Forward to Tomorrow"
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Closing

Signing for the deaf will be provided.

Our lunch hour schedule will also give you opportunity to visit the:

- Warehouse Coffee Shop – Check out the amazing treats at our campus coffee shop.
- Book Tables – Our guest speakers will come with their own books and products. You may want to select a number of these items to take home.



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Live your mission.

REGISTRATION:

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 23, are \$35. Registrations after that date are \$40. Sorry, no refunds. Registrations may be:

- Mailed to Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656
- Phoned in at 217.732.3168, ext. 2215
- Made and paid online at www.lincolncrussian.edu/ewc

Special Offering Goal: The offering goal of \$15,000 is for classroom renovations, bringing the classroom environment into line with current educational practices and functionality. Our offering will help provide a piece of the overall cost of an estimated \$130,000.

The Great Commission:

LCU's Great Guiding Mission *by Dr. Tom Tanner*

Five years ago I wrote a history of LCU titled *Verses and Voices: The Story of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary* (now Lincoln Christian University). While many verses (and many voices) have guided LCU throughout her 70-year history, perhaps no verses have captured her heart as much as the two found in the Great Commission text in Matthew 28:19-20. Even the 1944 sermon that launched LCU, based on Acts 5:29, was tellingly titled "Spreading the Gospel." Founding President Hargrove was not even one paragraph into his message that February evening when he quoted these missional verses from Matthew. The Great Commission has been LCU's great guiding mission since the beginning.

The 40s

The very first academic department formed at Lincoln Bible Institute (our original name) was called "New Testament and Missions." In December 1947, the *Restorer* ran a cover story on missions, reporting that 16 of 146 students had committed their careers to global missions, including 12 women.

The 50s

By 1951, students were hosting a week-long focus on world missions that saw 41 of them answer God's call to prepare for overseas ministries. That year the school sent her first full-time mission recruits to foreign fields, when **Archie and Marguerite Fairbrother** left for India with their two small children and when **Garland Bare** and his wife "sailed for Siam" (now Thailand). A year later the school had sent 13 missionaries to the field. That included two single women, **Mary Porr** and **Norma Norris**, who went to work among the Nisqually Indians with the Puget Sound Christian Mission. By 1954 the school was "tithing" a tenth of its graduates to the mission field.

In 1946 LCU announced the hiring of her first full-time professor of missions, John Chase of Japan. While other obligations prevented him from coming, Chase served in 1948 as the first president of the National Missionary Convention (now the International Conference on Missions), which was held on Lincoln's own campus in 1953. One fifth of that convention's presidents have been LCU alumni or faculty. In 1957 LCU finally called its first full-time mission professor, **Lonnie Dever**.

Archie Fairbrother (LBI '50) "...he was making too many converts"

Archie Fairbrother, one of LCU's first full-time foreign missionaries, left for India in 1951. The Lincoln graduate had already declared his mission a success. "We thank the Lord for this victory that will make it possible for us to preach in Assam," he wrote to LBI staff. Once in Assam, Fairbrother's preaching reached hundreds of Indian people and pierced their hearts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Archie Fairbrother was expelled by the Indian government sometime between 1969-1970 because "he was making too many converts."

After his missionary career, Fairbrother taught at Dakota Bible College. He passed away in 2000, but is still remembered for his fiery passion on the field.

Garland Bare (LBI '51) "...we saw the effect the Gospel had on their lives"

When Garland Bare graduated from Lincoln Bible Institute, he planned to return to his childhood Tibet as a missionary. However, Communist take-over of the country made it impossible. Then, he and his wife Dorothy learned of an opportunity in Siam (now Thailand). Bare's early services there were in linguistics and Bible translation, which he did for 15 years, providing many Siamese people with the Gospel message.

"The government appreciated what we were doing for the native people," Garland tells us, "amid the drug abuse and violence, we saw the effect the Gospel had on their lives."

Then, unexpectedly, Bare developed a heart infection that prevented travel. With a prognosis of five years to live, Bare began to study medicine and thereafter served as a medical missionary. Altogether, the Bares served the mission fields of Siam for 23 years. The Bares, now in their 80s, still work the fields through speaking engagements and Bible studies.

The 60s

By 1961, nearly 50 missionary alumni were serving in some 30 countries. One of the best recognized graduates of that era was **George Bajenski**, who “rang the bells” not just for missions to Poland but to “let the whole world know.”

But what really put LCU on the global missions map was the calling in 1967 of **Max Ward Randall**—a veteran missionary to Africa who also served as president of the National Missionary Convention.

Within a few years, LCU had a missions faculty that many thought was second to none. Those faculty included **David Filbeck**, **Cyril Simkins**, and **Paul Benjamin**—and later **Rees Bryant**.



Max Ward Randall



Cyril Simkins



Paul Benjamin

George Bajenski (LCC '64, '65, LCS '75) “George-Ring the Bells”

George says, “Yes, I was frequently singing this song...It became part of my life. Even our early mission name became, ‘Ring the Bells-Polish Mission.’”

God brought George Bajenski to the “Land of Lincoln” from the communist country of Poland to learn more about Him. After graduation, he became actively involved in the ministry of Christian churches in Poland and the other neighboring countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

For 48 years, God has used George and his wife Vera to present Christ’s message of salvation to Central and Eastern Europe. Today, his organization, “Impact Europe” (through the Canadian/American mission called, “Impact Ministry Group Church Planting”) continues to plant and revitalize Christian churches.



George Bajenski

For many years, George’s ministry prepared and broadcast Christian radio programs behind the Iron Curtain. Today, they continue to broadcast Christian messages and songs through a local radio station that they helped establish. They also assisted in developing a ministry that reaches out to the disabled and their families and are part of an outreach to Jewish Holocaust survivors in Poland and other Eastern European countries.

Rondal (LBI '61) and Janice Smith (LBI '59) “We are deeply grateful...”

“... for the impact that LCU made on our lives by Biblical teaching and a clear focus on living out God’s calling in both the faculty and student body,” says Rondal. “It reinforced in us a commitment to high quality in preparation academically as well as a disciplined daily commitment to live humbly before God in service.”

Rondal and Janice responded to God’s call in 1981 to serve with Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). Both have served in several roles with PBT through the years, Rondal as Director of Training and Overseas Operation and later as President, and Janice as Director of Training and later as Coordinator of



Rondal and Janice Smith

Family Services. Currently, they are helping to reach some of the most desperately unchurched and Bibleless peoples in the Eurasia Area (Eastern Europe, Siberia, Caucasus, Central Asiatic Republics and West Asia). PBT’s new building in Dallas bears their names.

The 70s

Donald McGavran, then professor of missions at Fuller Theological Seminary, wrote that LCU “is taking seriously the preparation of hundreds of missionaries...It is going to teach church growth at home and abroad...Seminary leaders all over the world will do well to write [LCU] and get their catalog” (quoted in the August 1972 *Restorer*).

Dr. Wayne Shaw, who became dean of the Seminary in 1974, challenged the Seminary faculty to engage regularly in short-term missions trips—and all did. **Dr. Rondal Smith**, who became Undergraduate Dean in 1975, brought a renewed focus on global evangelism. A world-renowned linguist, he helped found Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT), with its first headquarters in a trailer on campus near Henderson Hall.

LCU Faculty & Alumni who have taught for TCMi-Haus Edelweiss

- Paul Boatman
- Tom Ewald
- Dinelle Frankland
- Fred Hansen
- Gary Johnson
- Jim Estep
- JK Jones
- Paul & Cathy Kissling
- Bob Lowery
- James North
- Nancy Olson
- Chuck Sackett
- Jeff Snell
- Neal Windham
- John Castelein
- Les White
- Tom Tanner
- Robert Douglas
- Gary Weedman

The 80s

Dr. Gary Weedman succeeded Smith as Dean and brought a missionary mindset to campus as well. Weedman, now president of Johnson University, was instrumental in establishing LCU’s annual “Week of Evangelism” in 1983 (now called “Restoration Week”), which sent hundreds of students and staff all over the world for one week each spring. He was the first LCU faculty member to serve regularly behind the Iron Curtain and the first to teach during the summer for TCM International (TCMI) Institute in Vienna, Austria—where more than a dozen LCU faculty members have taught over the years.

The 90s

Since the 1990s, LCU has continued to be guided by the global mission of the Great Commission. **Mark Shelley** (faculty 1988-2000), former missionary in southeast Asia, launched the Chicago Center for Urban Mission in 1994, a pioneering effort to prepare urban missionaries in this country and around the globe. While that initiative lasted only six years, its impact lasted much longer and led to the calling of **Dr. Robert Douglas** (1994-2010), who accumulated more than “a million missionary miles” in his tenure at LCU. He also expanded LCU’s emphasis on missions by focusing on ministry to Muslims.

The New Millenium

The Great Commission text and torch have been handed down to a new generation of LCU faculty, with **Mike Nichols**, **Dr. Rob Maupin**, and **Dr. Rochelle Cathcart**. That does not include dozens of other professors at LCU who have made missionary trips to dozens of countries in the last decade. To cite just one example, **Steve Collins** (professor of Bible in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies and Interim Dean of Students) has travelled more than 50 times to Haiti on behalf of Haitian Christian Outreach, founded by LCU alumni. And hundreds of LCU students have traveled with him on those mission trips.

The Great Commission—LCU’s great guiding mission. Only two verses, but what a vision.

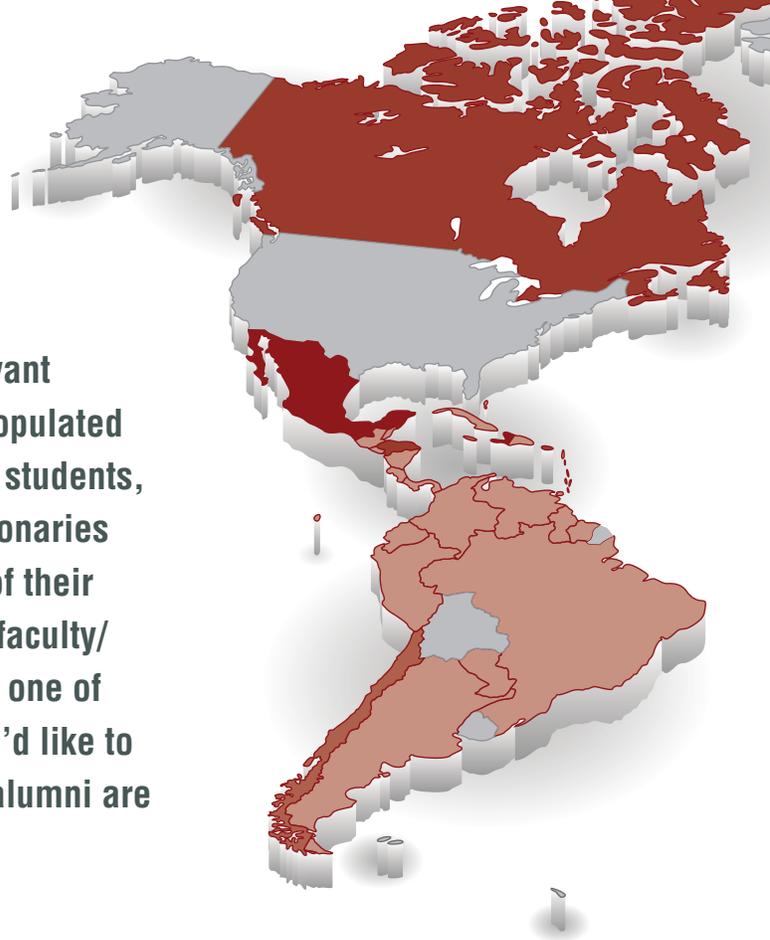
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

New International Version (NIV)

Lincoln Leaders around the World

Since its beginning in 1944, LCU has sent servant leaders into at least 167 of the world's 235 populated countries. These *Lincoln Leaders* include alumni, students, faculty, staff, and trustees—from long-term missionaries and international students who have spent much of their lives there, to short-term student internships and faculty/trustee teaching trips. While we can't name every one of our alumni and their service around the world, we'd like to share a few examples of the important work LCU alumni are doing for the Kingdom.



RoRo Eustache (LCS '95)  Haiti co-founded Haitian Christian Outreach (HCO) with his brother **Gerard Eustache (LCS '97)** in 1985. RoRo is a gifted evangelist and provides visionary leadership in all areas of the ministry. Gerard supervises their building programs, leads a contemporary Christian band, and is currently providing pastoral leadership for Emmanuel Christian Church in Port-au-Prince. LCU adjunct professor **Mac Burberry (LCC '76, LCS '89 and '04)** has served as Executive Director of HCO since 2004, providing administrative leadership, coordinating short-term teams, and communicating with U.S. partners.



Briana Johnson (LCU '12)  Poland is working with Graceland Ministries (Krakow) as a teacher for children's English classes, a discussion partner in adult English classes, a barista in the Espresso Yourself cafe, and a logistics coordinator for visiting short-term mission teams. This ministry meets a very real need in the community by providing excellent English education while engaging students in deep conversations about life and faith. They are building authentic relationships in and outside of the classroom.



She is one of many LCU students who served alongside Graceland Ministries in Krakow through internships and Restoration Week trips. "My education from Mike Nichols and Rob Maupin about intercultural ministry was foundational for my ministry here," writes Briana. "I learned practical things about how to manage and overcome cultural fatigue and cultural differences, which has helped me on the field."

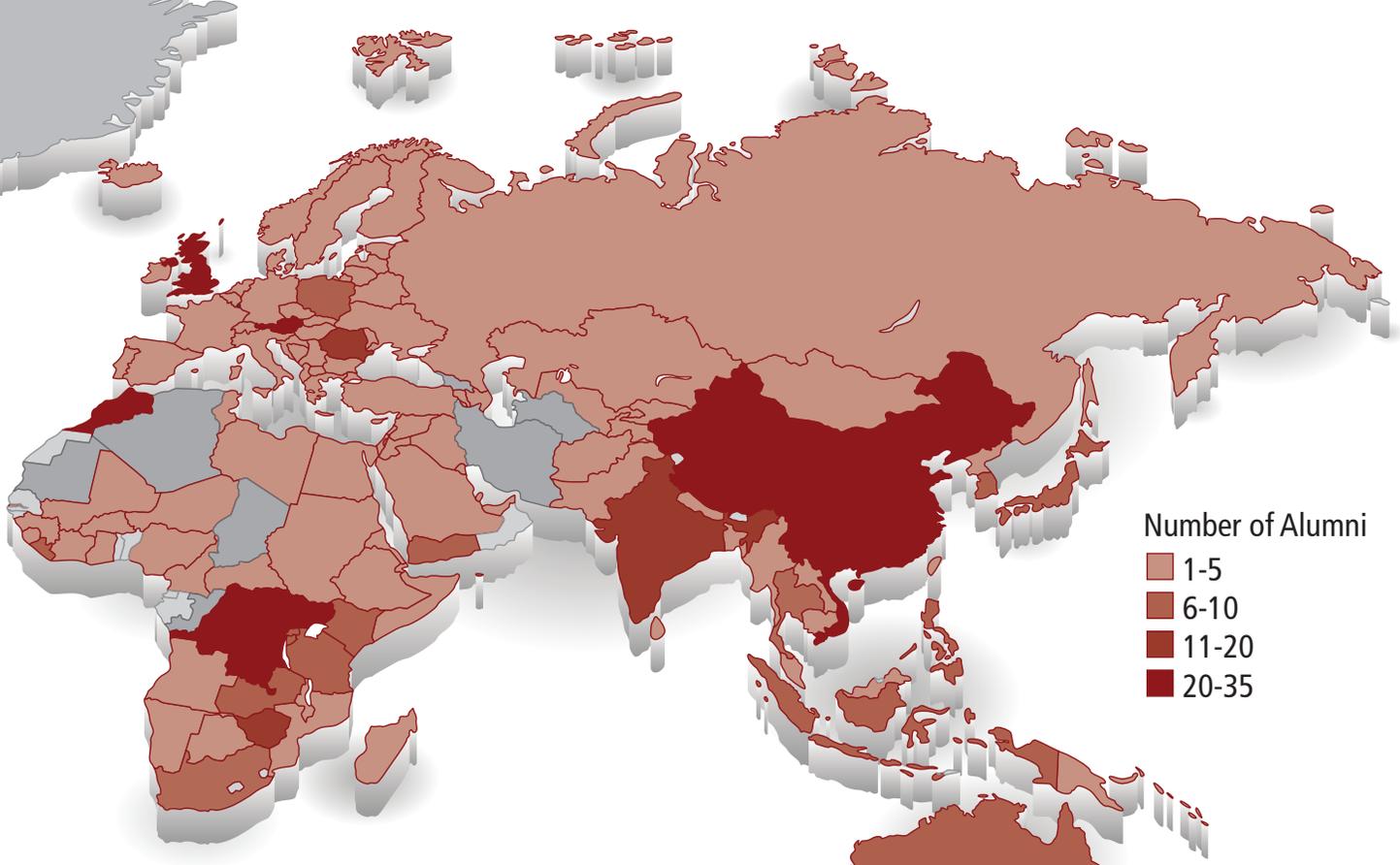
Ron Butler (LCC '60, LCS '80) and wife **Carolyn (LCC '60)** for decades have been known for their lifelong mission work through African Christian Mission, especially in the Congo (former Zaire) and later in Cape Town, South Africa. Their work included church planting, evangelism, Bible printing and translation, prison ministry, and feeding programs. Ron's earthly life ended May 14, 2008.



Joe (LCC '05) and Amy Flammer (LCC '07)  followed God's calling to New Zealand in 2007, where they joined a church planting team. The country was once highly Christian, but has steadily declined, with estimates of less than 10% active Christians. The Flammers helped launch "Rechurch," a Christian environment where people who don't like church can feel comfortable connecting with God and can rethink church.



Each week, Rechurch offers a service that honors God and is relevant to people who have never been to church before. They meet in a variety of venues that include cafes, bars, and movie theatres. In September 2010, God used Rechurch to serve the community and share His love with people in need after an earthquake struck New Zealand. Today, Joe and Amy fill the senior leadership role at Rechurch, where God continues to change lives through this church plant in New Zealand.



Wing Yan Wong (LCS '79) has embraced a ministry to China since 1970 that has included evangelism, Gospel radio broadcasts, church planting, working with the



underground church, and establishing a Bible college. He leads the e-Bible Institute, teaching by streaming video, and currently ministers to a Chinese church in Malden, MA.

Dr. Dwain Illman (LCC '65) retired from his 30-year career in emergency medicine in 2007. His love of travel has taken him to 102 countries where he has indulged his heart for medical missions.



Dwain recently returned from a Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism (FAME) medical and leadership training outreach in Myanmar (Burma) where they have set up eight clinics for the Burmese people. He was also part of the 2011 visit to survey possible sites for FAME clinics and make connections with key Burmese leaders. In addition to his service on the mission field, he is active in the local church and has devoted more than 20 years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Christian University.

Dr. Martha Lynn Wade (LCS '80) joined PBT in 1979 to do translation work in Papua New Guinea. After settling in with the Apal people, she quickly learned that literacy was going to be an obstacle, so Martha began to produce literacy materials to teach the Apal people how to read, at the same time increasing her own understanding so she could instruct Bible classes and work with other translators. Significantly, the Apal people are geographically and strategically located between two other resistant language groups, the Nend and the Mum. We pray God will multiply the efforts of Martha and other translators by bringing about the influence of His translated Word to these people as well.



William Roland (LBI) was on furlough in 1953, after 30 years in India, and had enrolled in Lincoln Bible Institute as a graduate student. At that time, President Earl C Hargrove asked if Bill would also teach a course on missions. He agreed, and poured out his knowledge and experience, including some harsh realities of the mission field into the expectant ears of mission-minded students.



Roland's intermission at LCU between lengthy missionary careers demonstrates the connectedness of missions, business, and education. At 90 years old and in top form, Bill continues to advocate missions as a viable need of the world.

Cory (LCC '99) and Nicki Shields (LCC '98) joined Team Expansion (Louisville, Kentucky) in 2001 and four years later took to the mission fields in Japan. Cory writes, "As I type this, I am in Tokyo, hours from my home in Niigata. I came to work with a member of a house church I launched back when I was based here. This friend is wanting further education with the Bible. When he first started coming to our house church, we are pretty sure it was for the free food, and he and his wife stopped coming after a while claiming that Christianity was ridiculous. For months we didn't see him again. Now he is a baptized believer who has made great strides in his life. Prayer and perseverance were key factors in our ministry with this individual."



More than 16,000 servants have passed through the classrooms of Lincoln Christian University since it was established in 1944. We don't have exact records, but according to our collective recollection and the diligent work of Dr. Tom Tanner, we know that our alumni have reached more than 167 countries across the globe. That's 98% of the world's population.

On the previous pages, you'll see a map that roughly indicates the number of Lincoln Leaders who have carried the Good News to various countries around the world. We've briefly mentioned some of our alumni who are making a difference for the Kingdom. We'd like to highlight a few more shining stars of global mission work that further demonstrate the ongoing compassion and sacrifice of LCU alumni.

Shining like the Stars

Those who manifest wisdom will shine like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:3 (ISV)



The Gentile family

In the Footsteps of Paul

Andrea (LCC '98) and Heather (LCC '97, LCS '01)

Gentile began full-time ministry in Italy in 2001. In cooperation with the Mediterranean Christian Mission at that time, their goal was to help establish new leadership and regain some stability for a church in the city of Ciampino, just outside Rome.

In 2010, they began to reexamine their goals, feeling called to plant new churches in the area south of Italy's capital. Andrea says, "...our personal mission was (and is) to spread the Gospel in a manner that is meaningful and that touches the real needs of the communities." Today, they are in full-time ministry with Team Expansion, whose purpose, strategies and experience better fit their current needs and goals.

A native of Italy, Andrea came to Lincoln Christian to earn his Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Preaching. "It gave me the tools to study and interpret the Bible and deliver a message that can change lives for the glory of Christ," relays Andrea. "It also gave me the basics for understanding theology and philosophy and making a reasoned choice to follow Christ—and motivate others to follow Him—in such a 'liquid' society that is always changing, and without a spiritual vision." In their current work of planting churches and building relationships, he "can still draw from the lessons and the skills acquired in my LCU years in order to give reasons for my faith and hope in Christ."

Heather's BA in Church and Family Life and master's degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling has helped her to navigate a new culture and see the patterns in human relationships among Italians. According to Heather, "These insights are allowing

Thanksgiving dinner at the Gentile home



me to live a full life in another country and help Andrea see how he can speak the Word into his home culture. It is also helping me be a good disciple to other ladies, helping them with different parenting and life issues."

The Gentile's have had only one student intern from LCU: Claudia Muñoz was a very exuberant young girl, courageous, and with a great gift in creating friendships who went in 2009. They continue to look for new workers. "We are in deep need of team members who will respond to the call to go into this harvest, and to join us for a long-term (if not life) service. The European field—and the Italian, in particular—is unlike any other and needs humble and dedicated Christians who patiently and continually sow the seed of the Gospel and do not expect immediate or short term results."

Compassion Through Action

Remember the 167 countries that LCU alumni have reached? **Joe Wilkey (LCC '77)**, has been to 140 of them. This is how he has done it...



Joe and Joey

Joe and Lynn Wilkey founded World Compassion Network (WCN) in January 2002 to mobilize and assist the local church in responding to the needs of disaster victims and the poor, demonstrating the grace and mercy of God to a suffering world. WCN responds as quickly as possible to disasters because of the needs of the victims—food, water, and shelter are very important in saving lives. But most importantly, they have the opportunity to show the love of God through "compassion ministry." Joe says, "That is why we exist."

He continues, "My time at LCU helped me to build a Biblical foundation for life and ministry. I was exposed to a world view of the opportunities beyond the local church. This foundation was helpful in forming my own personal ministry beyond the classroom."

Joe shared two stories, that help exemplify the difference that WCN is making for God's Kingdom:

"I was in Afghanistan in 2002, consulting for Samaritan's Purse. My Afghan Muslim driver was also my translator. We were not allowed to openly share the Gospel, but we could answer questions. He knew we were there to build a hospital, but he also knew there was more. After weeks of responding to his questions and loving him and his family, he finally succumbed to the saving power of the Gospel and gave his life

to Christ, not because of an eloquent Gospel presentation, but because of the power of compassion through action.”

In 2011, after Hurricane Sandy, WCN delivered food supplies and set up our 70,000 watt portable generator at a local church in Long Island, NY, to provide electricity for the distribution center at the church. The community watched the church reach out to them in their time of need. As a result, the church changed its ministry to outreach and the community responded to the local church as a place of love and care.”

Joe has many stories of how “compassion ministry” has changed the lives of thousands. WCN has responded to the needs of war victims in 19 conflicts and most major international disasters during the past 12 years. They are very involved in domestic disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, and floods. In fact, you may have worked alongside Joe when WCN responded to disasters near your church. He talks of the alumni he works with when their churches become distribution centers during relief efforts. “Some of them stand ready to help because they understand the value of compassion ministry. We consider LCU alumni our best partners and volunteers.”

WCN also engages in spinoff “Compassion Projects” such as building homes and schools in Cambodia for children rescued from sex trafficking and leading mission trips to Honduras and Haiti.



Joe and Maxine pictured with CY Kim

Radio Broadcasts, Sandwiches, and a World Leader

The Korean War left thousands of orphaned children in its wake. It was during this time in the 1950s that **Joe (LBI '51) and Maxine (LBI) Seggelke** settled into this environment, through Joe’s radio broadcasting in North Korea and China. They also worked among the orphanages and conducted Bible studies in their home.

The Bible studies doubled as English-language lessons for Korean students and other youth desiring to hear spoken English. An unassuming teenager named CY Kim was among



Baptisms often took place on the shorelines of South Korea’s Yellow Sea.

them. Joe and Maxine had no idea of seeds they were planting through their work.

“I remember it vividly,” said Maxine’s daughter, **Bonnie Klockenga (LCC '77)** of those days, “we’d all sit in a circle and go around reading scripture from Bibles that had English on one side and Korean on the other.”

Maxine often served sandwiches and drinks to the Korean students in attendance. She remembers, “I was told—many years later—by CY Kim at a Christian convention in St. Louis, that those sandwiches were often the only meal he and the others had on those days following the war. I had no idea.”

In addition to the radio ministry, orphanages, English lessons, and sandwiches, Joe would help at the Korean churches with teaching and other ministerial duties including baptisms. On occasion, the senior minister would take his members on a picnic by the shorelines. Baptismal services usually followed the picnic. As it turned out, it was Joe Seggelke who immersed the young Kim in South Korea’s Yellow Sea, an act that the family still lovingly remembers.

Today, CY Kim’s work spans the globe, reaching hundreds of thousands in Asian countries through missions, orphanages, and the Gospel message. The connection with CY and Patricia Kim and their organization, Christ Reaching Asia Missions (CRAM), continues today, as the Seggelke’s daughter Bonnie and her husband Bud currently serve as forwarding agents for the Howe family—who are directors of the new orphanage work in China.

Joe Seggelke passed in June, 2013, but when asked what inspired her and her husband toward mission service, Maxine was frank. “We were nominal Christians,” she said. “We weren’t involved in a lot of things. We didn’t even consider mission work while Joe was in Bible college. But as Christ-for-Youth sponsors, we were challenged by a message encouraging full-time Christian work—and we went forward.”



The Rodrigues family

To God be the Glory

Luciano and Andreia Rodrigues (both LCU '13) came to LCU knowing that God was calling them to do full-time mission work in Guinea-Bissau, Africa. After graduating in May, they made a brief visit home to Brazil before heading straight back to the mission fields in Africa with their two children in tow.

They work with Missao Crista do Brasil, a Brazilian initiative toward global evangelization, and Hisportic Christian Mission, whose mission is to evangelize the Portuguese speaking world. Their partnership started in 2000, when they heard about the unreached people from northern Guinea-Bissau (a former Portuguese colony).

When asked why their LCU educations were important, Luciano writes, “Our studies at LCU helped us to gain a more comprehensive Christian worldview. It is much easier now to understand the ministerial context we are involved with, and we are able to see the reality around us from a solid Kingdom perspective. The intercultural insights, preaching skills (for me) and the educational tools (for my wife) that we gained from experienced professors have definitely helped us to be more effective in doing what we are passionate about. We now serve and lead the ministry with greater confidence and a firm expectation that through Him we can make a significant difference in this part of the world.”

Luciano with the leadership team in Bissau.



As an example, Luciano shared this story: “The Kobiana people are a minority group in northern Guinea-Bissau. When we first moved to Guinea-Bissau, there were no Christians among the Kobianas, not even one. Very conservative in their tradition and religion, the Kobianas are feared and respected by other groups, and they have resisted not only the Gospel, but any kind of religious appeal. A couple of years ago, God blessed us with the first Kobiana in Guinea-Bissau to accept Christ, and that man has been an evangelist among his people. Today, we have about 15 Kobianas in the church in the city of Cacheu. Our preacher in that church is also a Kobiana. There is still a lot of hostility among the Kobianas toward the church, but God has placed us in a very strategic place with an important role in the evangelization of this people group. We are glad with everything God is doing. To Him be the glory.

God Placed Romania On My Heart

“God placed Romania on my heart when I was 13 years old,” says **Rachel Ross (LCC '04)**. “I had seen a documentary on orphans in Romania and my heart broke. God then laid a huge burden for these children upon my heart that I would try to run away from, but would never find peace until I was here in Romania, doing what He had called me to.”



Rachel's adopted Romanian daughter, Izabella, serves the Roma along side her mother.

She worked as a volunteer in a Romanian children’s hospital for several years. There, she learned that 80% of Romania’s abandoned children are Roma (gypsies). She also fell in love with two of the abandoned babies in particular, both from a place called Tinca. Time and intervention returned these children to their hometown, and Rachel followed.

“I had never seen a Roma camp so large before (with next to 3,000 living in mud huts, most with 5-10 children each). The people were desperate, isolated, rejected, and hungry, and I quickly saw that they were hungry for more than just food.” With the goal to break the cycles of abandonment and abuse that dominate the Roma society, Rachel established “Forget-Me-Not Ministries” in 2006 to encourage, equip, and empower the Roma in Christ, by providing stability and nurture for neglected children (meeting their emotional, mental, physical, spiritual, and social needs).

Rachel reports that “God has continued to grow and bless the work each year. We are now working with over 100 Roma



Forget-Me-Not Ministries

daily, providing child care, Bible studies, training, education, jobs, medical care, feeding programs, and Christ's love (that is being taught with each and every area of ministry)." Their service/projects include:

- **The Isaiah Center**—a life center for at-risk/abandoned children. Though set up as a daycare center, they are involved with every aspect of the child's life (baths, meals, tutoring to help with school work, Bible lessons daily, crafts, songs, and a daily refuge).
- **Seeds of Hope**—programs directed at child marriages that involve working with teen parents, providing medical care for their babies, training, providing work opportunities and daycare, as well as Bible studies for teen moms and dads.
- **Joy Beadz**—a micro enterprise that provides the Roma women with a chance to earn money, learn a trade, and grow spiritually.
- **The Eden Project**—a one-acre garden that provides jobs for Roma families, provides produce to feed all of our programs, and teaches a trade.
- **Work program**—creating jobs to teach work ethics and provide opportunities for the Roma families to earn money without stealing, going into debt, or begging.
- **Literacy program**—the majority of Roma families in Tinca cannot read or write, so Forget Me Not Ministries is starting to offer this program in 2014.

The Work is Just Getting Started

The country of Tanzania is considered a "restricted" nation by Christian watchdog organization, Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). According to their website, this includes countries where government practices and/or policies prevent distribution of Christian literature and anti-Christian laws may lead to harassment, imprisonment, or even death because of their witness.

Enter **Bill (LCS '09) and Leah (LCS '08) DeLaughter**, who are currently affiliated with Alliance of Christian Ministries, International (ACMI). The DeLaughters have been serving in Tanzania since 2005 through their Discipleship Mobilization ministry.

"Tanzania is very much a country split by huge religious divides," says Bill. "The [religious demographic] figures vary depending on which study is looked at, but the fact is Christ-followers are in the minority in Tanzania." Yet that minority is growing.

During their first four years there, Bill and Leah discipled 72 individuals, including one young man who stood out early on. This young man "...has been responsible for spreading the Gospel and mobilizing discipleships in 11 areas of Tanzania," Bill added, "including places where the Gospel is resisted." With the young man's help, the DeLaughters' efforts are now spreading to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga, Zanzibar, and Sagera, all areas of the hostile Islamic Coast.

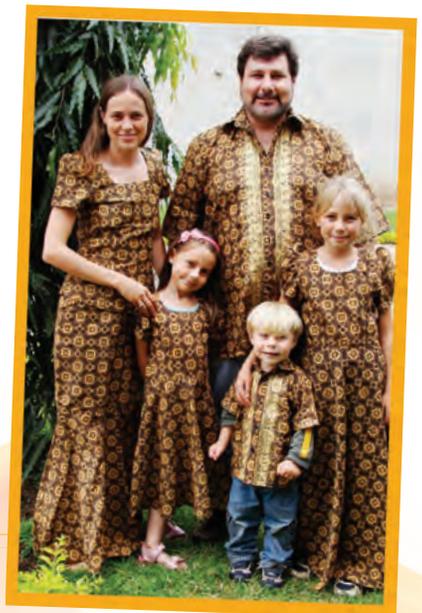
Completed discipleship trainings number more than 400, and this year opened with 50 trainees and 30 more scheduled to begin in March. A third group of 27 completed all foundational training and are currently discipling others. According to Bill, "we focus more on the few, game-changing people the Lord brings our way, and not on increasing the numbers; we let the Lord take care of that."

And the Lord seems to be doing just that. In addition to the native Tanzanians, the DeLaughters also work with Indian populations who evangelize and disciple other Indians coming into Tanzania for business reasons.

"After almost nine years in Tanzania," Bill said, "we feel that the work is just getting started."

Bill credits LCU with providing a legacy of understanding the Scriptures within the context of Scripture, "a hermeneutic that we have taken with us and teach in the churches, pastoral trainings we conduct, and discipleships.

"I could easily [talk] about every class and relationship we had at LCU and how it influenced our work," Bill says, "Primarily, our time at LCU instilled within us, our own habitual Spiritual Formation."

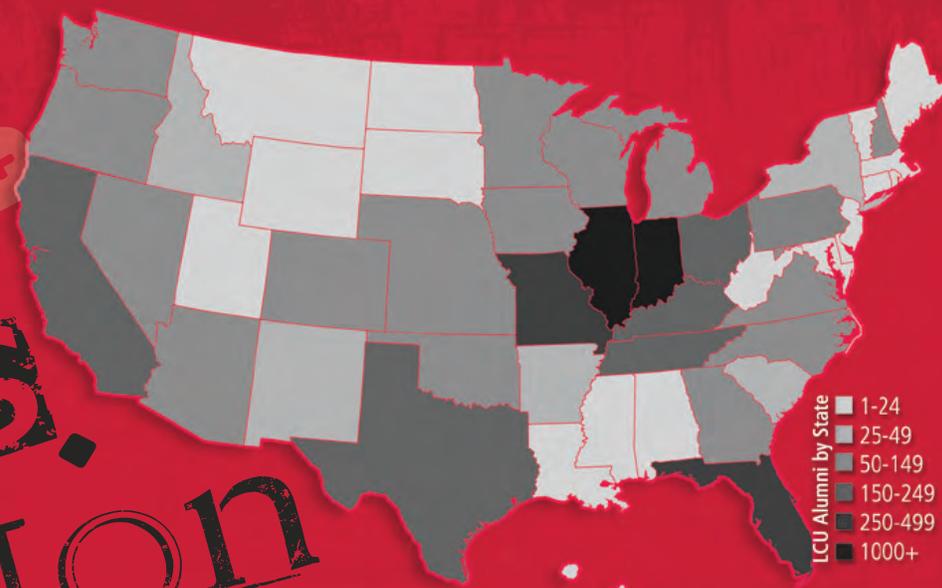


The DeLaughter family

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Why, when we think of missions, do our imaginations travel overseas—to places we’ve never seen and cultures we’ve never experienced? We have only to look across the tracks and downtown to find the mission fields ripe for harvest here in the U.S.A. Having shared a number of stories from across the globe, it seems only fair to talk about the work happening here at “home.”

Nearly 10,000 Lincoln Christian University alumni live, work, and serve in the United States! Lincoln Leaders are involved in concentrated efforts to plant churches and share the love of Christ to the lost and needy in our own country. Additionally, LCU has strong connections with a number of stateside mission organizations who visit our campus to recruit interns and graduates to train and serve as full- and part-time Kingdom workers.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:24-25

Love and Good Works

Lincoln Christian University and the Christian Churches of New England have been linked for decades. With only a handful of Christian Churches in New England, Lincoln Christian provided preachers and interns (including President and Mrs. Ray) in several of those churches in the 70s and early 80s. By the mid-80s, students led by professors Dan Clymer, Chuck Sackett, Neal Windham, and others, were boarding a motor coach for a pre-Easter week of service with the New England churches, the beginning of what would become known as “Week of Evangelism” (now Restoration Week). In 1996, **Dan Clymer (LCC '70, LCS '73)** moved to New England to begin **Restoration House Ministries (RHM)** with a vision to “transform the spiritual landscape of New England.” There are currently more than 30 LCCS/LCU alumni serving as staff members of the 26 Christian Churches in New England.

While there is much yet to be done in New England in order to transform the spiritual landscape for Christ, God is moving in New England. He is engineering partnerships that are making a difference. Fifteen churches have been started (number 16 launches in April) because of the partnership between RHM, local churches, individuals, and schools like Lincoln Christian University.

LCU regularly sends three different Restoration Week groups to various parts of New England where RHM has planted churches. Their churches consistently send students to Lincoln, Illinois, for a Bible college education. Additionally, they send several representatives to recruit interns at LCU’s annual Internship Fair every fall. Currently, many LCU graduates work for the organization as administrators, interns, fundraisers, church planters, and church ministry staff.



Tanner (LCC '05, LCS '09) and Bethany (LCC '07) Green began serving with RHM in February 2011 in preparation for the October launch of SouthPointe Church in Warwick, RI, that same year. Tanner is the lead planter and Bethany is the director of children’s ministry.

Tanner shares this story from their first year in Rhode Island, “Neil is a former drug addict and alcoholic, who came to Christ after a failed suicide attempt. We were able to baptize him into Christ and walk with him in discipleship. God is now using Neil to reach people in his past. He is able to share his story monthly with people on parole and probation. He has already baptized two people into Christ and is seeking to teach them how to live like Jesus.”

In addition to the way LCU professors taught them how to think through the study of Scripture, they also help them develop a Biblical worldview. Additionally, the friendships that shaped them while on campus continue to support and encourage them today.

Another area of the United States that has seen a number of LCU students and alumni is San Angelo, TX. **House of Faith (HOF)** started there in 1994 to “Take JESUS to Neighborhood Children, Youth, and Families.” Their mission focuses on building relationships and establishing trust. They use outreach programs like backyard Bible clubs for grade school children, as well as outreach programs for middle and high school students to create atmospheres of safety, love, and a community to belong to and walk with through life. Currently there are three full-time staff members at HOF from LCU and one full-time intern who graduated from LCU last year. Each summer, four to six LCU students intern there as well.

Neal (LCC '78, LCS '80 & '94) and Miriam Windham have been leading trips to HOF for years. Miriam’s brother, Bob, is married to Rachel Beaver (Director of House of Faith), so every spring about 10-12 LCU students serve there during Restoration Week.

We contacted **Chelsey Kelly (LCU '09)** who has been working at HOF since 2009 to find out how many other LCU alumni have served there. She said, "It's my impression that the number is too great to count. Regardless, it's been really awesome to see how the Lord has built a solid partnership between HOF and LCU. We always look forward to the students coming during Restoration Week and for the summer."



Chelsey Kelly

Telling her own story, Chelsey said LCU had a major role in getting her involved with HOF. She joined a March 2009 Restoration Week (then called Week of E) trip to HOF, led by the Windhams. "I was intrigued by the mission of HOF and truly I really looked up to Neal and Miriam, so I jumped at the opportunity to go on a trip with them. As a result, my life was changed forever. As we worked and served alongside HOF that week, my heart was captured by the children of San Angelo. The Lord showed me His deep love for the orphaned, abandoned, broken, lost generation, and I simply couldn't help but say 'YES' to loving the least of these because they are in fact HIS and He wants to pour out HIS covenant love all over them!! When we left that week, I knew I would be back. The Lord opened the doors wide for me to return and work with HOF."

Chelsey continued with, "LCU had a huge role in preparing me for ministry. It provided me with a strong Biblical foundation. Rob Maupin would hammer into our brains the importance of reading our Bibles. He was right on! Knowing the Word is powerful and life-giving to kids who are deeply broken and hungry for truth and love. LCU mission classes opened my eyes to the reality of a lost and suffering world." And finally, "LCU also prepared me by giving me tools in administration, marketing, various leadership opportunities and training, and time management. The list could go on and on. And it was always a huge blessing to know how deeply the professors and staff cared about me, my life (trials and triumphs), and the incredible support system which happened to shape my character and my ability to love and give to others."

Chicagoland has a large number of LCU alumni, primarily planting churches, but also in outreaches to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the unsaved and unchurched.

Take **Josh (LCU '09, LCS)** and **Gina Sherif (LCU '10)**, for example. Josh is working with New Life Community Church as Pastor at New Life Albany Park, while Gina works for Chicago Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher. They serve in the most diverse area of Chicago—the place where

immigrants and refugees move to. Josh is reaching the nations in his backyard.

Josh says, "I am overjoyed to see people come to know the Lord from all backgrounds, cultures, and religions. One of my joys was seeing a former Hindu man get baptized. He was a young man on the bus heading back to his home near our church. A member of the church asked for his help in finding the church so she could come to one of the first services. He knew where it was located and agreed to show her the location. She asked him to join her at the service. He was adamant that he had no interest in Jesus, but he entered the church with her to be polite. He continued to attend church, even though he continued to state he had no interest in converting to Christianity. After a few months, he was overwhelmed by the love of God and His people. He accepted Christ in our kitchen and was baptized shortly after."



Josh and Gina Sherif

Lance Hurley (LCC '81) has been working full-time with Ignite Church Planting: Chicagoland (formerly known as Chicago District Evangelistic Association) for 14 years. He is currently the Executive Director of Ignite. As Executive Director, Lance says, "There is something special about the opening day for a new church. Seeing people walk into the facility (it may be a school, movie theater, hotel conference room) for the first time gives me a thrill. I know that many of these people will find a relationship with Jesus and His church, which may not have happened without a church being started."



Lance Hurley

In the past 13 years, Ignite has started or been a part of starting more than 25 new churches across Chicagoland. They are planning on starting three churches every year to reach the unreached population of Chicagoland. Currently, they are starting churches using a cluster model which gathers four or five partners together to start a church. And they are looking for more partners, so more churches can be started. Looking back, Lance recalls that as a freshman, he wrote a paper describing how working in a new church would be interesting and stretching. "Little did I know, the first church I was called to serve was one of the Project 300 church plants in Manteno, IL." Project 300 had a goal of starting 300 new Christian Churches across Illinois. "At LCU, I learned leadership principles, methods of evangelism and how to care for people. My years at LCU were filled with learning, growing and building relationships that still last to this day."



Dave Butts (LCC '75)

Harvest Prayer Ministries (HPM), founded by Dave and Kim Butts, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2013. Their vision for HPM is to call and equip the Church to become a house of prayer for all nations, in order to see revival and the finishing of the task of world evangelization.

HPM has six staff members who work in their Terre Haute, IN, office and four others located throughout the U.S. Dave and Kim, along with other teachers such as Jon Graf and Alvin VanderGriend, have travelled the nation, conducting prayer seminars and conferences. In addition to a strong teaching emphasis, the ministry also launched PrayerShop Publishing to develop effective resources for churches and individuals. One of the most exciting recent developments is the publication of a new magazine on prayer called *Prayer Connect* (also available in digital format).

Through the years, Dave and Kim have networked with prayer leaders from around the world. Both serve on the Executive Committee of America's National Prayer Committee where Dave serves as Chairman of a group of almost 100 national prayer leaders. They will both have additional responsibilities this year, as Dave is serving as President of the 2014 International Conference on Missions.

We also contacted **Dave Ferguson (LCC '86)**, Lead Pastor of COMMUNITY, an innovative multi-site missional church. "It was only a couple years after I finished at LCU that I planted Community Christian Church with my wife Sue, my brother Jon, and three friends from college," writes Dave. "God has been extraordinarily kind to us and today we have 14 locations in the city and suburbs of Chicago. Over the last couple decades we have seen thousands of people come back to God, name Jesus as savior, and be baptized."



Dave Ferguson

According to Dave, "LCU gave me [1] a strong Biblical foundation and [2] friendships that would support me. Both have been critical."

Dave also provides visionary leadership for "NewThing," with the dream of being a catalyst for a movement of reproducing churches. Plus, he is an award-winning author of books such as *The Big Idea*, *Exponential*, *On the Verge*, and *Discover Your Mission Now*. He is currently finishing a book with his brother Jon titled, *Finding Your Way Back to God*. When it is published later this year, the book promises to be a tool to help people "find their way back to God," which is the mission of Community Christian Church.

We are God's Fellow Workers

These snapshots from New England, the South, and the Midwest help demonstrate how God calls LCU alumni to serve together and alongside one another in concentrated areas that are in need of the love of Jesus and His saving grace. In an equally important yet opposite way, our institution has developed strong ties to other organizations with whom our alumni have partnered as they have been sent by God to serve across the country and around the globe.

Rondal and Janice Smith were called to serve as faculty members at LCU from 1965-1981. During that time they helped sponsor **Pioneer Bible Translators'** (PBT) first recruiting seminar on the LCU campus, and later with other LCU faculty, helped in setting up its first recruiting office in a rented mobile home behind Henderson Hall. The Smiths helped encourage recruits to join PBT while Rondal served as their first board chairman. PBT and God eventually called them to Dallas to be near the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL) where PBT translators receive final specialized training after their undergraduate Bible college or seminary education.

These days **Nathan Davenport (LCC '96, LCS '06)** regularly visits campus as a recruiter for PBT.



Nathan Davenport

When asked why he and his wife Lindsay continue to recruit LCU students, he wrote, "I love the way LCU continues to train students who know how to exegete the Word of God faithfully, think critically, and have been prepared to take the message of Christ cross-culturally.

The greatest compliment I can give the LCU faculty is that they continue to send us students who are prepared for the vigorous difficulties which come from trying to cross every single language with Bible and church." Nathan reports over 10% of PBT missionaries are LCU alumni.

LCU Provost **Dr. Clay Ham (LCC '84, LCS '88)** has served on the **New Mission Systems, International (NMSI)** Board of Directors since 2009 and as their Vice-Chair since 2011. NMSI supports more than 170 missionary affiliates in 27 countries and facilitates over 100 summer interns and short-term project participants annually through the development of socially-responsible business models and community transformation initiatives. Clay reports that at one point in time 10% of all NMSI affiliates were LCU graduates. One of those graduates is **Derek Ried (LCC '06)**, who has been on our campus a number of times to recruit more student interns.

Similarly, there are many reasons that LCU and **ACM International (ACMI)** have strong connections. LCU has trained dozens of students who have gone on to serve with ACMI, including **Ron (LBI '60, LCS '80) and Carolyn (LBI '60, LCS) Butler**. At one time, they owned a house on "Faculty Row," so would live on campus during their furloughs. They connected with students and were instrumental in connecting LCU students with ACMI as well as other mission organizations. Here are some more connections worthy of mentioning:

- ACMI missionaries have visited LCU as guest teachers, Missionaries-in-Residence, featured speakers, etc.
- ACMI's Director is currently enrolled in the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies MA in Organizational Leadership degree program
- LCU Professor and Director of Leadership **Dr. Don Green** has assisted and consulted ACMI with vision and leadership development issues
- Several faculty members have made visits to countries where ACMI serves to preach, teach, train, and participate in conferences, etc.
- Director of Church Ministries **David Upchurch (LCC '80)** has served on the ACM Board of Trustees for 25 years—serving as President for 15 years

Earlier we mentioned the pocket of alumni serving the New England area with Restoration House Ministries, but we would be remiss if we didn't also remind you of our collaboration with **The Orchard Group** who are "planting churches in and from New York City." Through The Orchard Institute (a cooperative partnership between the Orchard Group, and select educational institutions associated with Independent Christian Churches) they are helping to prepare students for urban ministry and church planting.

We've been working with the Orchard Institute's program coordinator, **Nick Parsons (LCU '12)**, as they organize, host, and facilitate educational classes and internships in strategic global cities that can be taken by qualified students for credit at LCU. VP of University Advancement Gordon Venturella leads two groups of students from LCU and Ozark Christian College each spring semester on intensive week courses in



Orchard Group Church Planters

New York City. Students completing the course can request to join a pool of potential intern/staff members recommended to churches started by The Orchard Group. Among the LCU alumni in that pool are **Joe Slavich (LCU '13)** who is planning to work with Orchard, **Austin Gohn (LCU '12)** who interned there, and **Les (LCC '00, LCU '12)** and **Sarah Evans (LCU)** who are working with an Orchard branch in Japan right now.

By reading the short stories of the alumni highlighted in this issue of the *Restorer*, you'll see many more mission-focused organizations mentioned with whom LCU has developed relationships over the last 70 years. We could go on about the work LCU and its alumni are doing with **Team Expansion, Haitian Christian Outreach, GO Ministries, and TCM International** to name a few.

For 70 years Lincoln Christian University has stayed true to their mission to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world. More than 16,000 students have passed through our classrooms, and it would be impossible for us to mention every one. We commend them all for the time they have spent in service to our Lord's call and pray God's blessing on their work, wherever they may be.

"For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth." —3 John 1:7-8

The MISSION continues...

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LBI 1944–LCU 2014

For 70 years,

Lincoln Christian University (LCU) has cultivated its “soil” to raise missionaries. From its earliest harvest in the 1950s, to its current crop of 60 undergraduate Intercultural Studies majors and minors, the divine but urgent call to missions still germinates and flourishes in the hearts of LCU students. While the central aim of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ on the mission field remains constant, the strategies for accomplishing that goal have become more techy and perhaps a little more complex. Churches, organizations, and other parties committed to missions grapple with differences in presentation, effectiveness, veracity, etc. Nevertheless, LCU has kept in stride with the demands required to spread the Gospel among an increasingly global culture—at home and abroad.

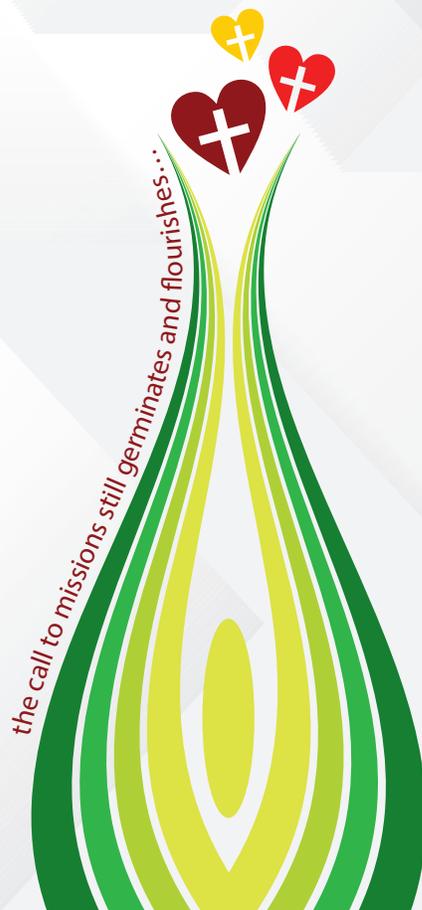


Mike Nichols

We spoke recently with Professor Mike Nichols. As an Intercultural Studies Program Director, he credits LCU’s strong missions training to: 1) the University’s commitment to acquire top-notch faculty; 2) strategically relevant programs, like Missionary-in-Residence, Restoration Week, and internships, that give students first-hand, in-depth instruction, guidance, and mentorship; 3) a business as mission concept that engages the whole life; and 4) students who are passionate about the service of missions.



Dr. Rob Maupin, Dr. Rochelle Cathcart, and Mike Nichols





Top-notch Faculty

Nichols is very pleased with the caliber of the Intercultural Studies faculty, which he believes demonstrates the administration's support of the program and commitment to missions. Very soon all three Intercultural Studies faculty members will have doctoral degrees in missions disciplines with field experiences from different parts of the world.

Nichols recently completed his dissertation on inter-generational leadership in the Congo, and is pending a doctorate from Trinity University this year. He served in the Democratic Republic of Congo for 10 years before coming to LCU. Dr. Rob Maupin, who completed his advanced degree in Missiology with Fuller Theological Seminary in 2013, served for five years in Mexico City. Finally, Dr. Rochelle Cathcart, Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies, has a doctorate in Intercultural Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and has published and presented extensively on missions in the 21st century. Cathcart is also Vice-President of the North-Central Evangelical Missiological Society and oversees its annual conference in Chicago.

Campus-Wide Influence

Each of the Intercultural Studies professors teaches in the Seminary, School of Undergraduate Studies, and Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies. They also serve as consultants and participate in extra-curricular work with churches, missionaries, and agencies around the globe.

"One of my favorite things about our program," Maupin said, "is our dual focus of rigorous academics and practical help for the mission field."

The "dual-focus" platform not only establishes success and longevity on the mission field, but bolsters the success of Seminary and Adult & Graduate Studies students in their career and ministry areas as well.

"We have a variety of people in our programs," added Cathcart, "ranging from recent college graduates to those returning to the classroom after decades of ministry...and what I hear most often from students as a benefit of what we do—what I would say is the hallmark of an LCU education—is that we combine high scholastic content with practicality..."

LCU introduced the Master of Arts (MA) in Intercultural Studies in 2012 and will award its first degree this year. It is an online program designed for students already in missions or anticipating a missions-related career.

"Our MA in Intercultural Studies is one of the strongest degrees out there," said Dr. Cathcart, "especially for individuals interested in missions, culture, and cross-cultural ministry. It's affordable, accessible, and doesn't require people to relocate."



Dr. Rochelle Cathcart

The specialization in Intercultural Studies re-emerged in 2012 as a viable option for Seminary students seeking to complement their degrees with missions-specific content. The specialization is gaining momentum and will increase the number of mission-ready Seminary alumni.

Missionary-In-Residence Program

Mike Nichols started the Missionary-In-Residence program in 1999 and it has become an integral part of mission preparation. Students are able to learn from seasoned missionaries from around the world, who bring what Nichols calls “a lively wisdom” to classrooms. Past missionary residents have come from Czech Republic, Laos, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and Turkey.

“This year, Jason Nichols (no relation), a disciple-trainer and LCU alumnus is on campus. He’s worked in various regions of Hong Kong and Mozambique,” Nichols said. Jason will also serve as a guest lecturer in some of Dr. Nichols classes.

Business as Mission

A growing approach and practice in missions, evangelism, and Christianity in general, is the philosophy of business as mission. Churches and organizations that embrace this concept emphasize “wholeness” of church, work, family life, and business as one Christ-centered reality.

“We teach about ‘Business as Missions’ in our courses,” said Nichols of the concept. “Sometimes we use the term ‘marketplace ministries’ or ‘bi-vocational missions...but

the basic philosophy is trying to do away with the harmful dichotomy of sacred and secular. This is another way of exercising Colossians 3 ‘doing everything in the name of Jesus.’”

Business as Mission is also demonstrated among LCU’s business students where—among the development of business skills, work ethic and character—the primary emphasis of the program is on integrating Christian faith and business.

Committed Students

One of the most obvious but nonetheless essential reasons for Lincoln Christian University’s sustained presence in the mission field is its students.

“All of our students have great passions and dreams to make significant differences in the world,” Nichols said, “and it is exciting to see how they are going about doing that.”

Nichols’ excitement comes from the work current students are accomplishing during internships and Restoration Week trips. These mission-based components of the Intercultural Studies program always boost the levels of engagement for students when they return to campus.



David Dale & family



David Dale (LCS '99) started with Team Expansion in 1996 and first visited Laos in 1997. He moved there full-time in 2001. In 2006, David established a team and Saffron Coffee Company in Luang Prabang. This is just one example of using “Business As Mission” to both directly and indirectly access a particular unreached people group (the Mien) in order to work for a Church Multiplication Movement to occur among them until they are reached.

David was back in the States last fall, sharing some of the things God has done with the Mien people in Laos over the years. Here are two amazing highlights:

“A group of Mien showed up at the company in Bokeo wanting to hear the Gospel. I shared the story of God with them for over an hour and when I was finished, they said, ‘Okay!’ I said, ‘Okay what?’ They said, ‘Okay, we want to believe!’ I led a small group of them to believe in Jesus that morning.”

“Restoration week can involve a whole continuum of ministry opportunities,” Nichols noted, “from physical labor, to teaching and preaching, to whatever else is needed. These trips offer a dual-relationship of giving AND receiving. Students not only go to give out, but also to learn.”

This spring, students will disperse on a variety of Restoration Week trips around the globe. There are five cross-cultural trips to England, Taiwan, Poland, Haiti, and Puerto Rico; 14 trips to states outside of Illinois; eight trips to cities outside of Lincoln, and two trips serving the Lincoln community.

Restoration Week also helps students ascertain areas where they’d like to complete their senior year internships. Both Restoration Week and internships acquaint students with another vital aspect of missions—fundraising. Nichols noted that although students have never had a problem raising support, it can be slightly more difficult to raise monies for U.S.-based ventures, than international ones.

“There’s a good side and a bad side to raising funds for international trips,” Nichols added. “The bad side is international trips are more expensive. But the good side is people understand that expense and are willing to give more.”

“We drove for five hours to reach a woman’s village and spent only an hour sharing the Gospel with her. It felt like she was not interested and a waste of time. Later she was healed and believed, but had no fellowship with other Christians—only a Bible to read. A year later we learned that she had led 12 others in her village to Christ. Then the number grew to more than 20; then 55. Now there are over 70 believers in her village.”

Yet, David is quick to point out that things are not always exciting and good in Laos. “Sometimes things are hard and discouraging,” he says. “We have had our share of trials, disappointments and ‘close calls’ in Laos.”

This is where Team Expansion’s strategy, born out of extraordinary prayer to partner with the global church to mobilize, train, and coach qualified workers in the implementation of the fruitful practices of church planting movements makes a difference. They depend on the prayers of worldwide Christians, asking God to provide for their needs for spiritual, mental, and physical health and safety daily.

David has discovered, “If I actually live in relationships with people (and not just make teaching appearances),

In both instances, however, students know that whether overseas or across the street, the crux of the mission work is the same: doing what is needed to proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

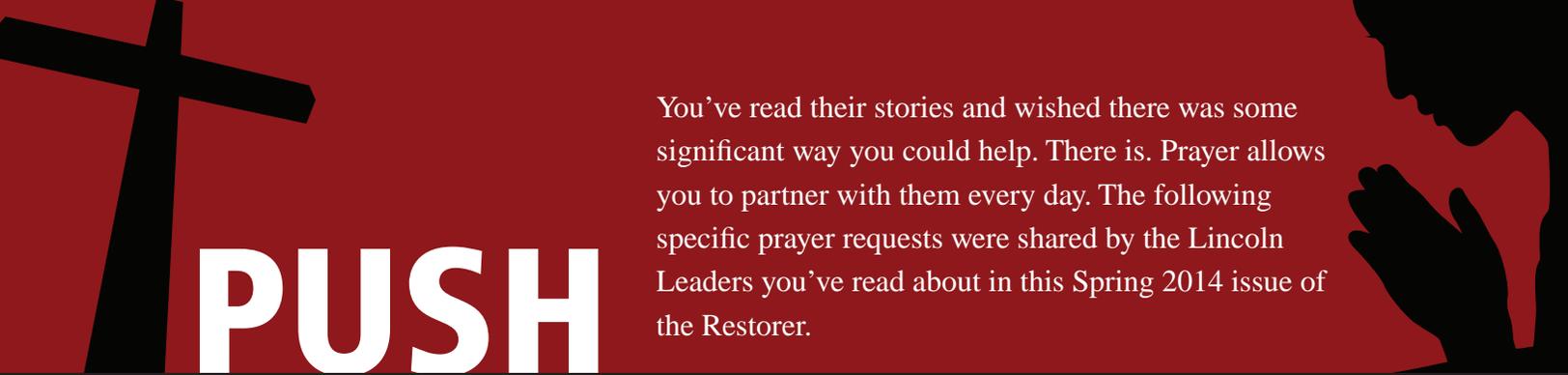
Committed students become dynamic alumni. The global impact wrought by LCU is exemplified here, in the work of alumni like: Shara Lynn who has started an orphanage and child sponsorship program in Haiti; Paul and Jessica who are using athletics to reach troubled kids in Guatemala; Marek and Elaine who are discipling in the Czech Republic; an unnamed couple reaching Muslims for Christ in Indonesia; another anonymous couple reaching high caste Brahmins in India, and the list continues to grow. It is a list of servant leaders who are esteeming others more than themselves, presenting themselves as living sacrifices in the hurtful, doubtful, and sometimes hateful, eyes of a Christ-less world.

That’s what’s happening on the soil of Lincoln Christian University today. It’s what started 70 years ago, when an ordinary man with a servant’s heart set out to start a Bible college and stepped out in faith. It’s how Lincoln Christian University continues to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.

Training session with local workers



people will be much more affected by my example than they ever will be by my teaching. What they see in my life will be more powerful than what comes out of my mouth. In fact, how I live my life in the quiet, private and trying moments will prove whether or not people should believe what I say. When I understand and know the Lord, and when I also exercise kindness, justice and righteousness in my life, then I will be an effective missionary.”



PUSH

(Pray Until Something Happens)

You've read their stories and wished there was some significant way you could help. There is. Prayer allows you to partner with them every day. The following specific prayer requests were shared by the Lincoln Leaders you've read about in this Spring 2014 issue of the Restorer.

Bajanski, George

*Central, Eastern Europe—Impact Europe/
Impact Ministry Group*

- Continued effectiveness of the radio broadcast ministry
- An extended outreach
- Sufficient ministry support

Butts, Dave and Kim, Indiana—

Harvest Prayer Ministries

- God's continued wisdom and guidance
- Willing, qualified workers and volunteers
- Unity among the 100 national prayer leaders with whom they network
- Dave's tenure as President of the International Conference on Missions for 2014

Dale, David and Tou, Laos—

Team Expansion

- The Dale family
- Church-planting in Mien villages
- God's hand upon "Pray For The Mien" initiative
- The ministries of Lao leaders Chio Choy, Lat and Thong Sai
- Salvation for Muey Ting and husband Tik
- Funds and guidance for office and other ministry needs
- Dedicated members added to the team, both nationals and expatriots

Davenport, Nathan, World-wide—Pioneer Bible Translators

- A network of New Testament churches growing and multiplying through the proclamation of God's Word in the most marginalized areas of the world where we work

DeLaughter, Bill and Leah,

*Tanzania—Alliance Christian Ministries,
International*

- Upcoming pastor-training program and school that will involve 150 Christian leaders around Tanzania, Rwanda, and Congo

Ferguson, Dave, Chicago—

Community Christian Church

- A movement of reproducing the kinds of churches that are helping people find their way back to God

Gentile, Andrea and Heather, Italy—

Team Expansion

- Continued resilience, wisdom and faith
- More team members for long term (even life) service
- Humble, dedicated Christians who patiently sow seeds without expecting immediate or short-term results

Green, Tanner and Bethany, Rhode Island—

Restoration House Ministries

- That they make disciples who will make more disciples

Hurley, Lance, Chicago—

IGNITE Church Planting

- Urgent need for more partner churches to make greater church plants

Johnson, Brianna, Poland—

Graceland Ministries

- Spiritual revival
- Graceland Ministries as a whole: workers, curriculum, Café, and other outreach opportunities

Kelly, Chelsey, San Angelo, Texas—

House of Faith

- For HOF kids and their families
- Isaiah 61:1-3 over the ministry
- Protection against the enemy and strength in our inner-man

Rodrigues, Luciano and Andreia

Guinea-Bissau—Missao Crista do Brasil

- Victory and stability in church-planting in the states of Guinea-Bissau
- Construction of a Bible institute and education projects
- The Rodrigues children who are studying in Senegal
- Continued focus to accomplish goals of the mission

Ross, Rachel, Romania—

Forget-Me-Not Ministries

- Pray for a softening and openness of the Roma people to receive the Word
- The breaking of chains off those who are bound

Sherif, Josh and Gina, Chicago—

New Life Community Church

- The challenges of serving in a very diverse and low-income area
- Their new Spanish worship service that starts in February

Shields, Cory and Nicki, Japan—

Team Expansion

- Pray that they find more people into whom they can pour their efforts
- Increased networks, word-of-mouth, and other communications leading to potential team members

Smith, Rondal and Janice, Eastern

Europe—Pioneer Bible Translators

- To provide highly motivated and qualified candidates to reach the final 900 most desperately unchurched peoples in the world

Wilkey, Joe, Worldwide—

World Compassion Network

- Disaster victims and the volunteers of WCN
- WCN staffing needs
- Individual to serve in "Compassion Ministry": a servant-heart, willingness to travel, and ability to raise own monthly salary are essential

Steve Collins was appointed as the Interim Dean of Students, effective December 2, 2013. Steve's appointment fills the



important leadership position needed following Brian Mills departure when called to service as Senior Pastor at Hope Evangelical Free Church in Springfield, IL. Steve will provide departmental leadership, encourage and pastor students, oversee student government and discipline, and work alongside the campus Vice Presidents in management of day-

to-day operations. Steve is a well-known alumnus (holding 4 degrees from LCU) and respected employee on campus. He brings years of experience in student relations to his new position. His student mentoring, pastoring, and guiding has been valued and sought after by countless students—undergraduate, adult, and seminary, alike—over the years. In addition to these new responsibilities, Steve will continue teaching classes and acting as adjunct faculty liaison with the Hargrove School of Adult & Graduate Studies for the remainder of the academic year.

Dr. Rob Maupin was issued a Doctor of Intercultural Studies (DIS) degree on November 13, 2013, from Fuller



Theological Seminary. His dissertation is entitled, "Strong Foundations: Key Spiritual Practices for Undergraduate Pre-Field Missionaries." Rob currently serves LCU as Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies and as a member of The Apologetics Project church collaboration team.

Dr. Frank E. Dicken earned his PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, on December 2, 2013. Frank joined the



LCU faculty in July as Assistant Professor of New Testament. His current teaching assignments include Elementary Greek and Senior Seminar on Bible in the School of Undergraduate Studies, as well as courses on Acts and Romans for the Seminary.

Effective January 1, 2014, **Dr. Silas L. McCormick** was appointed Assistant Professor of Law and Government in



addition to his primary responsibilities as Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Assistant University Counsel, positions he has held since June 2012. He has taught as an adjunct since 2010. He is responsible for institutional research and assessment, serves as campus liaison to the University's three accrediting bodies, and advises University personnel on academic legal matters. Silas is an ordained minister and has served as a lawyer, mediator, or consultant for a wide variety of groups ranging from the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities to the Buffalo Christian Church. Silas holds a BA in Christian Education from LCU (2001), an EdM (2003) and PhD (2007) in Higher Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a JD (2009) from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

Dr. Mariana Hwang has been promoted to Associate



Professor of Christian Education. Mariana was appointed to the faculty at LCU in 2008. Mariana has been a guest lecturer around the world speaking on the topic of the spiritual formation of children and families. Mariana earned a PhD in Educational Studies at Talbot Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of

Idaho. Her students say of her, "Dr. Hwang's great connection with her students and unconditional love helps propel students to be the best that they can be."

Leslie Starasta has been promoted to Associate Professor, serving as Information Services Librarian. Leslie has a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois and attended the Association of College and Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Intentional Teacher workshop in 2008. In 2011 she was one of 40 Illinois librarians invited to participate in ILEAD U which provided nine days of training with nationally recognized library experts. Leslie is conducting research in the area of information literacy with the American Library Association Library Resource Round Table Research Protégé/Mentorship Project to be presented in 2014.

Ann LaMotte has been promoted to Associate Faculty, serving as Online Instructional Designer. Ann was hired in 1980 and appointed to faculty status in 2001. She has been instrumental in the development and expansion of online instruction for LCU, creating, developing, and assessing online courses, and training online instructors to use the online platform for courses.



Her educational accomplishments include a Master Online Teacher Certificate and Master Individual Option-Media Management and Services from University of Illinois.

LCU Registrar **Shawn Smith** has been promoted to Associate



Faculty member. Shawn was hired to work in the Registrar's office in 2006 moving into the position of Registrar by June of 2007 and holds the designation of SEVIS Designated School Official and VA Certifying Official. He regularly teaches in the School of Undergraduate Studies, attends seminars, and presents

academic papers in his field of study. Shawn's academic degrees include a MA in Church History/Historical Theology and a MDiv from Lincoln Christian Seminary.

Rondel Ramsey has been promoted to Professor of Youth and Family Ministries in the School of Undergraduate Studies. Rondel was hired in 2001, with an MA from Johnson Bible College and is currently working toward the completion of his DMin from Lincoln Christian Seminary. Rondel is involved in consulting and in leadership and youth ministry staff training sessions/events. His passions include researching current trends and developing mature servant leaders who honor God in all they do.

Sue Jones has been promoted to Professor of Worship



Ministry, in the School of Undergraduate Studies. Sue was hired in 1996, after earning her MA in Music from Pittsburg State University. She teaches private piano lessons, coaches vocalists, teaches aural skills and group keyboard classes. Sue is an active participant in weekly Undergraduate Chapel, Christmas in the Chapel, and the Restoration Week

Chorale Tour. Sue models a heart for worship ministry and gives students the tools to shape and sharpen their skills, as well as their ministry.

Jan Rutledge has been promoted to Full Faculty member with the primary responsibility as the Director of the Academic



Resource Center (ARC). Jan joined us in 1998 and was added to the faculty in 2001. She completed an MA from Eastern Illinois University in Education. As Director of ARC, she helps students by mentoring them and connecting them to people or resources that will help further their success, whether it be a tutor, adviser, or someone to listen. Jan also serves

as the General Education Field Chair and teaches Study Skills and Preparatory English for the School of Undergraduate Studies.

Two books were published in the past year to honor **Dr. Gary Hall** (retired in 2013) and **Dr. John Castelein** (retiring in 2014). Contributors to the books included LCU faculty, retired faculty, and students. LCU faculty also served as the book editors. The book titles are: *Deuteronomy – The Prophets and the Life of the Church – a Festschrift in honor of Dr. Gary Hall*, published by Mosaic Press and *Theology in the Present Age – a Festschrift in honor of Dr. John D. Castelein*, published by Wipf and Stock.

Dr. Christopher Ben Simpson has a new book available, in Bloomsbury / T & T Clark's *Philosophy and Theology series: Merleau-Ponty and Theology*, (January 2014, 272pp). In this volume, Simpson appropriates Merleau-Ponty's thought to help one think through the Christian doctrines of creation, theological anthropology, Christology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. Dr. Simpson is the author of four previous books and has two additional works forthcoming (anticipated later this year and in 2015). He teaches in both the Seminary and the School of Undergraduate Studies at LCU as Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology.

Associate Professor of Business Administration **Michael Gowin** was interviewed by the *Chicago Tribune* for an article



that appeared on December 24, 2013. In the article, Michael shared his insights on the latest trend to incorporate video to senior photo shoots, which is in its infancy but is gaining popularity. Michael is one of the leaders in this area as a professional photographer in Central Illinois.

Sarah Hartly joined the Enrollment Management department as Enrollment Counselor for Seminary Admissions on August 26, 2013. Sarah has a bachelor's degree from Lincoln Christian University in Intercultural Studies. Prior to joining the LCU staff, she worked for the American Red Cross in Peoria, IL. Sarah is a welcome addition to our staff. Please contact her at skharty@LincolnChristian.edu for more information on pursuing a graduate degree at our Seminary.

Todd Spellman has joined the Student Development team as Associate Athletic Director. Todd will help manage the Athletic Department's strategic realignment with the NAIA Athletic Conference in an effort to make an LCU education more affordable for students and to create a stronger recruitment and retention tool through the leadership development potential in athletics. Todd has 15 years of experience as a college professor and student adviser. Todd is also Head Coach of the LCU women's soccer team. In just two years, he has significantly improved the recruitment, retention, performance, and spirit of our program.



Spring Calendar:

APRIL

April 4-5, 2014
The Vine Conference (high school retreat)

April 26, 2014
Intentional Church Conference,
at First Christian Church, Decatur, IL

April 30, 2014
Christian Women's Conference

MAY

May 6, 2014
Founders' Day Chapel Service

May 17, 2014
Commencement

LCU's FOUNDERS' DAY

LCU: 70 Years of Global Impact

Dr. Rondal Smith, Executive Director of PBT Europe and former President of Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT) will be the Guest Speaker.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
EARL C HARGROVE CHAPEL

MINISTRY NEWS

Glenn Sanders, LCC '70, recently celebrated 40 years in the ministry, which includes 25 years as a chaplain with Christian Homes, Inc. He continues in the chaplaincy with the Shawnee Christian Nursing Center in Herrin, IL. He and his wife Margie reside in Johnston City, IL.

Letitia Benjamin, LCC '97, is completing her twenty-third year as Minister of Visitation with the National Church Growth Research Center, Washington, D.C. She is also beginning her twentieth year as Coordinator of the Safety Net Program, a ministry to help wounded preachers.

James C. Small, LCC '76, LCS '89, began his twenty-first year of ministry with the Onarga Christian Church in September, 2013. During his ministry in Onarga the church partnered with Antonio and Jenny Gomez in launching Monterrey Christian Mission in Mexico; the church has given more than \$250,000 to various mission/ministry organizations in 20 years, and moved into a new multi-functional worship center two years ago. Jim marked the thirty-sixth anniversary of his ordination to leadership ministry in October, 2013.

Ron Payne, LCC '93, and wife Shirley retired on May 26, 2013, after serving for 47 years as the senior minister at the Ingraham (IL) Christian Church. Ben Merold spoke at the afternoon service as many friends shared in a reception in their honor.

Michael Sheets, LCC '70, LCS '87, was honored in June, 2013, for 40 years of service at the Meadowbrook Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, IL. The Meadowbrook church was his first place of service as a Lincoln Christian College student. He has ministered to multiple generations of families, celebrating

births, weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. He currently has no plans to retire. He and his wife **Janet (Slaughter, LCC '93)** have two daughters, Jennifer and Annie, and three grandchildren.

Mike Openshaw, LCC '80, LCS, recently celebrated 20 years of ministry at the Lighthouse Christian Church in Oceanside, CA. He is married to **Andrea (Longdon), LCC '79**.

Bruce, LCC '69, LCS '74, and, Judy, LCC '69, Martin recently moved to the ranks of the retired. In their early years together, they served churches at Mt. Auburn, IL, and Nashville, IN. After five years at each location, Bruce joined the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Navy, where he served for 28 years as Chaplain. Bruce served with submarine tours, with Marine tours, and overseas in Sicily and Cuba, where he also taught various religious subjects for the University of Maryland extension center in Sicily and the City Colleges of Chicago extension center in Cuba. Judy worked in government service primarily as an Office Manager, serving with the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. She retired in April 2013 after 21 years of service. Bruce retired from the Navy in 2007 and spent a year as an adjunct professor at Eastern Connecticut State University, prior to moving to Oak Ridge, TN. He became the senior minister with West Village Christian Church in late 2008, until retiring in June, 2013. They now plan to split their time living between Oak Ridge and Janesville, WI, where Judy's family resides.

Carol E. (Crane) Hawn, LCC, of Eagle, ID, received a Master of Music, Performance (Piano) degree from Boise State University in December, 2012. She teaches private piano lessons and also is adjunct faculty at Boise Bible College, teaching private piano lessons and a keyboard class.

Dr. Eleanor Daniel, LCC '62, LCS '65, is currently serving as minister of worship at The Windsor retirement center in Savoy, IL (near Champaign). She preaches and teaches in this ministry with a multi-denominational congregation. Dr. Daniel recently moved to The Windsor following what she determines was her last overseas trip earlier this year.

Steve Campbell, LCC '80, LCS '85, reports that he recently began serving as Senior Minister at SummitView Christian Church in Hoffman Estates, IL.

John Valentino, LCS '76, has closed out a three-year ministry with HealthCare Chaplaincy, New York City, as Director of CPE and a two-year term as Chair of the ACPE Regional Accreditation Committee, to accept a position as Coordinator of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Presbyterian Healthcare Services in Albuquerque, New Mexico. John has been a hospital chaplain and CPE supervisor for 24 years. He can be reached at Wvalentin@phs.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Steve Woods, LCC '92, LCS '98, has joined the staff at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in Napa Valley, CA, following nine years as the Assistant/Associate Registrar at Boise State University. He is directing all campus enrollment support services. Steve and **Michelle, LCC '94**, will soon celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary. They and their children reside in Santa Rosa, CA.

Holly Rae Small, LCC '02, was married to Michael DeMarco on June 22, 2013, in a garden wedding in Highland, IN. Her father, **James C. Small, LCC '76, LCS '89**, officiated. The couple resides in Highland, IN.

Don Osborn, LCC '79, graduated in December, 2013, with a PhD in Counseling and Psychology (Counselor Education and Clinical Supervision specialization) from Indiana State University. Indiana Governor Mike Pence also appointed Don as a commissioner to the Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Professional Licensing Board. Don is Director and Professor of Graduate Addictions Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University.

DEATHS

Ronald A. Briggs, LCC, passed away at the age of 71 on November 27, 2012. He had been in the preaching ministry for over 50 years. He is survived by Lenora, his wife of nearly 53 years. She resides in Alger, Ohio.

Floyd Stamm, LCC '69, passed away at the age of 82 at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Raleigh, NC, on Thursday June 27, 2013. Floyd entered the ministry in 1970 and served on the mission field in Zambia, Malawi, and South Africa for 25 years. After retiring from the mission field, Floyd ministered at First Christian Church, Mt. Auburn, IL, and First Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, IN. He is survived by his wife Joan, a son Paul, and daughter Laura.

Gordon W. Nelson, LBI '57, passed from this life at the age of 79 on August 7, 2013, following a brief illness. He served over 60 years in the Christian ministry, including 30 years in Africa where he established many churches and was founder of the Cape Bible Seminary. He also served 30 years in the U.S. serving churches in Calhoun, IL, Nevins, IL, Rockford, IL, and Janesville, WI. He also planted two new churches in Florida and had pastored with the North Citrus Christian Church in Citrus Springs, FL, for seven years before becoming ill. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Estelle and their four children, along with nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Gordon was a 1987 recipient of the Restoration Award in the field of Missions.

Edwin D. Buell, Jr., LCC, passed away in Indianapolis, IN, at the age of 62 on August 11, 2013. He and his wife **Brenda, LCC**, were residing in Terre Haute at the time of his death. He served for 37 years with ACMI, with his latest service being as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo under Heart for Central Africa. He is survived by his wife Brenda, four children, and five grandchildren.

Anna Faith (Hayes) Pierce, LBI, of Fenton, MI, went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2013. She is survived by her husband **Manley Pierce, LBI '53**. They were married nearly 61 years and spent their lives in Christian ministry for over 50 years. They had five sons and a daughter, as well as 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was a talented pianist, organist, and member of National Music Teachers Association. Her great joy in life was teaching children to play. She poured her love into the lives of several hundred young pianists over the course of 50 years.

John Pierce, LBI '53, passed away September 9, 2013, in Madison, OH, while in hospice care. John served LCU as trustee for four terms, beginning in 1966. He held preaching ministries for over 60 years in Illinois, Indiana, and Florida. He is survived by his second wife, Kathryn (Farthing) and two daughters, Sallie and Sandra.

Joseph T. Seggelke, LBI '57, went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2013 at The Christian Village in Lincoln, IL. He was married to **Maxine (Amberg), LBI**, for 68 years. Maxine survives along with one daughter **Bonnie Jo Klockenga, LCC '77**, three sons, **Thomas, LCC '70, '73, LCS '07, Edwin, and Mark, LCC '77**. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Joe served in the United States Navy on the USS Cowpens Aircraft Carrier during WWII. He and Maxine were missionaries in South Korea for 3 ½ years. He was a printer for LCU for 27 years and worked alongside his son Tom for 13 years. He was a faithful member of Lincoln Christian Church where he served as elder for many years and taught Sunday school for 40 years. He

was instrumental in starting the Inner City Mission in Springfield, IL, and served on their board for many years.

Larry Scott, LBI, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2013, at the age of 75. He had been in a convalescent home in Terre Haute, IN, for about two years. He is survived by his wife Jane and three children. Special memories of Larry include his participation in the "Harbingers Quartet" while attending LBI.

Dr. Sam Reed passed away as the result of a massive stroke on July 22, 2013. Dr. Reed taught in the Bible/Theology field in the college from 1991-1995. After teaching only a few years at LCU, he became ill and was unable to continue teaching. In 1995 he and his wife Nadine returned to their home in Austin, TX. He is survived by his wife Nadine, six children, several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Howard D. McFadden, LBI '49, went to be with the Lord September 24, 2013. He was living in Poplar Bluff, MO, at the time of his death. Two of his grandsons, Joshua and Luke McFadden conducted the funeral service. His body lies at the Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO, where he received full military honors. He served churches as a preaching minister for over 50 years. His wife, Ruby Ann, survives and lives in Poplar Bluff.

Revis Brazle, LBI '57, passed from this life on November 2, 2013, following a lengthy illness as he resided at Ben Hur Health & Rehab Center in Crawfordsville, IN. He is survived by his wife **Rogene (Cunningham), LBI '59**, who continues to reside in Ladoga. Funeral services were held November 8 at the Berea Christian Church, where Revis and Rogene served for nearly 18 years. One of Revis' many Timothies, Ansil Harpold, presided at the service.

Una P. Periman, LCC, of West Frankfort, IL, passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the age of 69 at the Herrin (IL) Hospital. She and her husband **Ron, LCC '68**, had been employees for many

years with the Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp in West Frankfort. She is survived by her husband Ron, two sons, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Ruth I. (Elliott) Miller, LBI, passed away June 1, 2013, at the age of 84. She was married for 61 years to **John F. Miller, LBI '51**. He survives. They have four children, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Ruth was living in Three Rivers, MI, at the time of her death.

Daughter of our beloved founder, faculty member, and interim president Charles E. Mills, **Charlene (Mills) Ricca, LCC '72**, passed away November 6 at the age of 74 in Canton, IL, following a battle with cancer. She was owner and operator of the Legacy Christian Bookstore in Canton. She and her husband Philip have five children and nine grandchildren. Graveside services were held at the Fairview Township Cemetery. A celebration of life service followed at Covenant Community Fellowship Church. Charlene is survived by her husband Philip, children and grandchildren, a sister **Joanne (Richard) Sargent, LCC '67**, and brother **Charles, LCC**.

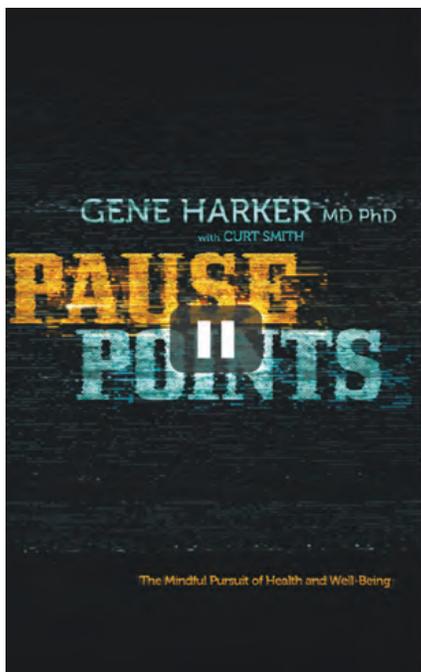
Christine Henes, LCC '76, beloved wife of **Ken Henes, LCC '73, LCS '76, '78**, passed away Monday, December 9, 2013, following a tragic automobile accident while traveling near Green Bay, WI. Ken and Christine ministered at Westwood Christian Church in Madison, WI, where Ken serves as senior minister. They have one daughter, Nancy (Dave) Moore.

Jonathan A. Matson, LCC, passed away on June 19, 2013, in Hyndman, PA, at the age of 26. He is survived by his parents, Andrew and Kathy Matson, and two brothers. He was residing in Hyndman, PA, at the time of his death. He had been employed with Culligan Water Company and was a member of the Winifred Road Church of Christ. The family requests memorial gifts be directed to Tristate Christian Service Camp, 203 Arch St., Cumberland, MD 21502.

Jack L. Olmstead, LBI, passed from this life on December 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife **Arlene (Bloemker), LBI**. They celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 28, 2012. Jack and Arlene resided in Danville, IL, where Jack was a mail carrier for 32 years, followed by employment at the Vermilion County Museum for 16 years. He and Arlene served with the Second Church of Christ

in Danville, where Jack had been an elder, Sunday School teacher, and children's church worker. He also worked for 20 years with the deaf at Catlin Church of Christ. Along with Arlene, Jack is also survived by three sons, nine grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Marvin Flowers, LCS, passed from this life on January 3, 2014, following a very brief battle with cancer. He served as minister of the Gospel for 39 years in congregations in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, South Dakota, and most recently in Michigan at Monroe Christian Church. He is survived by his wife Marjorie and three children (all LCU alumni): **Judy Hoard, LCC '00; Misty Rosenberg, LCC '03; Matthew Flowers**. Services were held on January 11, 2014, in Monroe, MI.



Gene Harker, MD, PhD, is an alumnus of Lincoln Christian University (LCC '80, LCS '83), and currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Gene Harker's book, *Pause Points: The Mindful Pursuit of Health and Well-Being* (Westbow Press, 2011), will be on display at the "Women's Gathering Place" booth during the 2014 North American Christian Convention in July. You will also be able to have your copy signed in the book-signing area at a time that is yet to be determined.

"I think he has a "best seller" if only people knew about it."

- Martha Brammer, women's program

2013 Restoration Award Recipients

Dr. John D. Castelein, LCC '70, LCS '77, has lived a life engaged in preaching ministry and missions, along with 36



years of serving in the world of Christian Higher Education at Lincoln Christian University where he served as Professor of Theology, author, and preacher/teacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Well known to the North American Christian Convention and the International Conference on Missions, he has given over 30 presentations at their

annual conventions. He has taught at TCM International, near Vienna, Austria, and Kherson, Ukraine, as well as extension campuses in Chicago, Manchester (NH) and Bel Air (MD). He was awarded the highest level rank for a faculty member with an outstanding career as full-time professor, the "Distinguished Professor of Theology," in August, 2012. Because of his accomplished life, demonstrating remarkable intellect, spiritual development, and devotion to the Church of Jesus Christ, of which thousands have been benefactors, Dr. John Castelein was presented the 2013 Restoration Award in the field of Christian Higher Education, presented at the October 2013 Alumni Homecoming on LCU's campus.

Michael Kilgallin, LCC '81, received the 2013 Restoration Award in the field of Kingdom Service for nearly 40 years of



ministry that encompassed youth ministry, preaching ministry, a higher education professor, project manager and fund developer for churches and para-church markets, and currently as president of our sister school, Crossroads College in Minnesota. From his early years of service to this time, Mike's life is all about Christ's church. Everything he has done points to strengthening the

church with equipped leaders, needed resources, and outreach.

His creative business savvy and application of Christian stewardship, combined with the strongest of Christian character has resulted in a life that speaks for Christ and His church. The 2013 award was presented as a surprise to Mike in the presence of his alumni colleagues, friends, and family at the October Alumni Homecoming on the LCU campus.

Freddie L. Tedrick, LCC '76, received the 2013 Restoration Award in the field of Kingdom Service for nearly four decades



of service on the campus of Lincoln Christian University. From a full-time "right hand man" to Don Payne in 1976, to Superintendent of Building and Grounds, he presently holds the position of Director of Facility Maintenance. He has walked on the edge of miraculous with the way he has managed the physical properties of LCU, always with excellence and more often

than not, with a shoestring budget. Throughout his years of service, Freddie has been a 24/7 employee who cares for his staff as he respects them and leads them spiritually. It is not possible to calculate the many hundreds of thousands of dollars Freddie has saved LCU because of his skills, careful management, sacrificial style of service, creative abilities, and professional relationships with outside consumers. In light of the enormous and progressive changes made to the Lincoln Christian University campus, making it an impressive tool for Kingdom work, it is most appropriate that Freddie Tedrick was honored for making much of this happen under his leadership.

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June 22-25

Cost: \$150

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June 22-25

Girls' Soccer

June 25-28

Cost: \$150

Girls' Volleyball

High School: July 9-12

Jr. High 1: July 12-15

Jr. High 2: July 16-19

Cost: \$200

Children and grandchildren of Alumni are eligible to receive a \$75 camp scholarship.
To request a registration form call 1.888.5228, ext. 2224.