

# Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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*Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year to you and your families. My prayer is that your hearts will be filled with His joy. What an indescribable gift was given to all the world that night long ago!*

**--Diane Garvin  
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## News and Events...

- Christianity Today writes: "top evangelical scholars team up for landmark commentary on New Testament use of Old Testament." Go to: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/februaryweb-only/106-52.0.html>
- We give our congratulations to the 10 BGC Scholars who complete their Master's studies this December 2008. Commencement is on December 12.

## Facebook Corner:

The BGC Scholarship Program is on Facebook. It's a great way to stay connected with current and former scholars; we already have 35 members from all over! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to create a profile, do a search for us, and ask to join! We are a group called "BGC Scholarship Connections". 

## A Missionary's Christmas in Central Asia:

We plan a meal which includes different traditions from all our cultures represented. Christmas Eve is our Brazilian night. Brazilians have Christmas dinner very, very late...like around midnight. So we eat Brazilian barbeque and different sweets, etc. On Christmas Day, our whole team gathers around lunch time, have a feast together and we are usually graded by "Afhanta claus." A fellow team member in a red velvet "shalwar kameez" and beard proceeds to hand out gifts. We usually have a time of prayer before or after the meal praising God for his Son and praying that some day the people around us would know the beauty of the gift God has given us as well, and that we would have strength to continue to live incarnationally, just as "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."



Photo by Nicholas Kalyebara, one of our current BGC Scholars.

~ 2008 Scholar

## Featured BGC

### Alumnus: Felix Erondu of Nigeria ('01)

While Felix is now a bishop in the Anglican Church, the Lord has led him down a changing path to reach this point in ministry. After returning to Nigeria on September 11, 2001, Felix felt fully prepared to serve the Lord in diverse capacities having been equipped with enhanced skills at Wheaton College. Starting in January 2002, I began to serve God in various positions in Nigeria. First, he pastored a local congregation, and then was appointed Deputy Rector of Anglican Girls Junior Seminary in Aba.

In January 2006, he was transferred to St. Augustine's Anglican Seminary, and was later appointed the Rector of this school. In September 2007, he was appointed Arch-deacon of St. Georges Cathedral, and  
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**Snowy Days in Wheaton...** Another photo taken on one of those cold, sparkling days by Nicholas Kalyebara, one of our BGC Scholars. Bring back any memories?

In addition to his responsibilities here, and with the seminary, he was appointed as the Diocesan chaplain and zonal secretary to two different organizations. Now, Felix is in the Ivory Coast, establishing the first Anglican Church there.

He does not know where the Lord will take him after this, but thanks God for him time at Wheaton, and for the many diverse ministries he has been able to be a part of in so many diverse locations.

May the Lord bless his endeavors!

## Alumni Prayer Requests and Updates:

**Mboligihe Ndalou of the Congo ('07)** The LRA (Lord's Resistance Army) is killing, burning, looting and abducting children in the northeast DR Congo. Thousands are displaced, and overcrowding in shelters is a real concern, as is a need for food and supplies. Pray for the coordinated relief efforts.

**Myrto Theocharous of Greece ('07)** Myrto is currently earning her PhD in the UK to return to the Greek Bible College to teach. A new law requires the college to pay a high fee in order to allow them to offer degrees to its students. Pray the Lord will provide for the college to continue training pastors and church leaders.

**Megan Roberts ('07)** Join her in praising God for a peaceful resolution to Thailand's recent political conflicts, so far. The Thai court has removed the prime minister from office on accusations of election fraud. While the airports are now open, the government is still a bit unstable.

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