

Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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He is risen! Yes, He is risen, indeed! As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, let us create ways to proclaim His victory over the grave in our every day lives. To share the Good News, that He is risen!

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News and Events...

- After the Selection Meeting on February 28, we have invited internationals and missionaries from all corners of the world to study as BGC Scholars in Fall 2009. Praise God for His guiding hand.
- Loren Cunningham, founder of YWAM, and global minister was the special speaker at Wheaton this semester. Take a listen, he was here in February!
<http://www.wheaton.edu/wetn/chapelspring09.htm>

Facebook Corner:

Talk about global issues and other topics with BGC Scholars. The Scholarship Program has a group on Facebook, and we already have 48 members from all over! Go to www.facebook.com to create a profile, do a search for us, and ask to join! We are a group called "BGC Scholarship Connection".



"The King is Coming!"

When I called to make an appointment with the director of the orphanage, she said, "Come today! The king is coming! Come and wait for the king with us!" Charging in hurried words, she explained that...she and all the orphan girls



Ready for Spring...After a long winter, Wheaton is starting to bloom! Here, Olga Suhareva ('07), captured a beautiful water lily blooming at the Chicago Botanical Gardens.

were going to line up on the street to greet him. When I got within a few blocks of the orphanage, I had to get out of the taxi, as all of the streets were barricaded for His Majesty's coming. Soon after I arrived at the orphanage,...we went out to wait. The sidewalks that lined the street were bulging with masses of people. But as His Majesty was later than he'd said, one could see that the people began to grow tired...I could feel the sweat steadily trickling down my back.

Finally, in an instant, the crowd knew: "He's coming, he's coming!"...a lady next to me yelled and pointed "There he is!" For an instant—for maybe a second or two I saw him...whiz by, waving.

And then he was gone. That was it...My heart went out to the crowd as they dispersed...As I walked back into the orphanage, I immediately thought, "Thank goodness God's not like that." But I wonder if all of these people here know that God is different from that. Or do they think that...He will come close for a second and disappear again before they even get to touch Him. ...it's my consistent prayer that He really will come close, reveal Himself, and prove them wrong with His love.

~ 2002 Scholar

Dr. Jerry Root (Faculty/Staff Member) Reflects: "The Deep Significance of Telling Others of the Love of God"

Evangelism and the complementary process of making disciples is one of the most important activities in which any Christian can participate. Our world is a broken one. We the people are broken and consequently our institutions have that imprint upon them that reflects our sorrowful state. The Bible is not neglectful of the need for Good News. Have you ever noticed how everyone in the Scriptures could have introduced himself, or herself, in some kind of recovery group? Imagine it:
"Hi. My name is Moses and I'm a hot-head and a murderer".
"Hi. My name is David. I am an adulterer and a murderer".
"Hi. My name is Paul. I am a Christian killer and I am very difficult to work with".

As I observe these folks I see that each one was flawed

and yet each did significant Kingdom work. The flaws became grace places; places of humility, which I believe is a synonym for honesty. They came to acknowledge in progressively deeper ways their need of God's love and mercy. For, to each, in his or her specific need, God came because He loved them; as He loves us. He loves us with a love that is not conditioned by our performance. In Francis Thompson's poem "The Hound of Heaven" the hound, who represents God, asks the man who has been running from Him (the man whose life is spent in dissipation), "Human love demands human meriting; how hast thou merited? Of all man's dingiest clay thou art the dingiest clot. Alas, thou knowest not how unworthy of love thou art. Whom wilt thou find to love ignoble thee, save me? Save only me. Rise, clasp my hand and come...." The words are very powerful. God's love is not conditioned by performance; it is deeper, wider, and mightier than ever imagined.

Alumni Prayer Requests and Updates:

Mboligihe Ndalú ('07) in the Congo asks for continuous prayer for the Dungu region as it continues to be relatively unstable and for his and his family's soon return.

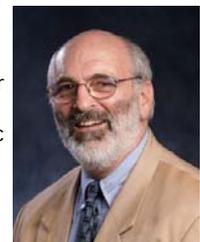
José Pablo Sánchez-Nuñez ('96) in Spain recently applied for an evangelical FM radio station, and was turned down. Ask the Lord to reveal His will in this discouraging decision.

Regina Alexander ('97) in India is asking for God's wisdom and funds in getting land for Star Village and IMPACT programs (community development work among the Dalits).

Hans Jurie Goosen ('93) in South Africa gives praise for the growth of the international church in Stellenbosch and the good Bible study camp. He asks for prayer for the medical needs of his son Timo and for the university students he serves.

Furthermore, his forgiveness goes deeper too; it is a very specific application of his deep love. "God proved His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

(Dr. Root's article will be continued in the following issue)



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