



Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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Warm greetings from a beautiful, orange, red, yellow and brown technicolor of trees and blue sky here in Wheaton as we enjoy this fall season. It reminds me of the artistry of our awesome God! I thank the Lord for each of you, who also are a beautiful, exquisite work of His hand.

(Psa. 139:17)



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Above, the new international scholars, from left to right: Mr. Marcus Figueiredo from Brazil, serving in Central Asia, Mr. Girma Gebremedhin from Ethiopia, Mr. Hsi Chin (Solomon) Tang from Taiwan, Mrs. Faraja Songela from Tanzania, Miss Adeline Kamwasiir from Uganda, and Mr. Konstantin Oshchepkov from Russia, serving in Asia.

News and Events

Dr. Philip G. Ryken was recently inaugurated as the eighth president of Wheaton College. More information about Dr. Ryken and video of the ceremony can be found [here](#).

A new building has been completed on Wheaton's campus—the Science Center. This building will house all of Wheaton's science departments. See photos of the October 1 dedication ceremony and the building (including the new home of Perry!) [here](#).

Wheaton College was recently ranked #1 on a list of "25 Top Schools in America" by the journal *First Things*, published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life.



Stay tuned for our next newsletter, which will contain reflections on the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization recently held in Cape Town, South Africa.

Alumna Highlight: Miriam Smith

Miriam Smith, a BGC Furloughing Missionary Scholar in 2002/2007, is committed to holistic ministry. Miriam and her husband, Kevin, are Assemblies of God missionaries in northern Kenya.

The Kenya Assemblies of God has over 3000 preaching points in Kenya, many in areas that have very poor access to clean water. The local pastors and congregations are committed to seeing Christ's love come to their communities through the drilling of wells. Kevin travels with national pastors and Christian hydrologists to survey sites for potential boreholes.

Drilling a borehole is usually considered a technological, secular activity, but Kevin and Miriam believe that every activity is an opportunity to point people to God. In conjunction with Water for the World, a Christian drilling company, a holistic approach to drilling has been developed. Each project is bathed in prayer. The technical drilling team has been trained in holistic witness and chronological Bible storying. Each evening when the technical work of drilling is over, the local drillers have a chance to interact and witness relevantly to the people.



Once the drilling of the borehole is complete, the network of local believers is trained to continue the holistic development begun in the project. A community mobilizer helps empower the local people to find ways to sustain the borehole. The incredibly nutritious Moringa tree is planted at every site, and local pastors are trained in its use. In areas where the pastors face difficult barriers between religious factions, training is made available on how to build bridges. Transformational development seminars are carried out to enable members of local churches to continue touching their communities holistically.

[See a video Kevin and Miriam created for their supporters here.](#)



Alumni Prayer Requests:

- Cathy G. (2008) finished with her radiation treatments and asks prayer that remaining drug treatments will kill off any remaining cancer cells. Also pray for the Lord's blessing in the next few months as she speaks at churches and His guidance as she decides on a team to join when she returns to Asia.
- Jeremy Sieberhagen (2007, South Africa) asks for prayer for his family as he begins his treatment for serious cancers that have invaded his body. Pray for healing, strengthening in the Lord for the long-haul, peace and provision for the costs of ongoing treatment.
- Doug Hamm (2004) The Austrian residence visas for the entire family have recently been revoked after years of service. Pray for the energy to fight for new visas and for God's steps to be clear. Pray for peace and rest.

Resource Corner

- ♦ **Lausanne World Pulse** is the monthly online periodical giving glimpses of the Lord's work around the globe. Access it at: <http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com> If you would like to write an article, contact Laurie at: Laurie.Nichols@wheaton.edu. To see an article by a BGC scholar, [click here](#).
- ♦ **Centerline** (the newsletter of the Billy Graham Center) has recently published a wonderful article celebrating 35 years of the Scholarship Program. To read it, [click here](#).
- ♦ The [newest edition of Wheaton Magazine](#) contains updates on our new college president, Dr. Philip Ryken, the text of Dr. John Ortberg's May Commencement speech, and other news from Wheaton.



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