



Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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Dear brothers and sisters,
 Please receive my greeting and prayers from the Billy Graham Center this cold morning in Chicago. It is about 8 degrees Fahrenheit. Yet my heart and mind ponder not our cold weather, but the cold realities of our world without Christ. Sometimes my "reason" tells me we are losing the war on goodness and salvation. Today I am reading of atrocities toward our brethren in Iraq. Cholera is spreading rapidly in Haiti. I could go on, but won't. Rather I place my "faith" hat on and remember that Immanuel is with us. You are serving throughout the world and thousands of others like you. I have hope. Christ in us is the hope of glory. It will not always be cold.



A blessed and hope-filled Christmas to you all.

**Lon Allison
 Billy Graham Center**

News & Resources

- ◆ In keeping with the Billy Graham Center's mission of accelerating global evangelism, we recently held an evangelism training for all scholars. Our special speaker for this event was Dr. Lon Allison, the Executive Director of the BGC.
- ◆ Congratulations to our December graduates! We can't wait to hear about the things God will do through you. Don't forget to add us to your newsletter lists. We LOVE to hear from you!



Lausanne Reflections



In this issue of our newsletter, we want to share with you the insights gained by our former scholars at the recent Lausanne Congress in Cape Town, South Africa. The photo above showcases several scholars present at the Wheaton Alumni Reunion at the Congress. See anyone you recognize? You might also like to read reflections from BGC Executive Director, Dr. Lon Allison in the latest issue of Centerline, found [here](#).

"The Congress was to me a reflection of what we will experience in heaven in unending fellowship and worship to the King of Glory and Lord of Lords... The wonder of the gospel was on display through the expositions, the topical issues raised and discussed and the personal testimonies to affirm the case of each topic....."

----**Gideon Para-Mallam**, Regional Secretary, IFES-EPISA, Nigeria
 International Deputy Director, The Lausanne Movement
 1997 International Christian Leader/Scholar

"The call to live with more humility, integrity and simplicity resonated with me strongly. For me as a national coordinator of Croatian participants (only 7 people), who all represented different denominations and organizations, it was encouraging to see the level of friendship that developed among us. I believe that inspiration from the Third Lausanne Congress and our new friendship will make a difference for Christ and His kingdom in Croatia in the years to come!"

----**Drazen Glavas**, President of the Board
 STEP/IFES/InterVarsity Christian Fellowship-Croatia
 1997/2009 International Christian Leader/Scholar

"In my opinion, the 'unreached people group' focus is the Lausanne movement's biggest contribution to world missions. I appreciated Paul Eshelman's message because I think it is THE critical issue. 86% of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists do not know a Christian. Wow!"

----**Jeff Korum**, North American Missionary, Ghana
 2000 Furloughing Missionary Scholar

"I was particularly touched by what God is doing worldwide. Worshipping with a multitude of people from every part of the globe was so phenomenal....I have been moved more to support the church in 'closed countries' through prayer. And to appreciate more the setting of my calling as I endeavor to seize every opportunity of ministry."

----**Milton Tweheyo**, Director of Student Affairs
 Uganda Christian University
 1998 International Christian Leader/Scholar

"John Piper reminded us that God has appointed suffering and prayer to bring the nations to Christ. I am so moved by the countless testimonies of suffering for the sake of the gospel that I have heard...Our sufferings are our joy. Our sufferings may not be the concrete and dramatic examples of persecution that we share. Nevertheless, any investment of love and care in another person inevitably leads to suffering. The pain of loving another person as yourself is never easy. As we step out in obedience, God will inevitably lead us as we take up our cross daily and follow Him. May we be faithful in His calling."

----2005 Pre-field Missionary Scholar
 (Name Withheld by Request)

Alumni Prayer Requests

- The infant daughter of Nathan and Vera Beck (2002/1998) is currently recovering from open-heart surgery. Pray for her continued healing and strength.
- Cathy G. (2008) continues to receive treatment for cancer. Please pray for wisdom as she seeks to return to the field.
- Lift up Todd Morr (1996) as he meets with a team of Eastern European church planters to strategize for the coming years.
- Continue to lift up Jeremy S. (2007) in his fight against cancer.
- Ben (1998) requests prayer for his work in Scripture translation. Pray for strength and clear thinking.
- Pray for the family of Steve and Sara Carey (1997) as they seek treatment for their daughter, Julia. Their search has brought a good deal of attention to their work in France. Pray that God would continue to be glorified.

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