



Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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In this season of Thanksgiving, I want you to know how grateful to God we are for you and for what He is accomplishing for His Kingdom through your efforts. "The eternal God is your refuge, and **underneath** are the **everlasting arms**; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, "Destroy!" (Deut. 33:27)

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Above, the new international scholars, from left to right: Miss Tanya Kanishcheva from Russia, serving in Asia, Miss Judith Dixon from Jamaica, Mrs. Johanna Defoy from France, Mr. Frederic Defoy from France, Pastor Harun Njuguna from Kenya, and Mr. George Obiero from Kenya. (Photo courtesy Michael Hudson Photography) The Scholarship Program also welcomed five furloughing missionaries, three urban missionaries, and three pre-field missionary candidates.

News and Events

- Come and visit us on Facebook! Look for us under 'The Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program.' We'd love to hear from you—please feel free to post updates or questions to our Facebook page! **NOTE:** Unlike our old group, this page is not private. Please keep this in mind when posting.
- Our fall evangelism training was a great time of learning. Dr. Lon Allison, Exec. Director of the BGC, and Rev. Chris Castaldo, Director of the new BGC Ministry of Gospel Renewal, taught about prayer evangelism. It was great to see all of the scholars together, talking about their ministries and studies. Pictures of the evening can be found on our Facebook page!
- Check out the new issue of Centerline, the BGC Newsletter! You can find it online here.

Alumna Highlight: Myrto Theocharous 2005 International BGC Scholar

Myrto graduated from WCGS in May 2007 with an M.A. in Biblical Exegesis. She then completed a PhD in Old Testament at the University of Cambridge. She is now teaching at Greek Bible College in Athens, Greece, where she has written her own textbooks for her course there on Ancient Near Eastern Backgrounds. She also continues her work in anti-trafficking ministries in Greece.



Myrto pursued her PhD with the help of Langham Partnership International, which helps leaders from the Majority World gain additional Biblical training. Like the BGC Scholarship Program, the Langham Partnership is highly selective with a rigorous application process and specific post-study requirements. You can find more information about the [Langham Partnership here](#). Myrto wrote to us (below) about her experience with the Langham Partnership.

It was the cry of the people, the desire of the nations that gave birth to Langham Partnership. John Stott travelled around the world with a listening heart and adopted the priorities of the local churches which realized that they needed good biblical teaching in order to serve their people effectively. In the field we know that God's word is much more than cerebral. It is the fountain of life and health in the body (Prov 4:20-23), and Langham does exactly that: it helps God's servants get "water" for their people.

It is easy for one to understand why an advanced degree in the Bible is needed for teaching in a Theological College, but it is harder for one to see how it could be useful for street ministries such as anti-trafficking work. In my case, my education helped me get deeper into the varied ways God interacted with humans in history while at the same time weaving a rich grand narrative for the world. This gave me eyes to see the individual in their particularity but also to see them placed in God's universal kingdom that is being built. It is not enough for people to be physically rescued for they easily return to the only way of life they have learned to live. It is the implanting of a new biblical image of themselves and the adoption of a new story which supersedes themselves that brings permanent change in people's lives. This is how Langham changed my life also.

Alumni Prayer Requests:

- A 1998 alumnus serving in the Middle East seeks prayer for the stabilization of the nation in which he serves. Also, please lift up his team's need for 6 local partners in church planting and for new contacts, open hearts and doors, and wisdom as they seek to bless the small local church.
- Please pray that God would grant two additional 1998 alumni wisdom as they look into possible changes in their ministry to decrease their workload and divide their team's area into more manageable pieces for the team members.
- Lance (PFMC, 2005) and Michelle (PFMC, 2006) in Bulgaria need God's guidance as their team faces the rejection of their visa applications with the Ministry of Justice. Pray for a reversal of this decision and for faith, wisdom, and grace as the team makes decisions.
- Two recent alumni have requested prayer for M's celebrating the Festival of Sacrifice to see that only the blood of Christ can wash away our sins.
- Pray for Todd and Terri Althaus (FM, 2001, 2009) as they minister in their neighborhood and town in France. Pray that they would be sensitive to those who are ready to hear the Good News.

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