TAKING HOLD: The Gospel In Uganda
The President's Perspective

Students get a glimpse of Christianity in Africa

The fall semester has been extraordinarily busy as we have launched many exciting initiatives including our State of Christendom lecture series featured in this edition. Focusing this year on the continent of Africa, we have heard this semester from Jackson Senyonga and Peterson Sozi how God is at work in Uganda.

Not only are many souls being saved throughout this country, but leaders in business and government are recognizing their responsibility to govern and conduct commerce according to biblical principles. Our students are being given the opportunity to witness how God is working in this burgeoning country of Africa, how a people who have simply called out to the Lord through constant prayer, and how God has answered their prayer by demonstrating His power and glory in miraculous ways.

It is becoming very evident that the face of Christendom as we know it today is changing rapidly throughout the world and will continue to do so within the next fifty years. Philip Jenkins in his book, *The Next Christendom*, traces the rise of Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa as compared with Europe, "Even in terms of formal adherence to Christianity, sub-Saharan Africa will already have displaced Europe as the chief Christian heartland within a mere quarter-century." Uganda has grown from 5.5 million people in 1950 to over 23 million today, and conservative estimates call for 65 million by 2050 (43 million of those will be Christian, and Jenkins believes that 50 million Christians by mid century is possible). "At that point, there will be more self-identified Christians in Uganda than in nations like Germany or Britain. By some estimates, Uganda could by that point have more active church members than the four or five largest European nations combined."

Several of our students will have the opportunity to work as volunteers with these Ugandan ministries here in the United States next semester and hopefully in Africa this coming summer. As you think of Bryan College this year, please pray that God will continue to use Bryan students, faculty, and staff in global outreach and evangelism for Christ and that the compelling message of the gospel will remain the focal goal of all our ministries.

During this new year, I trust that we will all remember God's gift to us, His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, as our Creator, willingly came to earth to be born of His creation, lived a perfect life to give us a glimpse of the Father, and was crucified by the hands of His creation to give us access to the Father. God's gift to us, Jesus Christ, is our risen Savior, and through Him we can enter into eternal life and know the fulfillment of a life lived as God has designed for us since before the world began.

May God richly bless you and keep you in His care. As always, I invite you to return to our beautiful campus and witness all that God is doing here, and do keep us constantly in your prayers (Jeremiah 33:3).

"But thanks be to God, who continually leads us about, captives in Christ's triumphant procession, and everywhere uses us to reveal and spread abroad the fragrance of the knowledge of himself!" (II Corinthians 2:14 NEB)

Stephen D. Livesay
The State of Christendom lecture series is designed to help Bryan students understand that the answer to that question is a resounding “No!” While a common faith in Jesus Christ unites Christians, a number of factors may make believers forget that truth.

Beginning with the continent of Africa, The State of Christendom lecture series is designed to give students a look at the face of Christianity in other corners of the globe. Speakers from Europe, Asia, and South America are being considered for lectures in the coming years.

Thanks to the generous support of Reid Henson, a member of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in the Chattanooga area, the Rev. Jackson Senyonga, founder and senior pastor of Christian Life Church of Kampala, and the Rev. Peterson Sozi, founder of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda and director of the Back to God Evangelistic Association, spoke about their experiences and ministries in Uganda.

Uganda is a nation of some 25.6 million persons with an area of some 91,137 square miles, slightly smaller than Oregon. The population is about one-third Protestant, a third Roman Catholic, 16 percent Muslim, and 18 percent indigenous beliefs. The nation has moved from a time of intense persecution of Christians during the Idi Amin regime in the 1970s to an era where the Gospel is having a significant impact on the life and culture of the nation.

“Alive,” “growing,” “powerful,” are words that describe the church in Uganda, a church that survived and grew through bloody persecution, and prospered as God responded to prayers of His people there.

This was the message two Ugandan pastors gave during the first State of Christendom Lectures at Bryan in October. Jackson Senyonga, founder and senior pastor of Christian Life Church in Kampala, and Peterson Sozi, executive director and founder of Back to God Evangelistic Association, gave two perspectives on Uganda’s revival during their lectures.

Today, the church in Uganda is a vital force in that nation’s culture, a fact both men attribute to the response of God to the prayers of His people.

“God has transformed the political system,” Mr. Senyonga said. “There is prayer by our president, in the state house, the courts. The crime rate is dropping and police are coming to the churches and saying ‘thank you.’ God is over our nation in a good way. It’s like we have more angels in the cities than demons.”

Uganda was not always like that. When Idi Amin came to power in 1971, he instituted a reign of terror, seeking to establish himself as the unchallenged

Lessons from the 3rd World Church

by Lloyd Milligan

We in our modern, self-sufficient society, could we have anything to learn from the poverty-stricken Third World?

At first thought you might say “no.” We are more advanced in our housing, transportation, food production, education... the list goes on and on. What lessons could we possibly learn from the very people our country is trying to help with food aid and AIDS programs?

With our biblical worldview don’t we see the world the way God see it? I’m afraid this is an ethnocentric view and the answer to this question is “no.” And the answer to the question about having something to learn from the Third World church is “yes.” You see, the problem is we see our biblical worldview through the glasses of our culture. The cultural values we embrace color the
ruler and, with the financial backing of Muslim countries, to convert Uganda to an Islamic state.

"Idi Amin killed missionaries; others ran for their lives," Pastor Senyonga said. "He killed believers, even people like ambassadors. The statistics say that at least every family had one person killed."

Pastor Sozi recalled that Christians met in secret for fear of the government and its secret police. One Sunday, the wife of a secret policeman brought their son, who could walk only with crutches, to a service without her husband's knowledge. After the service, the boy was miraculously healed. "His mother had to take him back to his father," he said. "He wanted to know what had happened, and when she told him, he said, 'Take me there. I want to worship God.'"

The believers still at the home where the service had been held saw him coming. "We knew who he was by his haircut — they all had their hair cut in a certain manner. He asked, 'Did you do this?' We were afraid, so we said, 'No, Jesus did.' He believed and went and

way we see the world. These values are so deeply seated within us that we don't even realize that they are there. It takes some pretty hard soul- and Scripture-searching to distinguish between true biblical values and my culturally tainted biblical values.

Let me give you an example. We in America are basically time-conscious, hard-working individualists, whereas the majority in the Third World would be event-conscious, relationship-building communities. Whereas we would focus our time on doing things and producing things, individuals in the Third World would focus on building and maintaining relationships for community harmony.

The question arises, where would Jesus fit in all this? There are several instances where Jesus seemed more focused on events and stayed extra days to minister in certain places before continuing his journey. And when Nicodemus came at night, this did not seem to bother the Master. Would we be as free with our time as this? You see, for Jesus the events were more important than the schedule.

I think we would do well to learn some lessons here about the importance of people and their souls, versus guarding our time, which really isn't ours anyway, and keeping to our schedules. Not an easy thing to do when our society puts such a high value on punctuality.

Unity is another area where we have much to learn from a different perspective on the world.

Recently two pastors from Uganda came to Bryan to share about the revival in that country. In poverty and severe persecution the Christians of Uganda have cried out in desperation to God, and God has answered their
told his friends what had happened."

After Amin was deposed, the situation did not improve under the new president, Pastor Senyonga said. "In desperation, we said, 'What do we do?' We came to the point of saying, 'We don't know what to do, but we know the One Who does.' That was the beginning of a wonderful transformation story. It began with prayer. People began to pray like desperate people, like dying people.

"We were not praying for me, myself, and I, not for our needs to be met, but praying for God to come deliver our people. We were saying, 'Lord, please come back to this nation; bring this nation back to you.'"

Pastor Senyonga said when the people in his fellowship realized that God has promised to "give the nations for your inheritance" (Psalm 2:8), "we began to pray it back to God."

This led him to realize that effective prayer for a nation involves six steps: First, homes need to be covered under the canopy of prayer. Second, churches need to be praying regularly. Third, believers in prayers. Are we desperate for God like that? All too often I'm afraid the answer is "no." Our education and prosperity have left us all too well-equipped to help ourselves out of any trouble we find ourselves in. We pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps and wonder why God seems so distant. Agur the son of Jakeh writes in Proverbs 30:7-9 "O God, I beg two favors from you before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name."

(NLT)

The Third World has no trouble seeing their need for God's help. Even as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, it took a long time for me to learn that it is a good thing to ask for help. I love to help people. But it was hard for me to ask for it. When we are stubbornly independent, we rob those with the gift of helps from the joy of exercising their gift, all because we are too proud to ask.

Space does not allow me to look at other lessons we could learn from the Third World, or to look at these more deeply. But if this has gotten you thinking, let me give you a resource that deals with this topic. It's a little book called Ministering Cross-Culturally by Sherwood G. Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers (ISBN: 0-8010-5632-2). May your vision be expanded.

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communities must gather together to pray, despite their different church affiliations. Fourth, communities in cities must unite to pray. Fifth, there must be a united, coordinated effort regularly to pray for the nation. Finally, there must be prayer for the nations of the earth.

"Those six levels of prayer have transformed the nation of Uganda," he said. "We prayed and God happened to people. I had to go to my church and say 'stop bringing your friends.' We had to build a better leadership base to follow up with visitors and new believers." As the people prayed, the church grew, from an initial group of seven to membership of more than 7,000 after just one year.

Pastor Senyonga said that while God is working in a mighty way, and Ugandans are coming to faith in Christ in large numbers, the church there needs to expand its work beyond evangelism. He said Muslims are establishing schools and colleges in an effort to win the minds – and hearts – of the people, and Christians must do the same. Pastor Sozi, on the other hand, said he has "retired" as a pastor and now leads the Back to God Evangelistic Association, which operates orphanages, leadership training programs, HIV/AIDS awareness programs and medical clinics, and provides support to other groups wanting further theological training.

He encouraged students to grow in knowledge of God's Word – the light – without sacrificing the passion – the fire – for Christ. "We need the light and the fire."

And like Pastor Senyonga, he emphasized that transformation of a society "begins on our knees."

The miracles that the church in Uganda has experienced have come as a result of the prayers of God's people. "When we talk about miracles, people think we are televangelists," he said. "But God is still kind. He is still the great 'I Am.' He does not change."

God will transform lives, so individuals can be a transforming agent in society, Pastor Senyonga said. "I pray you may be a transformation agent. The Lord has called all of you to take prayer to the next level in your life. You have to do the right thing first. Pay the price through prayer."
Seeds of the Gospel are taking root throughout Africa, and Ken Baker, '76, has had a part in this through his ministry with SIM.

Ken, with his wife, Gwen, are in their sixth term with SIM, working as church planters in eastern Niger. Ken also serves as SIM deputy director in the area.

"During my seminary years I was greatly influenced toward ministry in Africa by Tokunboh Adeyemo, general secretary of the Association of Evangelicals of Africa, who had grown up in SIM-related churches. He challenged me (and Steve Strauss, '76, and six other fellows), to come to Africa. At the time, SIM was the largest mission focused exclusively on Africa, so it seemed like a good fit."

Preparation for seminary and ministry came as he earned a history degree at Bryan. "By far, the most significant aspect of preparation was the impact certain professors had on my life," Ken said. "Bob Andrews, Bob Spoede, and Gary Phillips were excellent mentors, and they continue to be very special friends and supporters in our lives and ministry. Their godly example and encouragement left a life-long impression."

Ken and Gwen met during their first term, in Liberia. They were on church-planting teams, Ken in the capital Monrovia and Gwen in the interior. "I was invited to teach at a Bible conference in her region, and the rest is history," he said. "History" now includes David, 17; Michelle, 15; and Catherine, 13.

After service in Liberia, the family moved to Ivory Coast, and most recently to Niger, primarily in church planting. All along, Ken has had a continuing ministry of pastorsing and encouraging their SIM colleagues. He also has served in administrative roles, including service as the West African representative for SIM's International Advisory Council.

Over the years, the Bakers have seen fundamentalism and radicalism growing, together with the influence of Islamic sects. Along with those have come the fear and reality of persecution for believers, not to mention the daily challenge of living in a harsh climate where physical and spiritual needs are abundant.

While there are challenges, they are encouraged by national believers involved in outreach as never before, and in the "tremendous witness Christian family life has in the culture." Leadership in the national church also is developing and strengthening in exciting ways, he said.

Ken said he has come to realize that "the center of gravity in global Christianity has moved south and east" from the United States, a fact most North American Christians have not grasped.

"Instead, American Christians largely retain the perception that they are the world's benefactor, politically and spiritually. We Americans tend to prefer the teacher/giver role over the learner/receiver role. Those Christians who have endured so much for their faith have so much to teach us about perseverance in suffering for Christ."

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LADY LIONS AIMING HIGH

Last season’s 29-9 record will be just a warm-up for the Lady Lions if Coach Matt Bollant’s pre-season expectations are met.

The Lady Lions, who advanced to the NCCAA national tournament, return the top eight players from last year and have added two outstanding freshmen. One of those, Brittany Swanson, “has a realistic chance of being an all-conference player,” Coach Bollant said.

“I expect the team to be better this year in every aspect of the game,” the coach said. “Our understanding of the game is good. We have intelligent players who understand the game and what I want.”

Heading the returning cast is last year’s conference Player of the Year, Liz Bass. Her sister, Sarah, “is the best defensive player, probably the best all-around player in the conference. Katie White can score inside and out.”

Stephanie and Valerie Huttenhoff, Kate Strunk, and Talor Armstrong will provide strong support, bolstered by freshman Jessica Colvin and, after volleyball and soccer seasons end, by Anna Rusch and Abigail Sneed.

“I think shooting is our biggest strength. In our first game we shot 57 percent against a pretty good defensive team,” the coach said. “I think we can get better on defense. Last year we scored 80 points per game and had one of the best defenses in the conference. But to be a championship team, we have to be better on defense.”

“Winning the conference championship comes down to winning close games. Last year we lost two close games to Wesleyan. If we had won either of them we would have won the conference,” he said.

NEDDO BIDS "ADIEU" TO BRYAN

Bryan women’s soccer Coach Marc Neddo, ‘92, has announced his resignation effective at the end of the fall semester to begin work in a camping ministry in Europe.

Coach Neddo started the women’s soccer program at Bryan, taking it from a club sport in 1994 to a varsity team in 1996. In his eight years he compiled a 53-75-4 record and his team earned 3 trips to the NCCAA national tournament.

Athletic Director Sandy Zensen said, "Marc played for me as my starting keeper in 1990-91. He was a great keeper and a great coach. He has taken the women’s program and done a great job with it. He’s well-respected in the conference. I’m going to miss him.”

Mr. Neddo will begin work with Greater Europe Mission’s Camp of the Peaks in the French Alps. He will assist the director with planning camps, then run the camp sessions. “I’ve been working there in the summers since 1998, and they’ve asked me for a long time to do this,” Mr. Neddo said. “I said all along it was a good idea, but not a ‘God idea,’ but now it’s a God idea. I’m taking a step of faith; there are a lot of unanswered questions, but I’m confident this is the right thing to do at this point in my life.”

He said he has enjoyed his time coaching. “The fulfilling part in being the first coach is having a hand in building the program and seeing how far they have come. We are competitive, getting recognition, and being respected by other teams in the conference.”

BRYAN COLLEGE

MEN’S SOCCER TEAM FINISHES 18-3

Pride in accomplishment overcame disappointment as the Lions’ soccer team finished the season with an 18-3 record, the best in memory.

Coach Sandy Zensen said the team’s 18-3 record, in the NAIA, made this year better than expected. “The team and as the season wore on, they began to believe in themselves,” the coach said. “Plus, we had depth.” Those factors contributed to their success.

The Lions lost only to Virginia Intermont and Tenn Tech, but came back and avenged the loss to Wesleyan. “Two games stand out,” Coach Zensen said. “Cowboy country, and the tournament game with Intermont. We did. After losing to them during the regular season, we won.”

While he praised the team for its accomplishment, he also credited the captains Josh Ray and Russell Courtenay, together with Marshall. “They provided leadership, stability, and experience.”

Freshman Corey Remillard, “a very mature player,” a competitor. He played about every position on the field and keeper Jonathan Sutton ended the season with seven shutouts. “He came up with big saves.”

Lady Lions Basketball Schedule

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LIONS BASKETBALL

A young Lions basketball team will take on the challenge of improving on last year's 13-19 record and making Bryan a force to be reckoned with in the Appalachian Athletic Conference this season, Coach Morris Michalski believes.

While the team is young – only three seniors, and only one of them is playing his fourth year of college basketball – the coach said there is potential for achievement. "There's enough promise to make me think that later on we could be good, but it will be challenging for us to persist and grow. The season opener against Bluefield exposed some things that exposed our youth, but we looked a little commanding and disciplined against Atlanta Christian in our second game," he said.

Coach Michalski is looking to seniors Chris Travis, his only four-year player; Dillon McElroy, one of two team members playing a third season; and Jim Hanson, playing his second season of college ball, to provide leadership to the young team, which includes 10 new players. He expects Michael Stone, a junior, to play a strong role, along with sophomore Jonathan Little, who had "an outstanding preseason."

He also is excited about Gabe Johnson, a sophomore transfer, who will become eligible next semester. "He is so tenacious, solid, and potent at both ends of the floor," the coach said. "I expect him to be an all-conference player before he's done." Dillon McElroy has all-conference potential as well, he added. "Unquestionably, he is the best shooter in our league."

Coach Michalski is concerned about the health of his squad since five players are recovering from off-season or early-season injuries. "We will have a good year if we stay healthy and be patient through the growth process. We can't let the initial growing pains take away from our pursuit of excellence."

He expects Bluefield, King, Tennessee Wesleyan, and University of Virginia-Wise to be the teams to beat in the conference, but he's counting on his team to make a strong showing as they gain experience.

Denotes Appalachian Athletic Conference game
AAC Tournament February 25 - 28

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM FINISHES 7-6

A lot of heart and high intensity helped propel the Lady Lions' soccer team to a 7-6 regular-season record, to the NCCAA regional championship, and to the national tournament for the third year in a row.

Coach Marc Neddo said the team's accomplishment came despite having more than half the players new to the squad. "I knew going in with over 50 percent new players that it would not be an easy season as far as maintaining the level we had achieved. But the girls worked hard to be successful, and I think they succeeded."

They succeeded to the point of being listed in the Top 10 of the NCCAA all season, and finished the regular season ranked No. 8 nationally and first in the Mideast Region.

"One goal was to beat a team we hadn't beaten," the coach said, "and we did that. We came from behind to beat King 3-2." They also tied AAC powerhouse Virginia Intermont, and lost a second meeting with VI in double overtime, "To do that, the girls have to be playing up to their ability," the coach said.

Another highlight was a 7-3 victory over traditional NAIA power Belhaven. "That was a benchmark of what we can do if we make up with intensity and heart what we lack in skill and experience," he said.

Coach Neddo had special praise for forwards Abigail Sneed, who led the AAC in points at the end of the regular season and led the NCCAA nationally, and Renee Delmotte, "a dangerous player, skilled on the ball and a good outside shot." Renee was seventh in the NCCAA nationally in assists.

He called Aubre Mohns "our engine in the midfield. She provided a lot of energy." Michelle Unsicker anchored the defense, and keeper Heather Couch "had a very commendable freshman season."

Anna Hanger moved from forward to defense to cover needs there. "She is a dependable player who always gives her best," And Kat Hogan, another freshman, saw action all over the field. "Wherever I put her, she strengthened the field."
COURTNEY NCCAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Bryan senior defender Russell Courtney was named the 2003 National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Men’s Soccer Player of the Year and received the 2003 NCCAA Kyle Rote, Jr. Award.

Serving as team captain and anchoring the Lion defense, Courtney also earned a nomination for NCCAA All-American honors. Coach Sandy Zensen said, “Persevering with the heart of a lion is how we all see Russell, not only on the soccer field but on campus. He leads by example whether he is with his team or within a small group Bible study.”

Overcoming a broken back and a broken leg throughout his career has only strengthened his resolve to excel in all areas of life. “Russell Courtney best represents the spirit of the NCCAA. He is a fine young man, a man of character who will continue to be an asset to the Kingdom of God and the cause of Jesus Christ. He is an outstanding athlete and, most important, a great human being who God will use to reach the next generation,” added Zensen.

LION ROYALTY CROWNED

Amanda Immel, a senior history major, was crowned homecoming queen, and Tim Opelt, a senior mathematics/computer science and church music major, was crowned king during Bryan’s homecoming festivities Oct. 4. Hundreds of alumni returned to campus for the weekend which began with Dr. Livesay’s inauguration as Bryan’s seventh president on Oct. 3, and culminated with an alumni worship service on Oct. 5.

FALL SPORTS HONORS

A number of Bryan athletes have received honors for their performance on the field or court this fall. They include:

MEN’S SOCCER:
Josh Ray, First Team All-AAC; Russell Courtney and Jamal Marshall, Second Team All-AAC; Dan Harvey and Corey Remillard, Third Team All-AAC.

Henry Barrios, Craig Biddy, Tim Franklin, Dan Harvey, Jordan Mattheiss, and Mark Ramsey, Academic All-Conference Team.

Dr. Sandy Zensen was named AAC and NCCAA Mid-East Region Coach of the Year, and the team received the AAC Champions of Character Team Award.

Russell Courtney, Jamal Marshall and Josh Ray were named to the NCCAA Mid-East All-Region Team.

WOMEN’S SOCCER:
Abigail Sneed, First Team All-AAC; Aubre Mjolhus, Second Team All-ACC; Michelle Unsicker and Heather Couch, Third Team All-AAC.

Anna Hanger, Jessica Hogan, Aubre Mjolhus, and Daven Petite were named to the Academic All-Conference Team.

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Heather Couch, Renee Delmotte, Anna Hanger, Aubre Mjolhus, Abigail Sneed, and Michelle Unsicker were named to the NCCAA Mid-East All-Region Team.

Mr. Marc Neddo was named the NCCAA Mid-East Region Coach of the Year.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM 3RD IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

A strong tournament effort capped the volleyball team’s season as the Lady Lions finished third after upsetting Brevard and University of Virginia-Wise along the way.

“It was a good tournament for us,” Coach Jerri Morgan said. “The girls played well. It was good to come together and have a good finish.” The team finished fifth in the regular season standings, and, including tournament play, were 16-15 overall and 13-10 in the conference.

Coach Morgan said she was excited with the way the team started the season, building on last year’s 17-7 record. “We had a lot of new people come in or change positions this year, so I thought we would have to start over with a lot of things. It was exciting to see a strong start, and that kept my expectations high though the season. It shows how hard they worked to get there.

The coach had particular praise for seniors Anna Rusch and Alissa Stoneberger, and junior Randi Mellon. Anna “really stepped up for us,” she said. She led the team in kills and blocks. Randi “ran the offense with her setting.” Alissa “was a strong outside hitter for us. She switched to that position this year.”

VOLLEYBALL:
Anna Rusch and Randi Mellon were named to the All Conference and the All Tournament teams.
Abby Humphrey was named to the All Freshman team in the AAC.
Anna Rusch, Rebecca Rusch, Randi Mellon, Melissa Conner, and Christine Pratt were named All Conference Scholar Athletes.
teachers from Rhea County who attended the Tennessee Education Association's annual summer leadership conference in July. June is a teacher at Rhea Central Elementary School in Dayton. John and Joyce (Buice), ’70x, Larrabee report from Urucurituba, Brazil, that Joyce's health is improving after a change in medications this summer. She had a strong allergic reaction to several things in the tropics that went undiagnosed for several months. Recently they were able to buy a 100-acre tract in the New Hope community, where they have begun construction of a church. Linda Burnett, ’73, has taken a leave of absence from active service with UFM International and is seeking a position as a teacher in Florida. After serving in New Mexico, Hawaii, the Philippines, and China, she plans to spend the next part of her life at her new home in Hudson, Fl.

Steve, ’79, and Doris Stevenson, missionaries with SEND International,have traveled from Hong Kong to the U.S. to Spain to the Czech Republic and more this year as they attend to the work of their ministry. Their trips to the States included attending a SEND conference and to spend Mother’s Day with their daughter, Melody, and to visit Steve’s mother.

Dave and Jan (Wiggers), ’79, Bothwell traveled to Indonesia to represent JAARS at a conference in June. It was the first time in eight years for Jan to visit Indonesia. In May, their daughter, Jaimee, graduated from college. Their son, Justin, is a sophomore in college. Dave serves as senior vice president of international services for JAARS.

Jamee, Jan, Dave, and Justin Bothwell

Alec and Tammy Harrison, Yeonine, Jessica, Andrew, and Natasha

ANDY, ’83, and Carol (Persian), ’85, Patton and their six children were planning to leave their home in Crownsville, Md., for Iquitos, Peru, where Andy will direct construction and initial
operation of the Memorial Sports Complex for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. The center, being developed in memory of missionaries killed when their plane was shot down in 2001, will be used as an evangelistic and church support tool in Iquitos.

ANDY and Carol Patton, Katie, Linda, Emily, Kate, Charlie, and Allison

DICK HART, '83, has agreed to serve as the SIM ministry coordinator in Cochabamba, Bolivia, overseeing the ministries of about 25 missionaries. His responsibilities include evaluating ministries, communication with missionaries and national church leaders, and travel details for SIM missionaries.

Pete and MARY ELLEN (LILLEY), '83, KLUCK are settled in Lutz, Fla., during their furlough from service in Cameroon with Wycliffe. They will be missionaries-in-residence at their home church in Tampa and work as area representatives for Wycliffe. They plan to return to Cameroon next summer.

Brad and KATHY (DALLINGA), '84, KOENIG and their family have relocated from Cameroon to Hopkinsville, Ky., where they are considering God's direction for their ministry.

Six members of the Class of 1985 held their own reunion in June in San Antonio, Texas. Pictured, from left, front, are SUSAN (GOLDMANN) NOFZINGER of Dublin, Ohio, and SARA (BENEDICT) STUART of Kansas City, Mo. Back are PRISCILLA (COLLINS) THACHER of Midland, Texas; LORI (BOLES) GARTNER of Shrewsbury, Pa.; KIM (SEXTON) CORBETT of Palmetto, Fla.; and JULIE (LILLEY) SHEPARD of Lapeer, Mich.

BOB, '86, and AMY (BECKHAM), '87, HAY have returned from their service in Japan with SEND International. They are praying for direction from the Lord for their next steps in ministry. During the fall and early winter they are planning an extensive trip to visit friends and supporters throughout the eastern United States.

Tim and BETH (BRANSON), '87, WOOD have returned to the United States for furlough from their service with Africa Inland Mission in Mozambique. They plan to be headquartered in Arlington Heights, III., until May 2004.

ANDY and KAY (POWELL) BRUNER, both '88, have moved to Dallas, Texas, where they are hoping to complete translation of the New Testament for the Arosi people of the Solomon Islands. They expect to spend the next two years completing the project and preparing for their next assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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Eric and JENNIFER (JONES), '90, DIAZ announce the birth of their son, Luke Andres, on Aug. 8. Luke weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long. The Diaz family lives in Davie, Fla.

Jim and BETH (HORNISH), '90, ALMACK, spent much of their summer visiting family and friends and participating in TEAM's orientation week as they prepare for ministry in Spain. A highlight was a trip to Barbados with Jim’s sister and her husband.

GREG and CHRISSY (CAMPBELL) BARKMAN, both '91, have finished their first weeks of training at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, N.C., as they prepare for missionary service in Papua New Guinea.

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CHARLES and LENORE (PINDER) PRIEST, both '92, live in Louisville, Ky., where Lenore works in the medical records department for a medical practice, and Charles works as an instrumental music consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He is a pre-doctoral student in music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Their daughter, Katie, is in kindergarten.

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Jarrel and ANNETTE (STONE), '93, WATT announce the birth of their first child, Jenna Faith, on July 24. Jenna weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Annette is an assistant high school choir director in Arlington, Texas, and she and Jarrel are active in the music ministry of their church.

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Michael and AMY (FLOY) FORD, '94, and her son, Zachary,
TRAVIS and ELIZABETH (OLSEN) SMITH, both '98X, announce the birth of their son Jackson Travis. Jackson was born Sept. 28, and weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 1/2 inches long. The Smith family lives in Pikeville, Tenn.

RACHEL (CRUMPLER), '98, and Brad WILLIAMS announce the birth of their son, Jacob Marion, on Aug. 28. Jacob weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. The Williams family lives in Dothan, Ala.

BRYAN PRUHOMME, '99, and Sandra Lowery were married Sept. 5 in Johnson City, Tenn. Both Bryan and Sandra are fourth-year medical students at James H. Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City.

Kevin BRYAN announce the birth of their first child, Alexis Lauren, on Aug. 22. She was 6 lbs., 10 oz., and 19 1/2 inches long.

AMANDA NOVAK, '00X, and Michael Dodson were married June 21, in Oak Lawn, Ill. MICHELLE RICH, '00, was a bridesmaid. Amanda and Michael live in Bridgeview, Ill. Michael is manager at a glass repair company and Amanda sells auto insurance.

ARmando, '01, and Shannon (Theobald), '01X, Durante announce the birth of their first son, Ethan Xavier, on July 3. Ethan was five weeks premature and spent the first two weeks of his life in the neonatal intensive care unit. He is home and doing well. Armando is director for an audiovisual company and Shannon is a stay-at-home mom in San Antonio, Texas.

JALENA CRUSE, '01, and Aaron Howard were married Oct. 11, in Dayton, Tenn. The Howards live in Dayton, where Jalen works in the Summit office at Bryan and Aaron is a sales consultant for Charlie Rogers Ford.

BRYON ROSSI, '01, and Joanna STONE, '02, were married Sept. 20, in Greenville, Tenn. Joanna is special events coordinator for the Bryan Admissions office, and Bryon is lead singer and bass guitarist for the band “Huddle.”

ROBIN WEDENKIND, '01, and Dean Sarigumba were married Nov. 15, in Clearwater, Fla. Robin and Dean live in Clearwater where she is developing her own massage therapy business and he is working as a senior financial analyst at HSN.

WILLIAM E. KERR, '39, of Rosalia, Wash., died Feb. 20. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. The Rev. HERBERT L. SHAY, '43, of Jamestown, N.Y., died Sept. 7. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and two sons.

JOHN LACEY, '52, died Feb. 4. He is survived by his wife, Charlene, in Stevensville, Mont.

JOANNE (PHILLIPS), '58, FORD died Feb. 4. She is survived by her husband, Lynn Ford, in Anaheim, Calif.

WESLEY HATCH, '64X, died Aug. 15, after a battle with melanoma. Wes had lived in St. Petersburg, Fla.

DENNIS L. WILKINS, '64, of Hickory Corners, Mich., died Aug. 6, after a 10-year struggle with cancer. He retired in January as chief of police of Ross Township after serving 25 1/2 years. He is survived by his wife, MARY (ALDRICH), '63, Wilkins and three children.

Betty W. Geisemann, retired chemistry professor, died Sept. 11. She is survived by her husband, Jim, who also taught at Bryan, five children, and 11 grandchildren.
Dr. Livesay, Jim Barth '57, and I, along with other members of the Advancement office, have just completed a whirlwind Presidential Tour of 12 cities where we have concentrations of Bryan College alumni. As far away as Dallas and Orlando and as close as Dayton and Chattanooga, BC alumni gathered to meet Dr. Livesay face-to-face and hear his heart on the future of your alma mater.

As a result of the meetings, three new alumni chapters are being established—Atlanta, Orlando, and Richmond, Va. Aaron, '03, and Christine, '01, St. Jacques will be hosting a Super Bowl Party for alums in the Atlanta area for their first meeting in January. Dr. Phil, '70, and Maye Hayes, '71, Jepson will be forming a new chapter in Richmond, and Greg, '89, and Shannon Vandergrift will begin a new chapter after the first of the year in Orlando. Alums in those areas will be receiving invitations to these new BC alumni chapter gatherings.

If you are interested in getting a chapter going in your area, please contact me at 423/775-7308 or hillte@bryan.edu. We will be happy to provide you with faculty, staff, and students to address and fellowship with your chapter as well as give you tips on how to have a successful alumni gathering.

At each Presidential Tour dinner, Dr. Livesay highlighted current Bryan students from the area in which the meeting was held. He flashed their picture on screen and then gave a brief bio of each. Then he would read aloud a few words from each student describing their choice of Bryan and the education they have received here.

You would have been very encouraged to hear what current students have to say about what is still taking place on the “hill.” One student’s words in particular struck a chord in me that made me want to stand up and shout a hearty Amen! Naturally, I contained myself, but now I don’t have to.

Ben Williams is a senior English literature major/writing minor from Midlothian, Texas. His father attended Dallas Theological Seminary with Dr. Bill Brown and current Bible professor Dr. David Fouts.

“I heard tons of great things about Bryan—nothing negative. I was attracted by the community aspect that the school was small enough for students to interact with professors,” Ben said.

Ben said this about his education at Bryan:

Bryan’s willingness to confront issues of culture honestly has influenced me in the way I think and the way I see the world. It has given me a consistency in my life based on absolutes, instead of relativism. This gives meaning and purpose for a vocation for kingdom building, not just a job. I’ve appreciated the willingness of the professors to guide me and teach me how to think, not what to think. I didn’t get answers, but a toolbox.”

Wow! I couldn’t have put it any better if I had scripted it myself. Not at Bryan!

God’s word tells us in Matthew 22:37: “Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’” Many churches and Christian institutions of higher learning do a great job of teaching how to love God with heart and soul but fall short in the mind area by seemingly opening student’s minds and pouring in answers instead of providing the resources of a well-equipped toolbox.

What more can I say? Bryan College is a highly competitive, nationally ranked college that puts Christ Above All. It is also a college for the intellectually curious Christian who wants to be educated, not indoctrinated. 🙏
Classical Studies Minor Approved

Bryan College will offer a new classical studies minor beginning next fall, a concentrated study in the literature, philosophy, language and history of Western society.

Dr. Calvin White, academic vice president, said the new minor comes in recognition of a growing interest in classical studies and the Latin school concept. "The classical studies minor will give students an in-depth look at the foundation upon which Western civilization has been built, as well as a better understanding of its literature, philosophy and history," he said. "The minor fits beautifully in Bryan's efforts to provide an education that is both broad and deep. It meets a need of a growing number of students who are studying under this kind of program in middle school and high school and who are looking to continue at the collegiate level."

To complete the minor, students will be required to take classes in logic, a survey of Western thought, an independent study course approved by a professor, two classes in classical Greek, and a choice of two classes from history of philosophy, world literature and music history.

Dr. White said the classical school or Latin school approach to elementary and secondary education is gaining popularity particularly among home school and private school families. Approximately 25 percent of Bryan's students are home school graduates, and another third are from private or Christian schools.

"It's obvious from the numbers that Bryan offers a program that is attractive to home school and private school students. The classical studies minor will be open to any student, but I believe it sends a message to this segment of our constituency that we are responsive to their needs and interests."

Bryan College has dedicated its new Allen Renaissance organ during a "Festival of Praise" concert Nov. 7. The organ, given in memory of Dr. Judson A. Rudd, Bryan's third president, was featured in a concert including solo works, compositions with an orchestra, choral numbers and a bagpipe. Pictured, from left, at the organ console are Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, Dr. Rudd's daughter, Mary Frances Carlson, and organist and former Bryan faculty member David Friberg.

So Much for Math Class!

During our school days, most of us learned that subtraction would result in a Remainder, while addition would create a Sum.

Well, it seems our math teachers must not have known about a planning tool that can add to the benefits your family receives from certain assets, but can actually multiply the impact of assets in the future.

Families and individuals may use a Charitable Remainder Trust to make particular types of assets (especially highly appreciated, low yield instruments) have impact far beyond what conventional formulas might otherwise suggest.

In summary, when the decision is made to transfer a qualifying asset into a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), 100 percent of the applicable capital gains tax is bypassed, and a charitable income tax deduction is triggered.

Once within the confines of a CRT, a portion of income generated by the Trust is passed to the individual (or family) -- often resulting in an increase in income.

For example, consider a $200,000 asset that has been producing a 2 percent return ($4,000 each year). Thanks to the CRT, the full $200,000 is repositioned to generate a higher return, providing a 6 percent income stream -- or $12,000 annually.

For a husband and wife, both 65 years of age with a 25-year life expectancy, this adds up to an increase in income of more than $200,000 over the life of the donors (increase of $8,000 X 25 years).

The charitable nature of the CRT is realized when, upon the death of both husband and wife, the Trust is passed to the specified charity or charities. Assuming wise management of the Trust principal, this remainder can easily exceed the original value of the Trust.

So, when added up, the Charitable Remainder Trust can save current tax dollars, generate an increase in current income, and result in a substantial gift to charity.

For more information on how a Charitable Remainder Trust might multiply the impact of specific assets and help you realize the sum of your objectives for family and charity, we invite you to contact Director of Development Jim Barth at 423-775-7280, by email at barthji@bryan.edu, or by mail at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321.
There's a reason why *U.S. News & World Report* calls us one of America's Best Colleges.

For starters, more than half of our students graduated the top of their class. On campus, our average class is just 12. And there's one professor for every 14 Bryan students. That means you're guaranteed individual attention from professors that know and care about you.

And, with more than 30 academic programs to choose from, you'll be enlightened both spiritually and academically. But don't take our word for it—come see Bryan College for yourself.

We'll light the way.