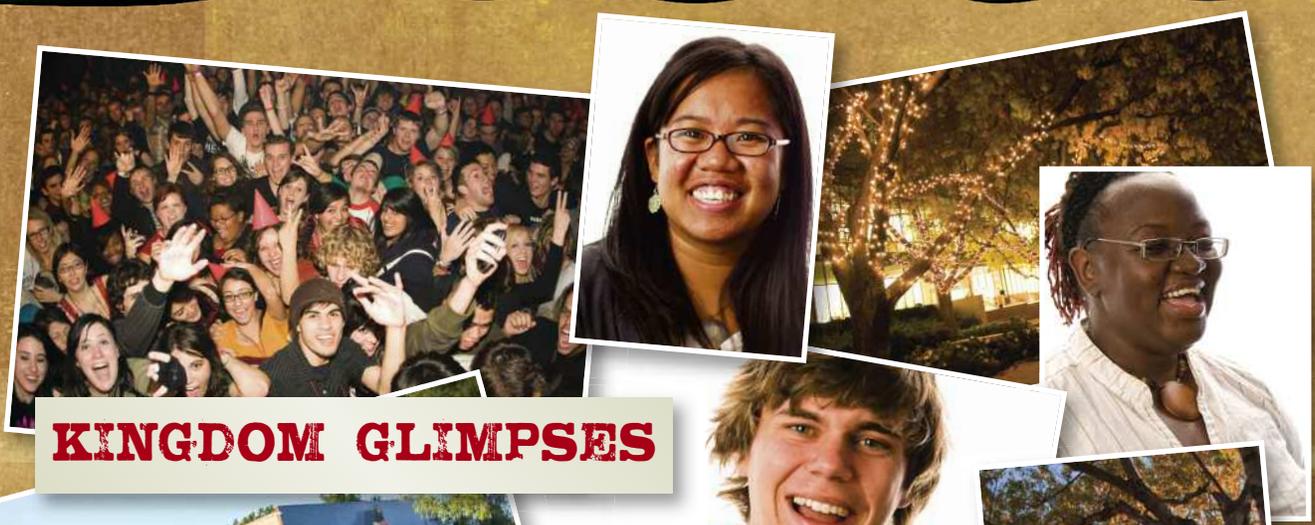
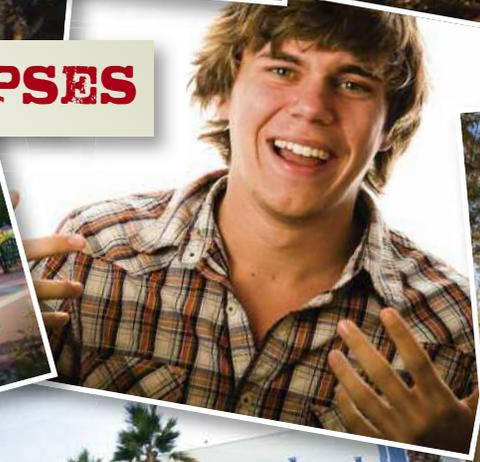


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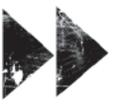
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MATT ANDERSON is at the forefront of new media. He's been a blogger since 2004, and while a student at Biola, he helped organize the first GodBlogCon — a national conference for people who write online about Christianity.

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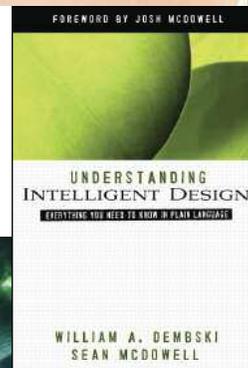
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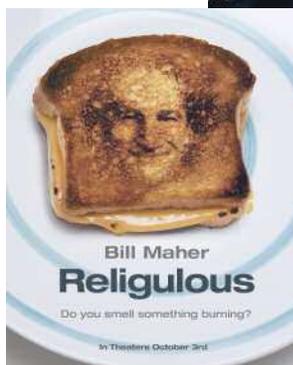
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Buried Treasure

While working as a newspaper reporter a couple of years back, I ended up with one of the those bizarre stories that make the Jay Lenos of the world squirm with delight.

A local guy with get-rich-quick dreams had gone online and ordered a high-powered metal detector designed specifically to find deeply buried hoards of gold. When it arrived, he fired it up and — wouldn't you know — it started beeping wildly near his front porch.

So he grabbed a shovel and started digging. And digging. Before long, realizing this wouldn't be a one-man job, he enlisted a couple of day laborers — one to descend a ladder and hack away at the bottom of the cavity, and another to hoist out buckets of dirt with a pulley. For days, they sunk deeper and deeper into the earth, convinced that buried treasure was just one more shovel strike away.

Finally, after two weeks of this, a curious neighbor notified the authorities, who were dumbfounded when they showed up to investigate. The hole stretched a staggering 60 feet down — as deep as a four-story building is high.

As I stared into the abyss the next day, the man offered me a matter-of-fact explanation.

"[The detector] was still beeping," he said, "and that just gave me the idea to keep digging. I think it's a normal human reaction, especially when you think there might be gold down there."

In other words, with all he stood to gain, why *wouldn't* he get carried away?

Thinking about this the other day, I was reminded of Matthew 13:44, where Jesus compares his kingdom to a treasure buried in a field. "When a man found it," Jesus explains, "he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought the field."

Jesus' point here is that those who truly realize the value of kingdom living — of being a disciple and of making disciples — are willing to give up everything for the kingdom's sake. They walk with joyful abandon, not so that they might find treasure, but because they have already found it.

As you'll read in this issue's cover story, this "kingdom-firstness" is one of the defining marks of today's generation of Biola students. They're passionate about impacting the world for Christ, and they're not afraid to take risks, to dream big or to get their hands a little dirty in the process.

They've come to Biola believing that developing a robust biblical worldview and experiencing life transformation in an authentic Christian community will prepare them for the work ahead. And they're leaving here eager to go out into the fields, shovels in hand, to help others discover the buried treasure that is the kingdom.

With so much to gain, they're ready to get carried away.



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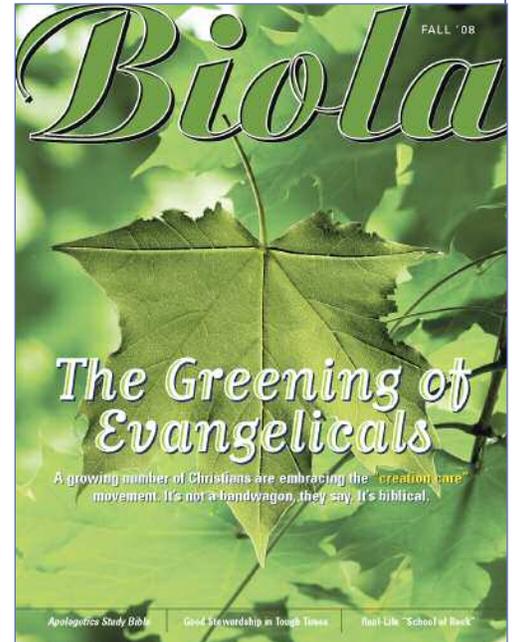
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'Green': A Four-Letter Word?

I am always delighted to receive the magazine, having a daughter who graduated recently from Biola and a son who is now attending Biola with graduation a couple years away. But how distressing it was to see that Biola is buying in to the green socio-political-economic-ecological message originated and backed by the liberal left and being used as a means of filtering and controlling the American people in how they live ("The Greening of Evangelicals," Fall 2008). We should certainly be good stewards of what we have been given by our gracious and loving God. And there are great ideas out there of how we can improve our use of our resources. But we should, by no means, be promoting a political persuasion by use of their iconic "green" movement. Using the terminology "green" demonstrates exactly that buy-in. Again, love the magazine, but disappointed in the green message. Let's stick with the God message instead.

Cynthia Wolter
Indio, Calif.



The cover story on "The Greening of Evangelicals" screamed at me from my mailbox. After I recovered from the initial shock, I smiled. What a pleasant surprise and completely welcome subject. Although I felt that the editorial tone was a bit tentative, the fact that Biola leadership, instructors and students are starting to wrestle with the implications of creation care gives credibility to the school's embrace of the "national university" title. Biola, you are growing up, growing wiser. So if creation care has a biblical and moral basis, what's next? I suppose in an upcoming magazine you are going to explain to us that evangelical and Republican are not synonymous? Will such an article be one of the signs of the End Times, or a fresh movement of the Spirit? I can't wait to find out! Thanks for this article. I hope your students, staff, alumni and supporters will accept it for what it is: a challenge to examine fundamental assumptions.

Sterling Swan
Sandy, Utah

Good stewardship of our homes, electricity, recycling, etc., is the responsibility of the Christian. But I am a distressed over the articles on evangelicals and the environment. The current hyperbole about global warming is wrong. So when you start with the wrong premise, you come up with the wrong conclusion. There is no way, in my opinion, that mankind can change the climate of the planet. Who do we think we are? What audacity to come up with that premise! God is in control, not man. One volcano spews forth millions of times more gases than mankind and

cows ever thought of. God does that, not man! "Creation care" claims to be guided by biblical principles, but where is the sovereignty of God? He is in control of the planet, not us. God made cows and told us it was fine to eat cows. He knew how many there would be, too. ... Anyone interested in having a nice thick steak covered with cheese? (We grow our own!)

Nancy Fields Coats ('66)

I'm a bit stunned that Biola University, which I thought stood for the rigorous defense of theological and philosophical truth, would publish a splashy cover story that features numerous rather glaring fallacies in both theological and philosophical thinking. From cherry picking a pre-Fall command to Adam and Eve and insisting it's a mandate for Christians today, to suggesting that me not running around flipping off light switches makes me the "bad guy" in one of Jesus' parables, we are treated to the full gamut of Christianized secular thinking in this article.

Randall Beck
Collierville, Tenn.

Give Peace a Chance

I was startled to read Dr. Martha Rogers' letter, highlighted with the headline "Rosemead's Military Connections" (Reader Mail, Summer 2008). I am a clinical psychologist, a Christian and also a pacifist. I do not believe that military action presents a sustainable response to conflict. Military force is effective in some limited ways, but not to resolve the deep problems we face. I believe that Christ came to model and offer

respectful, honorable, but nonviolent ways to live in and to solve conflict at all levels: intrapersonal, interpersonal and international. Christians all over the world are called by God and by conscience to activities that build peace. I have devoted my career to finding, using and teaching peaceful alternatives to the world's solutions of violence and its devastating consequences. Don't overlook "Rosemead and Biola's Peace-Building Connections." Please, encourage Biola students, professors, alumni — indeed, all Christians — to devote their considerable talents and education to create a new kingdom rather than to buy into the world's solutions of force.

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Sex and the Soul

Philosopher Dallas Willard speaks to a packed Chase Gymnasium during the opening session of the 73rd annual Torrey Memorial Bible Conference, held Oct. 22–24. Each fall, Biola cancels classes for three days to focus on worship and studying what the Word of God teaches about a particular issue — this year’s being “Sex and the Soul.” Willard, a former member of Biola’s Board of Trustees and author of such landmark books as *The Divine Conspiracy* and *Renovation of the Heart*, spoke on sexual desire and spiritual formation.



Vinyl Obituaries



Neph Traub

The new President's Administrative Council will guide the university forward. Back row, from left: Greg Vaughan, Adam Morris, Chris Grace. Front row: Carl Schreiber, Barry H. Corey, Greg Balsano, Irene Neller, Gary Miller.

Do you remember your first vinyl? Or do you even know what they are, those of you under 35?

For the better part of the 20th century — beginning in the late 1940s — the vinyl record was the main medium for commercial music. The life of the vinyls began to die out in the 1980s with the advent of digital media, and their full production was considered flat-lined by 1990.

But vinyls carried my music growing up.

In the late 1970s I got my first three LPs: Jackson Browne's *Running on Empty*; *Best of the Doobie Brothers*; and — lest you think I had no evangelical fiber — Keith Green's *For Him Who Has Ears to Hear*.

I could sing the better part of those albums word for word, playing them over and over again on my Emerson stereo I saved for and bought with my paper route money.

One song on the Doobie Brothers vinyl, side two, was called "Jesus is Just Alright." When my profoundly spiritual father heard me playing this song one day, he confronted me by saying, "Barry, Jesus is not *just* alright." He was right.

These black disks carried my songs. I would put them away carefully in their square sheaths,

ever vigilant not to scratch the surface lest they begin to skip and play "Jesus is just, is just, is just" — which, by the way, my father would have thought more theologically correct.

They also depended on a needle that tracked the groove to pick up the impressed analog songs. That stylus had to be kept clean from dirt and dust — one more way that audiophiles preserved the purity of the music.

But the vinyl was the method, not the message. And the music was the message, not the method. In order to get a hold of the *message*, I needed to have a method to carry the message.

For me, it was the vinyl, a 20th century medium that for all intents and purposes is now dead. Now, I know there are still a few purists left who have hung onto their vinyls, playing them on preserved equipment. There are even companies that still produce vinyl LPs, the long-playing records.

But the LP is R-I-P. It is dead, departed, lifeless, kaput, gonzo. That method has died.

But we still cherish the message.

As we enter our second century of Christian higher education at Biola — having just completed a celebratory centennial year — we

do so asking questions: What is our message that we dare not change? And what is our method, the way in which we *do* Biola, that perhaps needs to change?

What will we cherish and what will we change? I have thought a lot about that question this year, and I have talked with many about this question. As part of my goal to "hit the ground listening" this first year, I held 105 different meetings to listen — one-on-ones, small groups and larger groups — with a focus on grappling with where Biola is and where we are going.

Along the way, I've thought about what is the purity of our music that we must *never* jettison, and what is the casing — or the method of how we deliver the music — that we might consider changing for the sake of improving what we do.

I have promised the Board of Trustees and this community, and I have stated before God, that Biola embodies a principled core that I will guard and champion. Some of our core convictions include these:

- We will be a university that holds high God's Word in all that we do and all that we are.
- We will be a university where we invite the Spirit of God to permeate our community in real and renewing ways.
- We will be a place where students matter to us because we see in them the future, so investing in loving and serving them will continue to be our hallmark.
- We will be a university where we strive for excellence in teaching and scholarship, known far and wide as a leader that champions biblical integration and intellectual vigor.
- We will be a university where mediocrity is unacceptable and we will strive for the highest standards and professionalism in every degree program, department, school, building, performance, exhibit, competition and publication.
- We will be a university that lovingly serves the world, courageously taking on the major challenges of our day where we are most suited to do so.

- We will be a university where we love life and celebrate our traditions and our spirit of Biola pride.
- We will be a university where students increasingly see in us the kind of higher education experience they need to be prepared for meaningful careers and exemplary service for the cause of Christ.

We must fiercely guard these cherishables. But we must also recognize what in us is vinyl, what we ought to move beyond.

That said, I have begun making some structural changes to Biola's administration to enable us to move forward given our growth and our position in higher education. This has been a significant part of my thinking, praying, listening and struggling over the past year.

The former structure, which consisted of four vice presidents reporting directly to the president, was put into place with a much smaller university. I believe our model now needs to allow senior leadership to have a more reasonable breadth of responsibilities.

The newly formed President's Administrative Council will enable me to advance the work of the Office of the President in a way that holds our mission in trust while advancing Biola in a spirit of courage and imagination, responsibility and integrity.

This new council consists of the following members: **Gary Miller**, who is continuing in his role as provost; **Chris Grace**, who has assumed the new role of vice president for student development and university planning; **Greg Vaughan**, who has stepped into a senior role as vice president for enrollment management; **Carl Schreiber**, who continues as vice president for financial affairs; **Adam Morris**, who has been named vice president for advancement; **Greg Balsano**, who will continue in his role as vice president for university services; and **Irene Neller**, who continues as senior director of Integrated Marketing Communications and has taken on the dual role of senior advisor to the president for communications.

This is not merely a new team; it is an answer to a question of what is the best way for us to move forward. There will be other new structures that I believe will help us be a community

with more focus, communication, accountability and collaboration at every level. This is just the beginning, but an important place to start.

In addition to an expanded leadership team, Biola will also be adopting a number of initiatives aimed at expanding Biola's scope, moving us, as I have often said, not from x to y but from x to x^2 . You can learn more about these goals by visiting my office online at www.biola.edu/president and clicking on "University Planning."

It's an exciting day at Biola, and I believe we have a community here that is ready to rally around new initiatives that will be courageous and bold. I plan, Lord willing, to be around for a good while. We will continue to hold ourselves accountable to our goals and to assess them along the way. But we must be patient and deliberate in our trajectory.

In the context of "vinyl obituaries," we will continue to talk about what needs to be preserved in our core and what needs to change.

And, by the way, I'm sure that some of you wordsmiths have figured out the genesis of that rather contrived title for this column. For if you take the B from "obituaries," the I from "vinyl," the O from "obituaries," the L from "vinyl" and the A from "obituaries" and then rearrange the remaining 10 letters, you have, well ... I'll let you figure it out.

I apologize for the strained title. But I hope you get the point.

We need to be innovative and resourceful, fiscally sound and imaginative.

But we need to stand up for our convictions and not merely trim our sails to the prevailing winds. There are but a handful of colleges now in their second century that are still as committed as ever to perpetuate the distinctives our founders envisioned.

Some might say we are out of step in higher education.

I say we are right on course for what our world and culture needs.

Biola's Response to Global Economic Realities

As we went to print for this issue, global economic conditions were in decline, and most financial forecasts are anticipating this recession will continue through 2009. These economic challenges have not spared private higher education, especially in states like California where the financial outlook is already unstable.

As we prepare for next semester and the 2009–10 fiscal year, we have done so with a sensitivity and responsiveness to the potential impact the economy may have on Biola University and the students we serve.

In many ways, we are responding like any family would in a tough financial environment. We will be careful how we spend, yet we will not abandon our vision to move from strength to strength as we begin our second century. We will preserve our core mission and continue to advance our strategic initiatives while we seek to improve revenue streams. In many ways, our philosophy to the economic crisis is that we will see this as perhaps a watershed moment as we position Biola University for long-term biblical leadership, as we refocus on the core areas of our strength and as we trust in a generous God for his help through challenging times.

In these difficult times, let us remember to uphold each other in prayer. Please continue to pray that God will continue to bless and protect Biola, as he has done so faithfully for our first 100 years when our nation faced historic economic depressions and recessions. We will be monitoring the economic climate monthly and I will provide the Biola community with regular updates. To view these updates, please visit www.biola.edu/president.

If you would like to assist a student in need, please visit www.biola.edu/giving.

—President Barry H. Corey

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Biola Takes Christian Blogging to Sin City



Christian bloggers chat it up at the fourth annual GodBlogCon in Las Vegas.

They say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but for those who attended this September's GodBlogCon (God Blog Conference) at the Las Vegas Convention Center, nothing could be further from the truth.

Throughout the three-day Biola-sponsored event — now in its fourth year — attendees were treated to a practical lineup of panel discussions, seminars and plenary talks on various aspects of “Christian blogging,” offering attendees advice on everything from the ethics of editing to strategies for increasing the civility of online discussion.

Speakers included everyone from Ken Myers of Mars Hill Audio, who spoke on the impact of technologies on human identity, to Wade Tonkin of Christian Affiliate Marketers, who spoke about how to financially support a blog (without “losing your soul”).

The original GodBlogCon convened in October of 2005 on Biola's campus. About 135 Christian bloggers attended the event to discuss blogging's potential for Christianity as a major emerging communication form. The conference moved to Las Vegas in 2007 and returned there this past Sept. 20–21 as a “mini conference” within the larger Blog World Expo, the world's largest blogging trade show. This year's GodBlogCon included about 80 participants, while the larger expo had more than 2,000 registered attendees.

Housed in a makeshift “theater” in the midst of the Blog World convention floor, GodBlogCon offered sessions that were less “how to” than they were “think well,” said Dustin Steeve ('08), sen-

ior director of GodBlogCon.

“The goal is to get people thinking about blogging from a Christian perspective,” he said. “What are the challenges? Opportunities? Questions we should ask?”

A major theme at this year's GodBlogCon was the shared feeling that blogging is undergoing a transition. Whereas in the early years of blogging's existence it was viewed as a singular pursuit — a sort of online diary where one could pontificate about any and every topic — it now seems that those types of blogs are on the decline, while online communities and collectives focused on particular issues or interests are on the rise.

Several such sites were represented at the 2008 GodBlogCon. One successful “collective of bloggers” is the Scriptorium Daily, where faculty members of Biola's Torrey Honors Institute offer daily posts on a variety of issues from philosophy to politics. The Scriptorium's most regular contributor, John Mark Reynolds, founder and director of the Torrey Honors Institute, spoke on “The Art of Online Conversation” at the closing session of the conference.

Even if the initial novelty of blogging has worn off, it is still a significant form of cultural activity. A Spring 2008 survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project reported that 33 percent of Internet users say they read blogs, with 11 percent of Internet users doing so on a typical day. Approximately 12 percent of Internet users say they have at some point created a blog.

The GodBlogCon is put together entirely by

Biola students from the Torrey Honors Institute. Sophomore philosophy major Barak Wright was a member of the student staff, and although he considers himself a consumer rather than practitioner of web media, he has interesting thoughts on the value of an event like GodBlogCon.

“It can be easy for the incarnational, physical elements of Christianity to be lost in the digital world of blog communication,” he said. “This conference is about adding a physical place to come together and meet people.”

Ultimately, GodBlogCon was about creating and enriching a Christian community of blogging that has the potential to stand out in the increasingly overcrowded chorus of Web voices.

“Everything we do, we hope is God-breathed,” Reynolds said in his closing remarks. “We hope that we can learn from one another and be charitable.”

— Brett McCracken

Biola Bloggers

A sampling of Biola faculty and alumni who are active bloggers

- **The Scriptorium Daily** (featuring Biola faculty members **John Mark Reynolds**, **Fred Saunders**, **Greg Peters**, **JP Moreland**, **Matt Jenson**, **Melissa Schubert** and **Paul Spears**): www.scriptoriumdaily.com
- **Doug Geivett** (professor of philosophy of religion and ethics): douggeivett.wordpress.com
- **Mere Orthodoxy** (featuring **Matthew Lee Anderson** ('04) and **Keith E. Buhler** ('04)): mereorthodoxy.com
- **Mark Joseph** ('90): www.huffingtonpost.com/mark-joseph
- **Josh McDowell** ('66): joshmcdowell.blogspot.com
- **Jan Lynn** ('80): theviewfromher.com
- **Christians in Context** (featuring **Norman Jeune** ('05, M.A. '07), **Andrew Faris** ('05), **Jeffrey Bruce** ('06), **Jenny Bruce** ('02)): www.christiansincontext.org
- **Biola Blogs** (featuring several current students): biolablogs.com
- **Conversant Life** (Featuring 10 Biola alumni and faculty members): www.conversantlife.com/blogs

Families Without Borders

Biola Couples Find Joy, Challenges in Overseas Adoptions



Above: the Paschalls; right: the Thoenneses

When Danny and Carrie Paschall arrived in Ethiopia this summer to pick up their 16-month-old adopted son, Brenner, he didn't want anything to do with either of them. They were just so different from anything he'd ever known.

It took three days for Brenner to warm to his new parents, but when that connection happened, it was all the more meaningful.

"It was kind of this beautiful moment where I felt like God was saying, 'You and this person are connected now and I have the title Mom for you,'" said Carrie, who graduated from Biola in 1995.

She and Danny, Biola's associate dean of student development and community life, have now adopted three children and in the process gained a deeper understanding of their own adoption as sons and daughters of God.

Although Brenner was the Paschalls' third adoption, he was their first international adoption. Their daughter, Ramie, 7, was adopted from Hemet, Calif., and their son Brody, 5, from Amarillo, Texas.

The Paschalls found Brenner through the agency All God's Children Intl., which owns the Hannah's Hope orphanage in Ethiopia. They requested a boy under 2 years old, and after completing an abundance of paperwork, they were e-mailed Brenner's picture, story and medical records. Then they waited for a travel date to get Brenner, which ended up being July 14, 2008.

Returning to the United States with Brenner was a new experience for them. Ramie and Brody's adoptions had been inconspicuous; no one could tell they were adopted.

"The word adoption didn't come up that much," said Danny. "Then we adopted Brenner, and now the word comes up all the time."

But despite the fact that the five of them are not blood-related, Danny and Carrie believe their family is just like any other.

"There's five of us and we always tell our kids we love each other more than anyone and genes have nothing to do with it," Carrie said.

Other Biolans, like professors Erik and Donna Thoennes, recently experienced the joy of adoption for the first time. Erik, an associate professor at Talbot School of Theology, and his wife, Donna, an associate professor in the Torrey Honors Institute, adopted a 7-year-old girl, Caroline, from Taiwan this past summer.

The Thoenneses started considering adoption in 2005 while working with orphans in India. Since girls are undervalued in Asia, that is where they decided to focus their adoption search.

In the process of pursuing a baby through Nightlight Christian Adoptions in Fullerton, Calif., they were immediately drawn to Caroline's picture.

"I thought, 'That little girl right there with no teeth, she needs a mommy and daddy,'" said Donna.

The process of adopting her, however, took longer than they expected.

"The waiting part was emotionally challenging for us. Mostly because we knew it was difficult for her," said Erik. "Our biggest concern was that this little girl have a home sooner rather than later."

After a year of waiting, five one-hour online conversations with Caroline and mountains of paperwork, the Thoenneses were on their way to pick up their daughter from her orphanage in Taipei.

When they met, Caroline ran and jumped up into Donna's arms and hugged her and then did the same to Erik. After giving them a tour of the orphanage, she grabbed her bags and actually loaded them into the taxi herself, ready to leave.

"It was obvious when we met her within the first hour that so many issues we anticipated having weren't going to be an issue for Caroline," said Erik. "It's been two months, but she acts like we've been her parents for her whole life."

Throughout the adoption process, Erik and Donna often thought of how God adopts believers as his children. Being on the "other side" of the adoption process in the theological sense brought valuable spiritual insight, they said.

"When we would feel the costliness of adoption, it was a good reminder of how costly it was for God to adopt us in sending his son," said Erik.

"The Bible describes God's saving work in our lives as him adopting us into his family. My whole life, I've sought to understand that from the perspective of the adoptee, but here I was for the first time in God's place in the metaphor."

— Jenna Bartlo

ONLINE EXTRA: Watch the Paschalls and Thoenneses talk about their adoption journeys at www.biola.edu/adoption.



Christian Adoption Resources

Interested in adoption? Check out these national and international Christian adoption agencies:

Nightlight Christian Adoptions

(This Fullerton, Calif., nonprofit employs several Biola graduates and its board is chaired by Rick Bee, Biola's senior director of alumni relations): www.nightlight.org

All God's Children International:

www.allgodschildren.org

An Open Door Adoption Agency:

www.opendooradoption.org

Carolina Hope Christian Adoption Agency:

www.carolinahopeadoption.org/international

Christian World Adoption: www.cwa.org

Derrickson Directs Remake of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*



One of the biggest blockbuster films of the holiday season also happens to be the biggest movie ever to be directed by a Biola graduate: *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, a big-budget update of the 1951 sci-fi classic.

The 2008 version — released Dec. 12 — was helmed by Biola alumnus Scott Derrickson ('89, '90), who earned degrees in communication and humanities at Biola before attending USC's film school.

Earth is Derrickson's follow up to 2005's *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, which has garnered over \$144 million worldwide since its release. That film established Derrickson as an "up and coming" filmmaker in Hollywood, but *Earth* promises to propel him even higher.

The film, which stars Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly, tells the story of the worldwide panic that is unleashed when aliens land on earth with an ironic ultimatum: Become people of peace, or we will destroy you.

The original *Earth* featured a not-so-subtle allegory for Christ in the character of Klaatu, a celestial being who takes on human form and the name Carpenter, makes a call for peace, but is ultimately killed by the humans he came to help. Later, he is resurrected by "Gort," a God-like robot with the power to destroy the earth in one fell swoop.

Derrickson commented on the Christological metaphor of *Earth* in a July interview with MTV.

"I think the Christ-myth stories make great stories," he said. "Whether it's *The Matrix* or *Braveheart*, they all are tapping into some kind of deep myth in our DNA — and by myth I don't necessarily mean false. I mean something that has mythological power and that's definitely part of the story and part of what attracts me to it. My approach to that was to not discard that, but to be not quite as direct as the original."

The original film was heavily influenced by its Cold War context, and while that doesn't translate in the 2008 version, Derrickson insists that some of the same themes still apply.

"Both films comment on human violence," he told a reporter at ComicCon 2008. "Central to both is the idea that humanity has an inability to refrain from destroying itself."

Derrickson has come a long way since his days at Biola in the late 80s, but he is still thankful for the education he received here.

"I learned how to think at Biola," Derrickson told *Biola Magazine* in 2006. "Without those years at Biola, I would have a very different view of the world."

As it is, Derrickson's view of the world is playing out on thousands of screens across the world, impacting the world via film on a scale no Biolan has before.

— Brett McCracken

Biolans Take Top Prize at Film Festival

A film by Biolans won first prize this summer at the Inigo Film Festival, a Jesuit-sponsored event held in Sydney, Australia, which awards films that reflect on spirituality and faith.

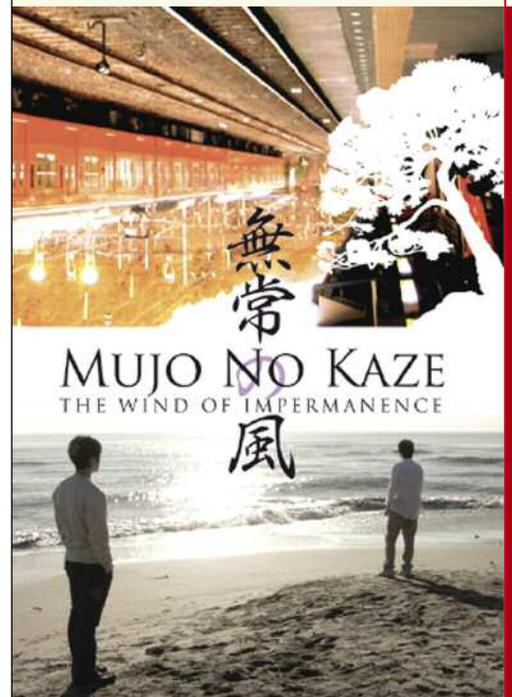
The short film, *Mujo No Kaze* (*The Wind of Impermanence*), was written and directed by Dean Yamada, assistant professor of cinema and media arts, who traveled to Sydney to accept the award on July 18.

Mujo No Kaze was filmed in Tokyo, Japan, in January of 2007. Yamada and 10 Biola students made the trip for the film's shoot, which was a joint production with Japanese partners, Christians in the Arts Network (CAN).

The film tells the story of a young man who, following the murder of his friend in the United States, encounters the lure of Japan's notorious suicide clubs. The film reflects on his struggle with God and the spiritual journey this life-changing experience takes him on.

"My students are really passionate about telling truthful stories — stories that reflect God's world," said Yamada in his acceptance speech. "We don't want to hit people over the head with a message; we want to tell a good story that will spark dialogue."

Yamada and 12 students plan to return to Japan in January of 2009 to shoot another film — *Jitensha* (*Bicycle*) — about a loner whose bicycle gets mysteriously stolen piece by piece each day. The interterm trip may become an annual opportunity for cinema and media arts students to earn class credit — an opportunity, said Yamada, "to make a great film while opening up their world to a new culture."



Facebook: The New Cure for Freshman Nerves



almost every person who passed by.

"At first I thought it was kind of creepy," she joked. "But it was amazing to see the number of people he knew and the ties he'd made through Facebook before even coming to Biola."

All the Facebooking isn't without its drawbacks, Stacyie said. As the high-profile founder of the group, she has grown accustomed to awkward introductions from classmates who excitedly recognize her name and face, but whom she doesn't know at all.

"It's kind of embarrassing when people come up to me and say, 'Oh, you're the one who started the Facebook group ... I thought you were going to be taller.'"

—Jason Newell

Biola Sets New Enrollment Record

For the 14th straight year, Biola has broken its student enrollment record. This fall's registered undergraduate and graduate students combined for an overall enrollment of 5,899, up from 5,853 in 2007 and up an astonishing 44 percent since 2000.

The incoming freshman class was also the largest in Biola's history, at 1,035 students.

Biola has been in a significant growth spurt since the early 90s, with total enrollment more than doubling since 1992.

This year, undergraduate enrollment increased to 3,657 from 3,550 in 2007, a more than 3 percent rise for the fourth year. Graduate enrollment rose to 2,242 from 2,000 the previous year.

That's a significant increase — when Biola broke its record in 2007, it had 1,000 enrolled undergraduates and 1,000 graduate students — who would have made up 50 percent of the total student population would have increased by 100 percent over the next

If Stacyie Ruiz had been a college freshman five years ago, she would have shown up at Biola knowing a handful of her classmates, at most.

But that was then. When Stacyie set foot on campus this fall, she had more than a dozen friends, recognized many of the people in her residence hall and quickly had to get used to random people coming up to her saying, "I know you!"

Welcome to the era of Facebook, the popular online social networking site that — among other things — is revolutionizing the way that new students are leaping into college. Using the popular Web site, incoming students from around the country are connecting with fellow freshmen months before school even starts, helping to eliminate the awkward "make new friends" phase that so many college graduates remember so well.

"I did not feel nervous or intimidated at all coming in," said Stacyie, an elementary education major from Orinda, Calif. "I know if I didn't have Facebook I would have been way more nervous."

In Stacyie's case, the friend-making started right after she got her Biola acceptance letter — about six months before orientation week. Hunting around on Facebook for a place to meet other soon-to-be Biolans, she found nothing. So she decided to create "Biola Class of 2012," a

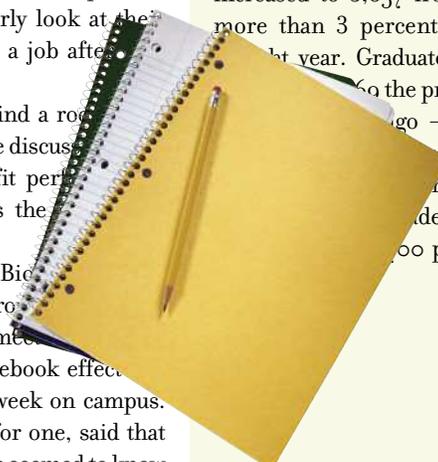
group where people could have online conversations, post pictures and find out more about their future classmates.

Within the first day, 10 people signed up. Dozens more soon followed. By the time school started in August, the group had more than 400 members — roughly 40 percent of the incoming freshmen class.

On a group discussion board, the students made small talk about topics such as favorite music, which major they intended to choose or what part of the country they were coming from. But they also touched on more important matters, like how to get an early look at the class schedules or how to find a job after arriving at Biola.

Stacyie even managed to find a roommate after it became clear from online discussions that her personality and interests fit perfectly. Alex DeVore, who lived across the street in Annapolis, Md.

For several leaders in Biola's Orientation Service (SOS) — a group of students who help newcomers meet and adjust to college — the Facebook effect was easy to notice during the first week on campus. SOS leader Stephanie Larson, for one, said that one of the freshmen in her group seemed to know



Cutting-Edge Film and Journalism Facility Nearing Completion



Biola's new television news studio, shown above, is part of the ongoing renovations to the Media Production Center.

There's a new star-in-the-making on Biola's campus, and it's getting ready for its close-up.

The newly overhauled Media Production Center — which underwent \$2.2 million worth of construction and renovation over the past two summers — is now just a few steps away from its long-awaited completion.

Following some additional fundraising for new equipment, the center will be formally reintroduced as a state-of-the-art home away from home for students in Biola's film and journalism programs — a place for filming and editing newscasts, teleconferencing with journalists across the nation, designing magazines and public-relations materials, and creating top-notch student films.

Doug Tarpley, dean of fine arts and communication, said the facility will play a vital role in helping Biola to provide the next generation of Christian filmmakers and journalists with both a strong academic foundation and real-world professional training.

"This production center helps us fulfill the second part of that equation," Tarpley said. "It is absolutely critical to provide students with an excellent experience with cutting-edge equipment in an environment that reflects the professional world."

Over the summer, work crews completed an extensive remodeling of the existing facility,

making room for a new television news studio, a convergent newsroom, a film equipment-storage room and a lobby.

With that skeleton in place, the focus has now shifted to filling the interior with equipment. This fall, the center added a news desk, cameras, teleprompters and lights, thanks to a pair of donations totaling more than \$360,000.

Tarpley said another \$400,000 to \$500,000 is still needed to purchase computers, monitors, software and additional equipment. All told, the upgrades will total about \$3 million.

Already, Biola is the flagship school for film programs in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, Tarpley said. He said he believes the completed production center will play a role in helping the same to become true of Biola's visual communication, broadcast and print journalism programs.

The need for more well-trained, thoughtful Christians who are able to influence culture through the entertainment media and information media is great, he said.

"The call to be a Christian filmmaker or journalist is a sacred calling," Tarpley said. "It is every bit as sacred as a calling to be a minister or a missionary."

— Jason Newell

To contribute to the Media Production Center, visit www.biola.edu/giving.

Olive Grove Park Takes Shape; Parent Help Sought

For part of last summer, Biola had its very own bridge to nowhere.

But now, that "nowhere" — a brushy grove of overgrown olive trees — is almost finished being transformed into a special "somewhere": a serene park where students will be able to read, relax and reflect.

Olive Grove Park, as it is called, is set on the last remains of publishing giant Andrew McNally's historic 19th century olive orchard — land that sits on the eastern edge of Biola's campus, but until now has been cut off by a small creek.

In August, Biola installed a new walking bridge to provide access to the land. Over the ensuing months, workers have cleared brush, created rustic walking paths, pruned the olive trees and removed other trees that were competing for light and water. An irrigation system was also put in place to help keep the olive trees healthy.

Parents are now working to raise the last of the funds necessary to pay for park benches and other needs.

"We're hoping to have it be a quiet place of solitude where students can have devotional time," said Colleen Heykoop, Biola's manager of parent relations. "This is something that the students are going to be able to enjoy right away. The parents who are going to be contributing to it — their students will be here to enjoy it."

If parents come up with \$40,000 for this final phase of the park, an unnamed donor has committed to provide the final \$30,000 needed to complete the project, Heykoop said. Last year, parents raised over \$80,000 for the walking bridge.

Officials hope to complete the park by February, when Biola will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the La Mirada campus.

To support Olive Grove Park, make an online donation at www.biola.edu/parent/olivegrove or call (562) 903-4714.



Family Ties Are a Win for Biola Sports



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Back row, from left: Phillip Friehe, Derek Friehe, Tavea Hampton, Jared Fenlason, Aaron Fenlason.
Front row: Leslie Larson, Brian Shepard, Lindsay Dietzen, Kristin Larson, Derek Dietzen.

In the world of sports, a team often provides athletes a “home away from home” — with road trips and intense schedules that make players feel as close as kin.

But for many of Biola University’s sports teams, this family atmosphere is more than just a feeling. It’s actual. Biola’s sports program kicked off this year with 10 sets of siblings from across the nation, including three sets of brothers on the men’s soccer team alone.

“It is kind of weird to think that three groups of brothers would actually want to go to the same school as their older brothers, but it’s nice that there is that strong sense of family on the soccer team,” said **Jared Fenlason**, a sophomore defenseman from Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

Jared’s younger brother, **Aaron Fenlason**, a freshman goalkeeper for the team, is playing on a scholarship. With less than two years separating them, the Fenlason brothers have played together on several teams both in the U.S. and abroad.

“I enjoy playing with him because we know how to push each other and make each other better Christians and players on the field,” Aaron said.

The men’s soccer team is also home to brothers **Derek and Phillip Friehe**, of Moses Lake, Wash., and **Nick and Zach Bautista**, of Orange, Calif., while the women’s team features twins **Ashley and Heather Moseley**, of

Hemet, Calif.

But Biola’s siblinghood extends far beyond the soccer field.

Matt and Kim Arroues, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., have been cross-country runners since grade school and decided Biola was the best place for them to continue running and to find community with others.

“Having my older sister on the team is nice because she can help me,” Matt said. “There was a little competition when we were younger, but now we just both concentrate on our team and our running.”

Sophomore volleyball player **Lindsay Dietzen**, of Moses Lake, Wash., followed in her older brother’s footsteps to the university; **Derek Dietzen** is a pitcher for Biola’s baseball team. One of Derek’s teammates and fellow pitchers, **Brian Albert**, anticipates his own little sister, **Jillian**, becoming the newest addition to the women’s softball team this interterm.

Similarly, senior basketball star **Rocky Hampton** inspired his younger sister **Tavea**, a volleyball player, to enthusiastically participate in Biola sports.

The list doesn’t stop there. **Eddie and Brian Shepard** also bring the family atmosphere to Biola’s sports program, but not as teammates. While Brian can be found in the water for the Eagles, his older brother Eddie can be found at

the pool’s edge as head coach of the swim team.

And rounding out the lineup are **Kristin and Leslie Larson**, freshman sisters from Rialto, Calif., who as a pitcher and catcher form a potential future battery for the women’s softball team.

From field to court to swimming pool, these families of athletes from around the country are leaving sibling rivalry on the sidelines and helping to build tight-knit teams. On and off the field, these students are more than classmates, more than teammates. They are brothers and sisters — literally and in Christ.

“We consider everyone as a brother and we treat each other like family,” Jared Fenlason said. “To say I have one brother on the team would be wrong. I have 20 brothers on the team.”

—Valerie Russell

Get in the Game!

Show your Eagle pride by attending an upcoming game — either at Biola or on the road. Remaining home games for Biola’s basketball teams are listed below. More details and schedules for Biola’s other teams can be found at www.biola.edu/athletics.

Men’s Basketball

Dec. 29	Bethany University
Dec. 31	University of Montana-Western
Jan. 3	University of Redlands
Jan. 6	Azusa Pacific University
Jan. 13	Westmont College
Jan. 24	California Baptist University
Jan. 29	Point Loma Nazarene University
Feb. 3	Fresno Pacific University
Feb. 14	San Diego Christian College
Feb. 21	Concordia University
Feb. 24	The Master’s College
March 2	Hope International University

Women’s Basketball

Dec. 31	Whittier College
Jan. 6	Azusa Pacific University
Jan. 13	Westmont College
Jan. 24	California Baptist University
Jan. 29	Point Loma Nazarene University
Feb. 3	Fresno Pacific University
Feb. 12	Chapman University
Feb. 14	San Diego Christian College
Feb. 21	Concordia University
Feb. 24	The Master’s College
March 2	Hope International University

God's Presence Revealed Through a Blind and Suffering Boy

Few people imagine or anticipate their life filled with severe pain. I'm referring to a pain that follows you every moment, every day, month after month, without an ending in sight. Pain that causes your life, as you once knew it, to cease altogether.

I never anticipated experiencing this type of pain in my life ... until it pierced me in the heart.

It was May of 2007. My husband, Drake, and I had been married over 11 years and blessed with two beautiful children: 2-year-old Judson and 9-month-old Jessie. Like all parents, we were extremely proud of our kids; Judson, in particular, was a bright and articulate little boy with a sweet spirit who quickly endeared himself to everyone.

However, at the end of May, Jud's body began to unexpectedly and rapidly deteriorate. Within a few short weeks, he was losing his eyesight and ability to walk.

When doctors informed us they needed to do emergency testing because the situation was likely very serious, my heart broke; I realized my world could be on the verge of unraveling. I cried out to God in fear and anguish, but also recall specifically asking him to make his presence known to me no matter what lay ahead.

After weeks of testing, misdiagnosis and a steady decline in Jud's abilities, we were given horribly bleak news. Judson was afflicted with Krabbe leukodystrophy, an extremely rare, genetic, incurable, terminal disease. In less than five months, Jud's whole body became paralyzed, including an inability to hold up his head. He went totally blind and mute. He experienced painful spasticity in his limbs and his swallowing reflex diminished. Though his keen mind and beautiful smile never faded, the critical functions in Jud's body shut down, including his ability to breathe. Our precious boy died in my arms just shy of age 3.

Although Judson has been set free from his affliction, our lives are filled with an intense, pervasive pain.

We are often asked, "Where is God in your pain?"

While the Lord is completely capable of removing painful circumstances and even honored when we cry out to him in our need, our Father never promised us lives without hardship. In fact, I am beginning to see that



Judson, far left, was born Christmas Eve 2004 and died Nov. 7, 2007. Read more about Judson and the Levasheff family at www.storyofjudson.com.

even though suffering is a result of evil and sin, it is also one of God's greatest tools for drawing people unto himself. He may not promise to remove our pain, but he *does* promise to be with us through the valleys.

"How do you know he is present?" one might wonder.

I am reminded of an evening when Jud had been crying out in pain during the night. I went and kissed him, then laid my head next to his — face to face, just inches away. No words were exchanged.

Suddenly Jud got a very fearful look on his face and began to cry. Though his eyes were staring directly at me, he had no idea I was still with him. Judson was fully blind. He felt alone, scared and vulnerable. I placed my hand on Jud's back and gently patted him; he immediately calmed and smiled. It did not diminish his pain, but he knew he was being cared for.

When faced with pain, are we often blind to God's presence? Are there times Jesus is directly in front of us, only "inches" away, and yet we think he is elsewhere?

Whether through notes, encouragement, prayers, gifts, meals, financial support or other unexpected blessings, our Father has been making his abundant love known to us through others. Friends and strangers alike have testified of being uncharacteristically led by the Spirit to reach out

to our family. Though God has not removed our pain, it's as though the Holy Spirit has encamped around our home, upholding our hearts in a manner that is otherwise inexplicable.

And most profoundly, God revealed his nearness to us through our little boy who lived with incomprehensible joy during his suffering. The Spirit of God was clearly at work in Jud's life; before going mute, Jud regularly challenged us, comforted us and spoke truth in a manner beyond belief for a child his age. God was unmistakably present in our suffering son.

Of course there have been many times on this journey when I have also felt deeply alone, scared and vulnerable — unable to see God. But in those moments, it is as if he gently pats me on the back, reminding me that he is caring for me just as he promised.

Certainly I never imagined my life would include this kind of pain, but I also never anticipated knowing the grace and love of my Shepherd in such fresh and profound ways because of it.



Christina Levasheff ('95, M.A. '98) was a resident director at Biola from 1996 to 2001. She is on hiatus from her subsequent work as a college educator to stay home with her daughter, and to write and speak publicly about her journey.



KINGDOM

*They came from all over the world. They will go out to all of the world.
They seek to build the kingdom, not a fortress. They are Biola in 2009.*

GLIMPSSES

By Brett McCracken

In the 2007 book, *unChristian*, Biola alumnus and Barna Group president David Kinnaman ('96) presents a startling array of statistics about the perceptions people have of Christianity.

One of the most significant findings of the book's research is the report that among young outsiders, 84 percent say they personally know at least one committed Christian, yet just 15 percent think the lifestyles of those followers are significantly different from the norm.

At Biola, though, is this the case? At a time when Biola is seeing record numbers of enrolled students — students choosing to attend a university known for missions rather than binge drinking and spiritual formation rather than sexual awakening — the statistics of *unChristian* don't seem totally applicable.

But if the Christian young people at Biola *are* different than the "norm," how and why is this the case? What in the

lives of these current Biola students makes them different than their non-Christian counterparts?

For several weeks this fall, *Biola Magazine* went to the source, interviewing students of diverse backgrounds, majors, interests and ages — both undergraduate and graduate — to take the pulse of Biola in 2009.

It's a student body that is focused *outward*, actively seeking ways to make the world better and bring people to Christ, as well as *inward* — striving to be an authentic, transformed community of believers. They're part of a generation of Christians that is tired of being *against* things and would rather live lives that are *for* something. They are committed to a confident faith, less embattled than empowered and motivated by building a kingdom rather than defending a fortress.

They are spiritual entrepreneurs, dreaming of ways to impact the world for Christ. This is what they're all about.



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Meleca Consultado

Reaching Out to the World

Senior Meleca Consultado wasn't supposed to come to Biola. Even though she grew up 10 minutes away in Fullerton, Calif., Meleca was from birth destined for "greater things." Born in the Philippines, Meleca came to the United States at age 3. In her Catholic family of 16, Meleca was expected to pursue a career in a financially lucrative field like medicine.

But in her senior year of high school, Meleca stunned her parents by making the choice to attend Biola rather than the state school they'd picked out for her.

"When I told them that I might be going to Biola and studying inter-cultural studies, they were like, 'What's that? Does that deal with diplomacy?' The question was what I was going to do after I graduate. And actually, I don't know. But I wouldn't change anything."

Meleca, who is in her third year as a resident assistant in Hart Hall, has found in Biola a place where she can understand what it means to be Christian in an honest, vulnerable community.

"I feel so *known* here," she said, "even in my brokenness."

For Meleca, the appeal of Christianity has always been the idea of being truly *known* in a community—where it is OK to ask questions, talk about uncomfortable things and not feel threatened. Whether she is leading a campus-wide women's ministry ("The Beloved") or walking with the girls on her floor during both bad times and good, Meleca is passionate about facilitating communities where people are known, both to themselves and to each other. She believes that Christianity is the only thing that offers us a vocabulary to express what we are really feeling, to be honest about who we really are.

"We're a superficial Facebook generation, afraid to ask questions or go deeper," she said. "We're a culture of hiding, and Christianity is about shedding light on the dark areas in our lives."

Let's be honest. Christian colleges don't have the reputation of being particularly engaged with the outside world. Rather, we are known for being sheltered, insular and a little bit detached from reality.

The reality at Biola, though, is that the current batch of students is remarkably broad-minded and outward-focused.

Community, for them, must necessarily go beyond the sheltered world of a Christian university or well-to-do suburban congregation.

Talbot student Aaron Mascaró, who works as chaplain for Long Beach Rescue Mission, hopes to one day plant a church that is focused on leaving comfort zones to minister across cultural and socio-economic borders.

"Unity, diversity and reconciliation are big issues for the church today," he said. "We have to create a church that is more reflective of the gospel, of God's kingdom."

Coupled with this focus on diversity and cross-cultural ministry is the strikingly global mindset of many Biola students. By the time they have graduated, many of them will have traveled internationally. Record numbers of students are participating in study abroad programs, and many of them express interest in living abroad permanently after graduation.

This international orientation makes sense in a world that is increasingly "flat" and globalized, and it's a trend that goes beyond Biola.

Still, many Biola students are finding that their desire for cross-cultural experiences fits well with a more robust, kingdom-minded faith. Senior anthropology major Caitlin Risser speaks for a lot of students when she says that an openness to study and visit foreign cultures offers us a chance to "see who God is through all sorts of different lenses."

Caitlin thinks it is important that we think of the Great Commission in the context of globalization—accepting new ideas while still holding strong

Robert Bolgeo

On first impression, junior Robert Bolgeo is a stereotypical Biola undergrad. He's an outgoing film major from Nashville with a Southern Baptist upbringing, raised in the church, etc. He's starred in and produced a comedy Web series called "Dorm Life," he loves mission trips and gets excited about systematic theology. Just your average Biola student, right?

Maybe. But whether or not he fits the Biola mold, Robert would be quick to tell you that, ultimately, it's not about him. It's about God.

When he first arrived at Biola as a freshman, the experience of having education coupled with faith blew Robert's mind. He'd grown up in public school and was excited about required chapel and 30 units of Bible.

When the novelty wore off, though, Robert saw himself and his peers become jaded. What was it that motivated them to keep up the "Christian college" life? Ultimately, the whole thing felt a little self-serving.

"Even when we do things for others it is often because we want to feel good," he said. "We are so often motivated by selfish desires, and I hate that."

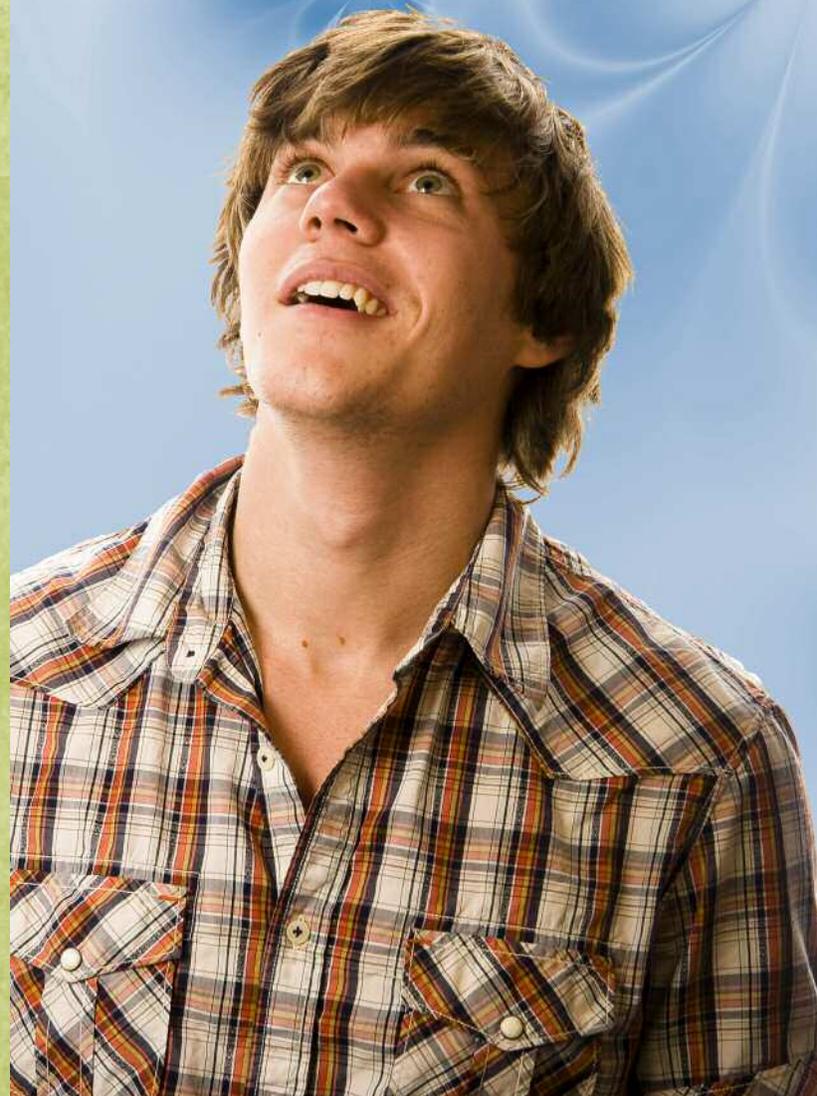
Robert, who reads Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology* for fun, is passionate about curbing the effects of individualism on the church.

In worship, he said, we sing, "I worship my God," when we ought to be talking in first-person plural.

"We are in this together, a community, but we are afraid to be bonded," said Robert. "We are too individualistically motivated."

This is the paradoxical struggle for Robert and his generation of Christians. From every direction comes the desire to be unique, individual and the exception to the norm; but then there is the call of God — to deny ourselves, follow him and be the church.

Robert is working through that, along with his peers. It's not always easy, but it's something Robert is committed to.



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to our core biblical values.

"Tolerance is both positive and negative," she contends. "We should accept cultures for how beautiful God made them, but we should not accept the sins within them."

Students like Charlotte Evensen (see page 23) are clear that creating an accepting, tolerant community is not about saying yes to every lifestyle as much as recognizing the basic humanity in people.

Indeed, a mindfulness of humanity and our call to love and care for people is something more and more students are committed to.

Students like sophomore Rachel Aspinwall and senior Danika Dahlin exemplify the heart many students have for humanitarian work and social justice.

A missionary kid from Thailand, Aspinwall volunteered in three AIDS orphanages during high school and hopes to use her nursing degree from Biola to return there one day.

Dahlin has worked for the past few summers in Malawi for her parents' nonprofit, Water Wells for Africa, and has been involved in the Darfur Awareness Club on campus. She's been overwhelmed by the sheer enormity of the problems that need solving in the world, and believes that "social justice" causes are not sustainable unless people come at them with a faith in God.

She's just one of an increasing number of students who are reaching out to the world not because they think they can change it, but because they know God can. He, and he alone, changes things.

Emily Johnson

When it comes to college students hoping to impact the world, senior Emily Johnson is as idealistic as the rest. But unlike most of her peers who like to think money doesn't drive the world, Emily is realizing that — especially for Christians in missions — most everything comes down to the dollar.

Emily recalls a time when one of her friends didn't have enough money to pay the tuition in order to stay at Biola. A business/marketing major, Emily mobilized about 50 friends to start calling around, raising money for their friend's tuition, and in less than seven hours, nearly \$7,000 was raised.

"It was at this point that I realized there were opportunities that you couldn't have unless you had money, and that money really does make a big impact," she said.

Emily, a preacher's kid from inner city Chicago, is passionate about fundraising, but also about urban ministry, humanitarian work and racial reconciliation. She has plans to one day start a nonprofit that combines these passions.

Her nonprofit would be a program that allowed underprivileged kids to take trips — mission trips, service trips — outside of their city, state or even country.

"These sorts of trips always seem to be 'life-changing,' but the kids who get to go on them are usually well-to-do kids from the suburbs," said Emily. "Poorer kids never get to go on these trips, these experiences that inspire you and change your perspective on things."

The trips would be a reward for doing well in school — a gift of getting the chance to go somewhere and *give*, to serve and hang out with other "underprivileged" kids across the country and world.

"These kids wouldn't go to the poor countries and pity them; they'd be more able to relate to them," said Emily.

Emily knows it will take work, money and business savvy to make her dream nonprofit a reality, but — perhaps unlike most idealistic young collegians — she's excited by the practical challenges.

Opening Up to One Another

Students' renewed fervor for impacting the wider world, however, begins with a desire to effect change on a smaller scale—in their own lives, in their own community. Building God's kingdom, after all, must begin by laying down a solid foundation, by establishing the core values that inform everything else that we do.

The "solid foundation" for this generation, it seems, is *authenticity*. For these young people, who grew up in a world of marketing and hypocrisy from every direction (the media, their families, teachers, politicians, preachers, etc.), there is a profound desire for something *real*.

At Biola, this desire parlays into a commitment to openness and honesty — to God, to each other, and to oneself. Increasingly for Biola students, the facade of perfection is something they want to do away with.



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Jeffrey Hiendarto

Junior Josh Penman is one student who is tired of hiding his faults. He's a passionate activist involved in social justice causes like ending sex trafficking, but he readily admits that his more righteous ambitions have sometimes been sidelined by his personal struggle with pornography.

"I've watched porn knowing that the person in it might be trafficked, which means that in that moment, sex trumped even my passion for justice," he said.

Josh is an example of a trend toward honesty about sin among Biola students. They want to confess sin to each other rather than letting it fester and deter them from their higher priorities.

Central to this is a commitment to *community*, which is another big emphasis of Biola students today.

Current Talbot students Phil and Christine Jensen (see page 25) believe community is the answer to overcoming our selfish, ultimately toxic tendency toward individualism.

If we are to cultivate a "kingdom culture," where God's priorities supersede our individual cultural norms and values, we must begin by forging real, authentic relationships with one another, Phil said.

Whether through increased participation in small groups, prayer ministries or informal discipleship communities in dorm lounges, students at Biola are seeking each other out and putting the community — the body of Christ — in a higher place of prominence.

Charlotte Evensen

Charlotte Evensen describes herself as "a wandering soul," and it's easy to see why. The Master of Arts in Education student currently lives in Downey, Calif., and teaches at Warren High School, but before that she spent six years teaching in Papua New Guinea. She's also lived in Hawaii, after three years in Portland, Ore., and various stints across California before that (Inglewood, Southgate, Sacramento). Oh, and she lived the first 10 years of her life in Kenya.

As you might expect, Charlotte is the product of a large number of influences. Though a native Kenyan, Charlotte grew up with a blond-haired, blue-eyed dad who was a Lutheran school principal who had gone to Africa with the Peace Corps. Charlotte grew up speaking Luo, Swahili and English, and has experienced both joy and tragedy in the various places she's lived.

In Papua New Guinea, the school where she taught burned down in a tribal war and a person very close to her died.

Now she's in Downey, teaching English to high school students and working on her thesis at Biola. For her, education is a mission field, no matter where you are.

Having grown up a female in Africa, Charlotte realizes the importance of education.

"It's the only equalizer in a world that is fallen," she said. "It opens doors for those who have no other options."

In her classroom, Charlotte's students know that she is a Christian, not so much by what she says as by how she acts.

"I'm not necessarily called to proclaim the gospel at my school, but I am called to love each one of those students while I am teaching them," she said.

Relationships are important to Charlotte as a way we can model Christ in our lives. She sometimes thinks Christians forget to love people in the process of leading them to Christ.

"How many Christians have relationships with nonbelievers on a human level, not an 'I'm going to save you' level?" she wonders. "It's not our job to convert people. The Holy Spirit does that work. We just have to build relationships."

No matter where she is in the world, no matter what she's doing, Charlotte attempts to live this out. Her "wandering soul" has one simple desire: to be a woman after God's own heart.

Andy Leong

Andy Leong is passionate about music, especially music that is creative and trailblazing. He's tired of Christians making music that is little more than an after-the-fact, copycat, "Christian alternative."

Andy, who came to Biola from Arcata, Calif., and whose parents work for Campus Crusade at Humboldt State University, believes that Christians are weak on culture making.

One of the biggest problems, said Andy, is that the Christian subculture has become such a separate, self-sustaining thing from the rest of culture. This has negative consequences both on how we *consume* culture and how we *create* it.

"For a really long time, all the biggest artists, writers and composers were Christians. Christians were the biggest force in culture," he said. "Then, in the 19th and 20th centuries, we lost that influence."

Andy is passionate about re-establishing Christians as leaders and trailblazers — rather than followers — in the arts.

"Instead of setting the pace and trying to influence culture, we're a step behind, coming up with Christian alternatives to secular successes," Andy said. "What needs to happen is Christians in media need to be willing to take risks in new and original ways. We should be trying harder than anyone else, giving our all, setting the pace for the rest of the world."

Andy dreams of starting his own record label that takes chances on new and original music artists, working with them in the studio and in all aspects of their careers to create forward-thinking records that set the pace and influence culture.

Though currently a music composition major, Andy is hoping to switch to media management, to hone the skills necessary to make his record company a reality.

He loves producing music and working on the business side, but he also loves creating his own music. His band, The Fragrance, plays for Biola Youth — a university program that offers resources to area home-schooled families — and is in the Biola chapel worship rotation. Andy writes songs for the band, which is currently preparing to record a demo.

Whether he is composing, producing, performing or appreciating art and culture, Andy is committed to doing it at a high level. This, he would say, is our long-neglected Christian duty.

Listen to Andy's band: www.myspace.com/thefragrancemusic

Transformation, From the Inside Out

Certainly, transformation is the crux of the matter — the tie that binds the inward and outward focus of the Christian experience. And it's crucial in the lives of Biolans today.

Community is hugely important for them, but many students are recognizing that "being real" is ultimately just one part of "being transformed."

"Beyond being authentic, we have to get *better*," said Christine Jensen. "It's about truth and being in a relationship where you can speak into each other's lives, have the risky conversations and maybe even hurt each other a little along the way. The kingdom dynamic is transformation."

Indeed, the power of transformation is the key to understanding what makes Biola students stand out from the *unChristian* model. The first thing these students will tell you about their transformation is that it is not about



them; it's not a result of anything *they've* done. It's about God seeking them out, pulling them unto himself.

"Christ not only offers salvation from the corrupt world, but begs you to grasp hold of that salvation," said Josh Penman. "As one who sees you suffering as a result of your own actions, he calls for you to take his hand and let him pull you out."

Christ is in the business of pulling people out, which is something Aaron Mascaro can testify to. He grew up in a Pittsburg home surrounded by drug use, divorce, sexual immorality and other dysfunction, and couldn't find any hope or security there. But when he accepted Christ, "it was like night and day."

For others, like senior Stetson Butler, it hasn't been like night and day, but it's been no less sweet. For the past several years, Stetson has felt God transforming him spiritually, teaching him to feel pleasure not in the things of the world but in the company of God's people.

"It's such a beautiful picture, looking back on it now," Stetson said. "It wasn't any of my own doing. It was just the Spirit working in me and transforming my heart. I really began to find pleasure in following Christ, which is not something I could have done on my own."

Stetson is graduating from Biola this December, and — like many of his cohorts — he's not quite sure what he's going to do. But this is not a fear as much as it is a thrill. He has the confidence of a man who's been grabbed hold of, but the humility of one who knows he can never wield salvation like a weapon.

Rather, he will venture forth into the world unafraid — a spiritual entrepreneur building up the kingdom with bridges rather than battlements, with an ear to the ground and an eye to the heavens ... and hands in the dirt. *Biola*



Neph Trejo

Phil and Christine Jensen

For Phil and Christine Jensen, coming to the United States from the United Kingdom to pursue graduate degrees at Biola's Talbot School of Theology was a huge gamble. It meant relocating their family, including children Sam, 8, and Eve, 4, leaving a successful career at Proctor & Gamble and a "lovely Victorian house" in Newcastle, England, and hoping that three years of seminary education in Southern California would be worth it.

Now in their second year at Talbot, the Jensens have some uncertainty about the future, but they do know a couple things about the present: 1) they are passionate about fostering community in the body of Christ, and 2) their house has a big living room.

Though they were eager to put their spacious new living room to good use when they moved to La Mirada in 2007, the Jensens found that it was like pulling teeth to get Americans to come over for a meal.

"In England, if you invite a person for lunch, that's it," said Phil. "Barring a missing leg, you are going to turn up. Here, it seems like,

"Well, if I have a better offer..."

Last year, they invited all of Talbot's first-year M.Div. students (around 110 people) to a lunch party, but only three showed up.

"But the three that turned up had a good time," said Christine, "and I think that's what we've learned: Just go with the goers, and if people have a need, then we can do something with that."

It's certainly been a cultural learning process, with a few missteps along the way, but things are looking up these days.

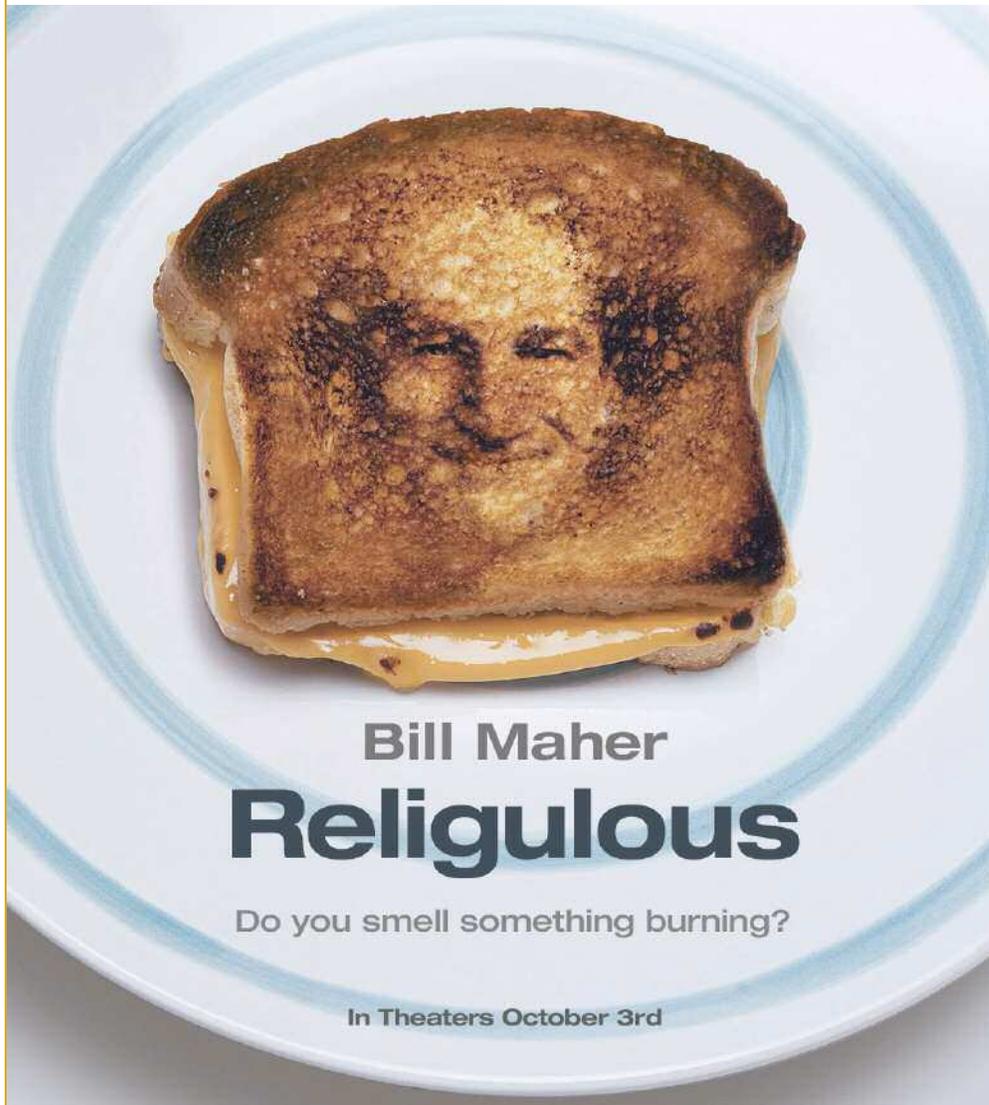
The Jensens currently serve as Biola campus coaches for the small groups ministry at Rock Harbor Church. They host students at their house once a week, putting their living room to good use.

"If you're not known, and you don't know people, then you aren't really *doing church*," said Christine.

For the Jensens, *doing church* — like moving across the Atlantic to attend seminary — requires risk.

But risk, they say, is part of what it means to be a Christian.

Responding to *Religulous* With a Confident Faith



Christians are gullible and stupid. Whether or not that statement is true, it is certainly a perception that is frequently perpetuated in the media. So what should Christians be doing to counter this claim? How can we have a confident, rigorous faith that stands up to the pervasive skepticism and doubt in our culture?

These are questions addressed by two Talbot School of Theology professors in a new book, *In Search of a Confident Faith: Overcoming Barriers to Trusting in God* (InterVarsity Press), co-authored by J.P. Moreland and Klaus Issler.

Near the beginning of the book, Issler and Moreland describe how comedian and television

host Bill Maher recently claimed that Christians suffer from a neurological disorder that keeps them from thinking. Maher expanded on that claim this fall in his high-profile documentary, *Religulous*, which concludes that “religion must die for mankind to live.”

Biola Magazine sat down with Moreland to discuss both *Religulous* and his new book, and how Christians can have a higher level of “God-confidence” in the face of aggressive secularism.

J.P., how would you define “God-confidence”?

God-confidence is having a growing, vibrant, vital trust in God. In the book, we try to clarify

what faith is, and in contradistinction to *Religulous* — which presents faith as completely opposed to reason — we suggest that faith is actually *based on* knowledge and reason, not opposed to it. So in our book we try to describe how you can grow and flourish in your faith.

How would you assess the state of God-confidence in the church today?

Dr. Issler and I have seen a growing number of people who are very confused about faith. Not long ago I was doing an evangelistic talk in a gymnasium, and in the question-and-answer time, a Christian came up to the microphone and asked me, “Dr. Moreland, I’m troubled. If you prove there’s a God, what room is there for faith?” Her picture of faith was that it makes up for the absence of good reasons or evidence or knowledge, where I think that faith is like a chair. The more you know about a chair, the more you can place your confidence in [sitting on] it.

In *Religulous*, Bill Maher often comes back to the question of why God has made his existence such a matter of faith and not certainty. Why doesn’t God just prove himself and end our doubts?

God *hasn’t* made it so hard to know he’s there. That’s why 95 percent of people in the world believe in God. It’s not the believer that is in the minority; it’s Bill Maher. Faith is not to make up for a lack of reason or proof, but it is placing confidence in what we have good reason to believe is true.

For the 5 percent of people, like Maher, who don’t or can’t see that “the existence of God is not itself hidden,” where do you start with them?

I would have to sit down with Bill and ask him, “What are the things that have tripped you up?” And I would recommend that he go through the series of steps outlined in the book as to how to deal with doubt. Generally speaking, however, I recommend that a person begin by looking at the earth and considering the fact that it hasn’t always been here, that it is incredibly well-designed so that life could appear, that the structure of a DNA molecule is so mind-boggling that it is impossible to

believe these things happened by chance. Also, I would point out the fact that there is an absolute moral law, and everyone — including Bill Maher — recognizes it. Bill Maher is angry at God because he thinks God has violated the moral law, but where does moral law come from if there isn't a moral lawgiver? I would advance considerations like that.

An important distinction you make in the book is between knowing and knowing for certain. Maher presents a world where nothing can be known or believed that isn't certain or empirically proven.

But Maher doesn't realize that the principle of "I can't know something that isn't empirically proven" itself cannot be empirically proven. So on his own criterion, the statement negates itself. You can know something without knowing it *for certain*. There is knowledge of a whole range of things — science, art, history — that we wouldn't say is completely, 100-percent certain, but we'd say we have enough reasons to claim that we know this to be the case. The Apostle Paul says in one case, "This I want you to know with certainty," which presupposes that it is possible to truly know something *without* certainty.

In the book, you talk a lot about supernatural experiences, writing that "reality is not exhausted by what you can detect with your five senses." But how do we reason with people who cannot accept anything other than physical reality?

Well, we can share with people like that about times when we've experienced specific answers to prayer, when we've actually seen someone be physically healed, as I have. In the book, we list story after story of things that we've seen in our own lives or heard from others, and they are downright supernatural stories. They are hard to dismiss or explain away. We are credible witnesses; we're not making these stories up. If Bill Maher were to go to any church and give people a chance to tell their stories — things they've seen with their own eyes — I don't see how he could discount it. He'd have to just not be willing to listen to any of it.

Do you think a lot of Christians are a bit reticent to talk about supernatural things — even if they believe in them — due to the impact of naturalism on the wider culture?

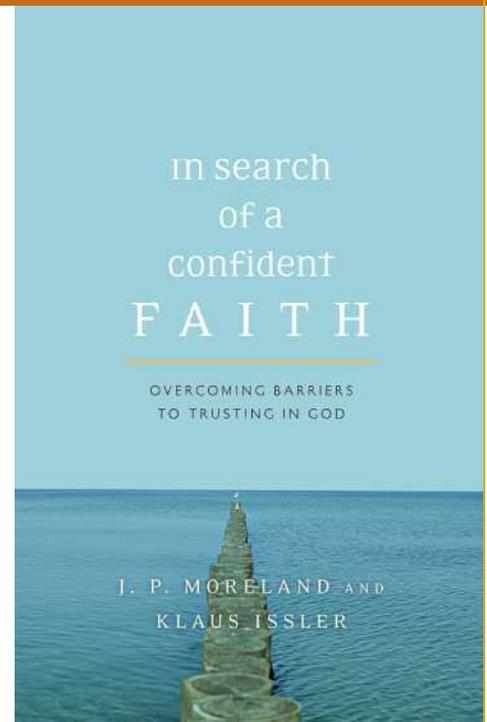
Yes, I do think naturalism has impacted our culture, so that we (western Christians) tend to not expect as much as, say, people who come to Christ in South America or Africa. But I do think that even in our culture, the older people get, the more they've seen these things, the easier it is for them to talk about it. Young people often haven't been around enough to see these things, but older Christians can tell you about a number of experiences and miraculous things they've seen.

Aside from just growing older and having more experiences, are there other ways that we can recover the sense of the supernatural that has been weakened by naturalism?

Yes, there are several things we can do. One would be to start experimenting more in your prayer life. Pray for specific things and be willing for God to not show up. Experiment with it. Secondly, we need to start telling each other what we've seen and heard. I once met a guy who had had his ribs and hands crushed by heavy machinery, and after his initial X-rays, he was prayed over by a number of people. When the doctors took follow-up X-rays, the bones were fine. But he never told anyone about this because he said he didn't like talking about himself. I think we need to create an atmosphere where we bear witness to these things more, with respect to one another.

One of Maher's main problems with Christianity is that it upholds a God who is jealous and wrathful. This idea disgusts Maher. How would you respond to him on this?

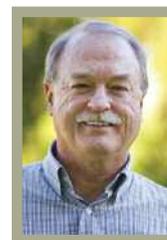
Well, the only God that Bill Maher would want to believe in would be a big Ted Kennedy in the sky. We don't get to create or make up what God is like. God is who he is, whether we like him or not. Maher is projecting on God the pettiness that he himself would have if he were petty and jealous. But God's jealousy isn't like a schoolboy who didn't get good grades and is jealous of the kid who got an A on the exam. God's jealousy is more a



recognition of his own glory and beauty, and he's honest with himself about who he really is. He's not going to hide who he is from himself. He desires for people to come and share in that glory, to share what he has.

Your book gives concrete advice for how we can increase our God-confidence. What would you say is a particularly important habit or "God-confidence nurturing project" for Christians?

Well, here's one thing that I think is very helpful. Many people believe that you either believe something or you don't believe something. You're either 100 percent or zero percent. But this is totally untrue. You can legitimately believe something, but you can grow to believe it more as time goes on. You can believe something 60-40, but then over time you can come to believe it 80-20. It's not that you didn't believe it at 60-40; it was just that you were less confident. A person needs to be honest with himself or herself, not only about what they believe, but about how strongly they believe it. You might say, "Well, I believe in prayer, but not as strongly as I'd like," which is an honest self-assessment. We need not ostracize those people or beat them to death, but we should try to grow them in their confidence.



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Preventing Mid-Life Drift



Earlier this year my wife and I purchased a 30-foot sailboat we use on weekends to take friends sailing. I recently took some of my students out for the day and had a wonderful time getting to know them outside of class. Sailing is one of those hobbies that's fairly easy to do but can get you in a lot of trouble fast if you don't know what you're doing.

Several years ago when I was a youth pastor, I rented a large sailboat and brought four guys from my ministry to Catalina. Late in the afternoon I dropped the anchor and we settled in for the night. Unbeknown to me, it was low tide and I had only let out enough chain for the anchor to touch the bottom. At 3 a.m. I woke to a blood-curdling scream as one of the guys discovered we had drifted within inches of jagged rocks. As the tide came in, it lifted the anchor from its mooring and we drifted toward sudden peril without warning.

The same thing happens in the lives of believers. In fact, it happened to one of God's greatest leaders of Israel.

In I Kings 3:5–14, we read the amazing account of God appearing to young Solomon in a dream to ask him what he wanted. Most scholars estimate his age in the mid-20s. Soon he would be thrust into making economic, political and military decisions that would impact the lives of

thousands. One slight miscalculation and God's nation would be on the rocks.

In his dream, rather than asking for personal fame, wealth, long life or any other self-centered request, Solomon asked God for a soft and sensitive heart (literally in Hebrew a *hearing heart*) to discern God's voice. He knew he would need to hear it often in the years ahead.

The next seven chapters record Solomon's young adult and mid-life years as king of God's nation. It is what biblical scholars refer to as the Golden Age of King Solomon. He began his reign with such wisdom and spiritual discernment that it marveled even the pagan nations around Israel. During this time the nation experienced years of material prosperity and military security. But unfortunately, it didn't last.

Fast forward to chapter 11, the record of the last days of Solomon's life, as the curtain falls on his reign. There's no way to sugarcoat the story. The great and mighty king of Israel has declined to a state of moral decay and spiritual dereliction. If this had been a democracy he would have been impeached.

What happened? What could cause this great man to fall so miserably from the stage of national and spiritual leadership? The answer is in the first nine verses of this chapter, which repeatedly reference Solomon's heart. In

essence, Solomon's heart had grown insensitive toward spiritual things in his life — including his relationship with God. No longer could he hear the voice of God as he had during his young adult years.

It was during his mid-life years that something happened. Something slow but deliberate caused his heart to drift away from God. The text tells us it was the many women in his life. As a pastor for over 30 years, I've sat and listened to church members reflect on the cause of their own spiritual drift. It's different things for different people. For some it is the quest for material possessions. For others, it happens while climbing the corporate ladder. Everyone faces mid-life drift, but not everyone has to fall victim to it.

How do you avoid the heart drift that removed Solomon from effective leadership? First, maintain a vibrant walk with the Lord through regular Bible study. Secondly, maintain an accountability relationship with someone you trust. This person must be willing to speak truth into your life when he or she sees you starting to drift perilously close to the rocks. Thirdly, remember where it all began: Take the time to reflect on your early days as a believer when Jesus was your first love. Maintain a posture of humility no matter how many ways God chooses to bless you.

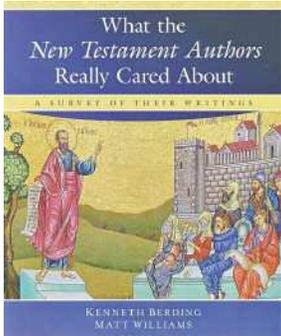
The mid-life years should be a time for energy and vitality, but if you aren't careful, they can also be marked by self-centeredness and the pursuit of interests that can turn you away from following God. Heart drift can sneak in without warning and cause you to run aground. Take it from Solomon, who had God appear to him twice during his life, yet still drifted away. If it can happen to a leader like that, it can happen to you as well. Stay alert and watch for the currents that can cause your heart to drift away from the things of God.

Michael J. Anthony ('75, M.A. '76)



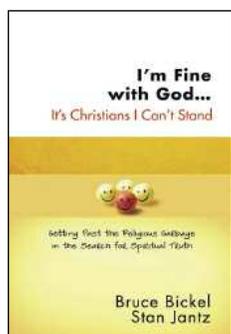
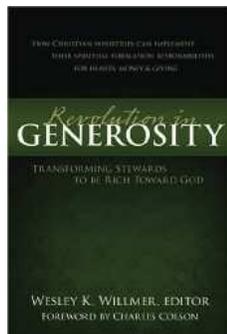
Vice Provost of Faculty Development & Institutional Assessment; Anthony holds Ph.D.s from Claremont Graduate School and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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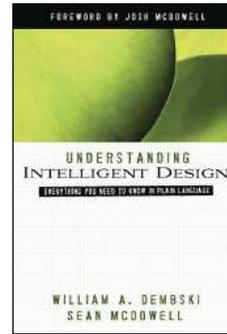
What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About: A Survey of Their Writings, co-edited by Ken Berding (associate professor of New Testament and Greek) and Matt Williams (associate professor of biblical studies and theology), Kregel Academic and Professional, May 2008; *What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About* is a fresh approach to understanding what is really important in the New Testament. This introductory survey concentrates on the most important themes of each book and letter in the New Testament. By asking what Matthew (or any other New Testament author) really cared about when he wrote, we discover what to pay attention to when we read, and why it makes a difference to us today.

Revolution in Generosity: Transforming Stewards to be Rich Toward God, edited by Wesley Willmer (special advisor to the president), with contributions from Joyce Brooks (Ph.D. '05), Gary Hoag (M.Div. '93), Adam Morris ('90, M.A. '97, Ph.D. '02), and Walter Russell (professor of biblical exposition), Moody Press, May 2008; *Generosity* is one of the most overlooked topics in Christian churches and seminaries, because talking about money makes people uncomfortable. But Scripture is clear that how we use our possessions can have a lasting impact on our spiritual growth. We are all called to be stewards, not hoarders, of what is given to us — time, money, possessions — and to use those things to God's glory, but few explain how this transformation takes place. To help fill this void, 22 Christian leaders have contributed to biblically based, practical answers on God, money, giving and asking with the goal of providing a valuable resource to those who wrestle with these questions.



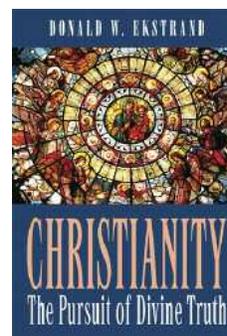
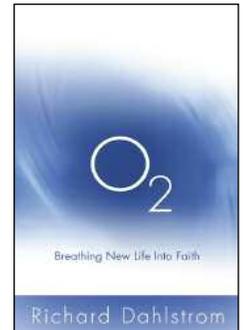
I'm Fine With God ... It's Christians I Can't Stand, co-authored by Stan Jantz ('73, M.A. '05), Harvest House, January 2008; Many non-Christians find the behavior of some Christians more off-putting than inviting. Some Christians do too! Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz take a refreshingly honest and often humorous look at some believers' outlandish behaviors. They encourage Christians to avoid making uninformed opinions about the beliefs of others. At the same time, they help unbelievers discover the truth about God without becoming distracted by Christian behavior and unprofessional Christian media and entertainment. This passionate call to authentic Christianity will

help believers and non-Christians alike move past peripheral issues and communicate openly and honestly about God.



Understanding Intelligent Design: Everything You Need to Know in Plain Language, co-authored by Sean McDowell ('98), foreword by Josh McDowell ('66), Harvest House, July 2008; Intelligent design or lucky accident? The prevailing mind-set in our schools and in the media is that everything we see came into being strictly by accident. But in this user-friendly resource, William Dembski and Sean McDowell show that many scientists are now admitting that their viewpoint is not based on fact. *Understanding Intelligent Design* clearly shows what the best information is revealing — that our existence is not an accidental by-product of nature but a clear result of intelligent design.

02, Richard Dahlstrom (M.Div. '84), Harvest House, July 2008; How can Christians revive and sustain their spiritual vitality? International Bible teacher Richard Dahlstrom offers an answer as practical and life-sustaining as oxygen. People can't hold their breath forever or continually blow air out, yet many Christians focus either on the inner life or on external service. As a result, their faith eventually becomes lifeless and irrelevant. Dahlstrom invites readers to "inhale" life as they embrace fresh perspectives on prayer, the Word, solitude and the creation. "Exhaling" continues the cycle of breathing through hospitality, generosity, service and obedience to Christ's kingdom vision.



Christianity: The Pursuit of Divine Truth, Donald W. Ekstrand (M.Div. '77), Xulon Press, April 2008; In this broad, comprehensive introduction to the religion of Christianity, Ekstrand, adjunct professor of Christian studies at Grand Canyon University, takes the student on an exciting journey of divine truth. Writing in a clear, conversational manner, Ekstrand explores the related facts of science, the wisdom of the great philosophers of history, the truths of Scripture, the teachings of Jesus Christ, the message of the apostles and the testimony of 2,000 years of church history. The depth and breadth of the material gives the student information that is useful not only for personal reflection and introspection, but also for group discussion and interaction.

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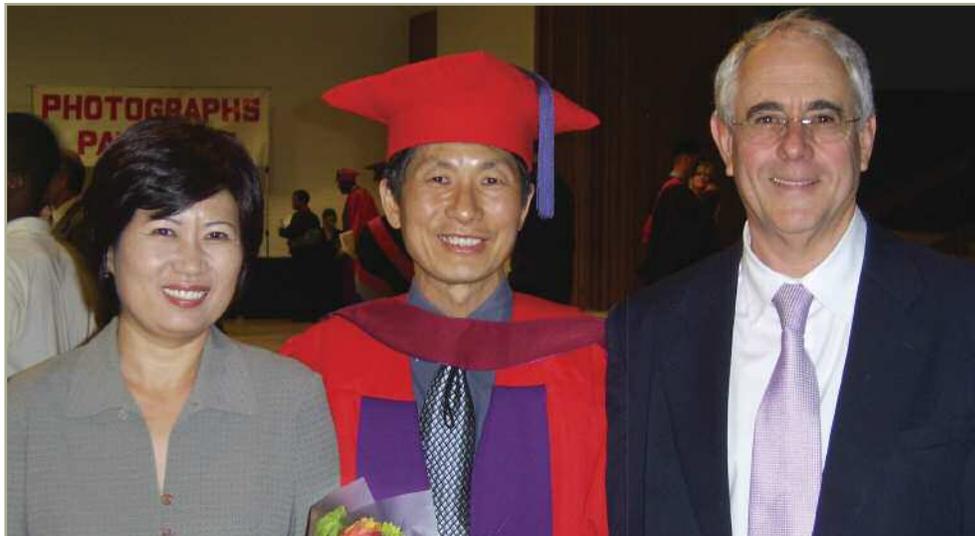
1970s

Jan (Greenhood, '73) Albano and her husband Skip recently moved to Vienna, Austria, where Skip is coach of an American football team, the Vienna Vikings. This is their second season with the AFL, having coached the Danube Dragons in 2007. The Albanos' daughter, Chelsea, graduated from Biola in 2007 and is working for Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount, Calif.

1980s

Brian ('80) and Lori (Larsen, '81) Cress. After 27 years as a pastor (20 as youth pastor, five as family pastor and two as executive pastor) at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue, Wash., Brian recently joined the staff of International Justice Mission (www.ijm.org) as the West Coast director of development. Lori is the Northwest operations director for KPMG and volunteers for IJM as well. They have three children, Brittany ('07), Graydon (a current Biola sophomore) and Marshall (a high school senior who hopes to attend Biola in the fall of 2009).

Sung Park (M.Div. '89) was recently awarded his Ph.D. from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. His dissertation was "Spirituality of Kenyan Pastors: A practical theological study of Kikuyu PCEA pastors in Nairobi." Park, who has been living and working in Kenya as a missionary for the last eight years, graduated with



Sung Park

distinction. In 2008 he also started a new pastoral leadership-training ministry called "Africa Gospel Outreach" in Kenya and is currently working as director.

Cheri (Burns, '89) Toledo has earned tenure and promotion to associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Illinois State University. She was also appointed as the coordinator of the elementary education program, one of the top five producers of teachers in the nation.

1990s

Mark Freeman ('92) and Matt Randolph ('92), CEO and president, respectively, of ProConcepts International, received accolades from *Inc.* magazine in September for running one of the top 500 fastest-growing private companies in America. This is the second consecutive year the company has received this honor, ranking 404th out of 500 in 2007 and moving up to 379th in 2008, due to a 795 percent increase in revenue over the past three years. ProConcepts International is a leading nationwide advertising agency whose concentration on customer retention and brand identity has established them in the business. PCI's offices are located from coast to coast, and may soon expand as far as New Delhi, India. Freeman and Randolph graduated from Biola in 1992 with marketing and management degrees. www.teampci.com.

Kimberly (Roscamp, '93) Sublette received a master's degree in music education from Northern Arizona University in 1999 and a secondary education teaching certificate in January 2005, also from NAU. Kimberly married Mark Sublette on Aug. 21, 2004, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Sublettes have two children, Catherine Elizabeth, 3, and Jacqueline Olivia, 1, and another child was due on Thanksgiving Day 2008. The family resides in Santa Fe, N.M., where Kimberly works as a high school special education math teacher and Mark owns a car dealership. The family attends the Light At Mission Viejo Church, a nondenominational fellowship. Contact the Sublettes at marksublettejr@gmail.com.

Jason ('96) and Natalie ('95) Wilson have two daughters, Ariel, 7, and Chara, 5. They spent the last five years in Riverside, Calif., where Jason just completed his Ph.D in applied statistics at the University of California, Riverside. Meanwhile, Natalie has enjoyed being home with the kids and has recently begun to homeschool them. Jason returned to Biola this fall as an assistant professor in the math department.

Scott Blackwell ('96, M.A. '98), a Biola education alumnus, began serving as principal at Leffingwell Elementary School in Whittier, Calif, in August 2008. He had previously been an assis-

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Freeman and Randolph

Alumni Files

Big Changes (And How You Can Help)



The Alumni Relations team is taking on a new role. From left: Deannah Baesel, Steve Smith, Kim Wise, Rick Bee, Sue Kimber, Colleen Heykoop, Don Bernstein and Heather Cordell
Not pictured: Mallory Rae

We broke the news to the alumni board at our September meeting: "There are going to be some big changes around here."

After a few seconds of silence, the questions began to fly. Nobody likes change, especially if it affects what we do, how our time is spent or our comfort zones. And these changes will affect all

of these things for every member of the alumni department, our board and volunteers. Maybe even you!

What is it, you ask, that will have such a dramatic impact on us all? Well, here is what we told the board:

In recent months, Biola has undergone a shift in leadership. We all know of the changes that have taken place in the presidency, but there have also been structural changes in the way departments are organized. Before now, the alumni department has always been organized alongside the fundraising departments of the University, but has always maintained a separate role from these departments. This has felt a lot like being charged to encourage alumni to give, but not being the ones who have controlled how you are being asked for your help.

Well, with the new structure, both the Biola Fund (the annual fund that supports student scholarships) and the President's Circle (the donors that support scholarships on a consistent basis) are now reporting to the alumni office.

In other words, part of my role — and the role of Alumni Relations — from now on is going to be encouraging alumni like you to support our current generation of students.

So, why do I feel OK about that? (And I do!) It's because we are alumni just like you, and the primary goal of the alumni office, the alumni board and the men and women who are serving here at Biola with the Biola Fund and President's Circle is to help offset the cost of what students are paying. We want to make possible an education for those who, if they had to pay the whole bill, would not be able to attend Biola.

You see, just like when you and I attended Biola, the fees that students must pay today do not cover the full amount that it costs to educate them. I know it felt like a ton of money to go to college, but whether you knew it or not, someone helped you with gifts to the Biola Fund to offset the full cost of your education. And someone needs to help our students here today. Why not alumni?

So, I'm OK with that. You see, from the president on down to the people who are putting stamps on the letters that you receive, we aren't "out to get you." We aren't out to "squeeze more money out of you." We are looking to you, the people who have gained the most out of the Biola experience, the alumni, parents and friends who know what an amazing Bible-based education is worth, to provide that same education for the next generation of students.

We are still here to serve you, but the alumni office and the alumni board are also in charge of raising funds from alumni, and our department will be the ones preparing letters, making calls and encouraging you to give back.

And you know what? I like that, and I think it's exactly what we should be doing!

Send me your thoughts on the topic of Biola alumni giving at rick.bee@biola.edu. Or even better, join my wife Julie and me with a gift to the Biola Fund to help the next generation of Biola students, at: Biola Fund, 13800 Biola Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90639.

Rick Bee
('79, M.A. '90, Ph.D. '01)

Senior Director of Alumni Relations



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Start a New Tradition: Come Home



Mark your calendar for the Homecoming Weekend on Feb. 20-22, 2009.

In his convocation address this fall, President Corey deemed the occasion “the first day of the second century” — Year 101 for Biola University. At this significant point in the University’s history, what better time is there to visit your alma mater?

In light of that thought, we hope you’ll plan now to join us for **Homecoming Weekend: A New Tradition!** — an updated spin on the annual Alumni Weekend we’ve enjoyed in years past.

We’re encouraging alumni to come back to where it all started, Biola University, a place where tens of thousands of graduates have been equipped to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. Join us on campus for a variety of fun events, some time-honored traditions and other new traditions-in-the-making.

Affinity groups and graduating classes will be encouraged to meet together in reunion settings. Alumni who have made a significant impact in the world will be featured in our annual alumni chapel. And — because no

homecoming would be complete without an athletic event — we’ll feature basketball against Concordia University as our homecoming game.

We’re even planning a sweetheart event, geared specifically toward couples who met and married through attending Biola. It will be a perfect opportunity to celebrate your college romance!

As always, we’ll honor our newest class of Golden Eagles, those alumni who graduated 50 years ago, in 1959. Our Golden Eagles will be recognized in chapel and then enjoy a special luncheon together.

So mark your calendar now for Homecoming Weekend at Biola, **Feb. 20–22, 2009** ... and watch for detailed information early in the new year. We hope to see you here!

— Sue Kimber

Alumni Relations Manager Sue Kimber can be reached at sue.kimber@biola.edu. To learn more about upcoming alumni events, visit www.biola.edu/alumni.

tant principal at Los Coyotes Middle School in La Mirada, Calif.

Steven R. Loomis (M.A. ’96, M.A. ’98), a Biola education alumnus, is an education professor at Wheaton College. He received master’s degrees from both Biola’s Talbot School of Theology and the School of Education. He has been on the faculty at Wheaton since 2003.

2000s

Ethan Morton-Jerome (M.A., ’01) of Okinawa, Japan, was selected by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to receive a Fulbright award to Syria. There, Morton-Jerome will study both the Syrian Arabic dialect and Modern Standard Arabic, as well as research Christian and Muslim pilgrimage sites in modern Syria. Using historical analysis and participant observation, Morton-Jerome will examine the possibility that these shared religious sites play a unique role in fostering and developing inter-religious dialogue between Christians and Muslims. Jerome received a master’s degree in Arab studies at Georgetown University in 2007, a master’s degree in international studies from Biola and a bachelor’s degree from Spring Arbor University.

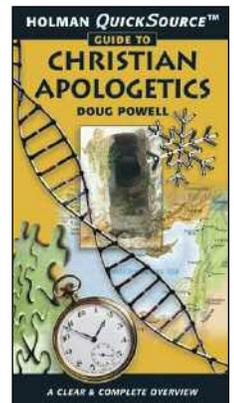
Doug Powell (M.A. ’07)

recently authored the *Holman QuickSource Guide to Christian Apologetics*.

In the book, Powell defends the Christian faith by taking time-honored approaches in apologetics and freshly presenting them for a new generation.

The book includes overviews of the cosmological, teleological and axiological arguments for God’s existence, as well as chapters on miracles, the resurrection and the reliability of the Old and New Testaments, among other topics.

The book, published by Broadman and Holman (B&H), is Doug’s first. Check in with him at www.dougpowell.com.



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Where Are They Now?

Serving as Missionaries in Mongolia



Gunn Andersson ('00), her husband and three children are serving the Lord as missionaries in western Mongolia. After graduating from Biola, Gunn and her husband, Bertil, lived in Sweden for two years where Gunn taught English and music in a public junior high school. From August 2002 until the spring of 2006, the Anderssons served their first term in Mongolia with the Norwegian Lutheran Mission, learning the Mongolian language, teaching English and serving the young Lutheran church in Mongolia. In the spring of 2006 they moved to Norway, where Bertil continued on his master's degree in theology. Last year, the family went back to Mongolia for a second term. Currently the Anderssons live in the town of Hovd in the western part of Mongolia, working with a newly founded Lutheran congregation there. The family is excited about their new opportunities to share about the hope they've found in Christ. Gunn has been teaching English and recently started a mothers group at church, where she also assists with music. "I'm blessed to get the opportunity to serve with what I like to do most of all," said Gunn. "It's really an exciting period in our life!"

Running a Unique Summer Camp



Rebecca (Schmidt, '05) Fort is executive director of Wheatstone Academy, a unique summer program meant to inspire Christian high school students intellectually and spiritually before the crucial transition

to college life. Rebecca attended the first Wheatstone conference as a 16-year-old in 2000, and enjoyed it so much that, following her graduation from Biola, she began working as Wheatstone's marketing director, assuming the executive director role in late 2006. Wheatstone, which last summer held one-week sessions at Biola, Chapman and Houston Baptist universities, offers a holistic, classics-based curriculum that includes trips to local museums and concerts, as well as lectures and small-group discussions, all from a Christian perspective. The goal, said Fort, is not to entertain the kids in a typical camp fashion, but to teach them how to think critically and give them "a sense of how their entire life comes together in Christ, of the magnitude, history and relevance of their faith." Though not officially affiliated with Biola, Wheatstone Academy was founded by John Siefker, chairman of Biola's Board of Trustees, and its faculty is largely made up of Torrey Honors Institute professors. Rebecca resides in Fullerton with her husband, Gavin Fort ('05), who works at American Funds in downtown Los Angeles. www.wheatstoneacademy.com

Leading a Global Missions Agency



Jim Allen ('64, M.A. '66) recently served as interim president of HCJB Global, one of the most popular and far-reaching international radio ministries in the world. Allen had been serving as senior vice president of HCJB since 1997. Allen and his wife, Trish, spent 21

years in pastoral ministry in the northwestern United States prior to beginning work with HCJB Global in 1984. In the years since, the Allens have provided pastoral care and discipleship for HCJB missionaries around the world. For 23 of those years, their home base was Quito, Ecuador. The best part of their work, said Allen, has been the chance to meet wonderful people and see what God is doing in the over 70 countries where they have served. Though Allen did not seek out the role of acting president, he gladly accepted the challenge of helping the ministry through a crucial transition, serving in the leadership role from

June to November, when a new president (Wayne Pederson) was found. The Allens have two married daughters, four granddaughters and one grandson. Since 2007, they have made Colorado Springs, Colo., their home. www.hcjb.org

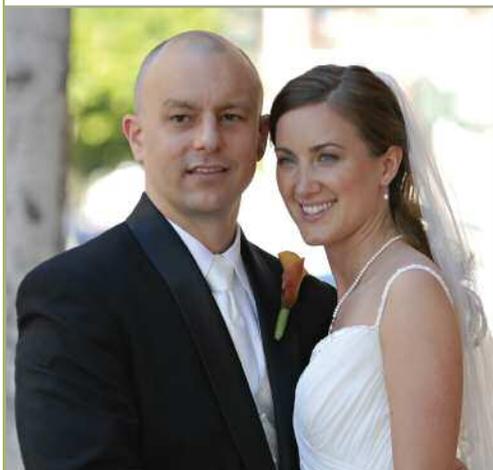
Providing Homes for Orphans in Africa



Maresha Johnson-Ddamulira ('99), a graduate of Biola's BOLD degree completion program, is the founding director of Abundant Life Orphanages, a nonprofit organization she started in 2004. The ministry provides a home in Lira, Uganda, for orphan children whose parents died of HIV/AIDS, teaching and training them to share the gospel with other children in their villages through dramatic plays, crafts, musical presentation and writings. As a way to raise money for her ministry, Johnson-Ddamulira recently authored and illustrated the first in a series of children's books, *Kingdom Friends*, meant to equip child missionaries to share the gospel. Kingdom Friends, explains Johnson-Ddamulira, "are children who are making a global difference by sharing the word of God in writing, art, music, drama and dance." Another aspect of the Abundant Life ministry includes a large sunflower garden that provides cooking oil for the orphanage as well as a source of income for the ministry programs, which have faced funding challenges. Johnson-Ddamulira currently spends about six months of the year in Uganda and six in the United States. She is married to Peter Ddamulira and has one daughter. Contact her at maresha@abundantlife-orphanages.com or abundantlifeorphanages.com

We surprised these alumni with a phone call or e-mail. Who knows, you may be the next alumnus to be featured in "Where Are They Now?"

Marriages



Book Wedding

Norman and **Laurel (Heller, '03) Book** were married on Aug. 12, 2007, in Long Beach, Calif. Biola alumni in the wedding included brother and officiant, John Book (M.Div. '06), and bridesmaids Bethany (Jones, '03) Getz and Shaun Howington ('03). Laurel works in trade operations for the Capital Group, while Norman is an executive for the Internet news site WorldNetDaily. The Books attend the church where they met, Grace Brethren of Long Beach, and are making their home in Seal Beach, Calif.

Kevin White ('05) married Sarah Patterson on July 26 in Pittsburgh, Pa. They met while studying at Yale Divinity School. Alumni in the wedding party included James Harrington ('03) and William Thorpe ('04). The couple lives in Berkeley, Calif., where Kevin is working on a Ph.D. at the Graduate Theological Union.



White-Patterson Wedding

Births

Paul ('75) and **Karin Dileher ('76)** are praising the Lord for the birth of their twin granddaughters: Marlee and Jaycee O'Neill, born on July 25 at 8:17 and 8:18 a.m., respectively. Marlee weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, while Jaycee came in at 5 pounds, 4 ounces. Parents Maggee and Casey O'Neill are just as ecstatic as the grandparents.

John and **Christine (Benton '93) Perry** are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, John Stewart Perry II. Johnny joined the family on June 30, 2008, with a head full of hair that gets him attention wherever he goes. The Perrys live in Foothill Ranch, Calif. where John works as an accounts receivable manager and Christine continues in her position at Saddleback Church. mrscperry@yahoo.com

Jorie (DeJong, '95) and **Mark DeBoer** are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Garrett Hessel, on June 25, 2008, in Charlottesville, Va. Garrett is also welcomed by Arianna, 5, and Kuyper, 3. Jorie enjoys being a stay-at-home mom, and Mark enjoys being a dad of three and his work as a pediatric endocrinologist and researcher at the University of Virginia. mark_jorie@yahoo.com.

David ('95) and **Daphne (Leon, '96) Close** announce the birth of their twin daughters, Angelina Adagia and Madeleine Marvel, on Sept. 13, 2007. The twins join their big sister Jubilee Cadence, 3. The Closes live in San Jose, Calif., where David is a UI engineer at 2Wire and Daphne is a stay-at-home mom. Get reconnected with them on Facebook or find photos and stories on their Web site: www.closes.org.

Brian ('97) and **Heather (Fraser, '95) Hurtt** welcomed the newest addition to their family, William Preston, on April 14, 2008. He joins very proud big brother Andrew Fraser Hurtt, 3. The Hurttts live in Folsom, Calif., where Brian works as a Web developer at Intel and also has his own Web development company, Endstate, LLC. Heather has her own practice as a marriage and family therapist, part-time, while also holding down the fort. They welcome e-mail at hfraserhurtt@yahoo.com or bhurtt@yahoo.com.

Gretchen (Stauffacher, '97) and Tim Hausman were blessed with their second daughter, Mariah Nicole, born Jan. 11, 2008. Though she arrived five weeks early after a difficult pregnancy, Mariah was born healthy and strong. Big sister Tori, 3, loves her new role and enjoys playing with little Mariah. The Hausmans make their home in Corona, Calif. Gretchen continues to teach third grade in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Tim is a computer engineer for Kaiser's National Solutions Center. Check out their family Web site at www.hausmans.net or e-mail ghausman@dslextreme.com.

Matt ('98) and **Casey (Renshaw, '98) Reimer** joyfully announce the birth of their second baby girl, Kylie Noel, born April 1, 2007. Kylie was welcomed home by big sister Katie, 2. The Reimer family lives in Newbury Park, Calif. Matt works for Mangan Inc. and Casey teaches part time. caseymatt@yahoo.com.

Mark ('99) and **Ruth (Betia, '00) Baquiran** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Mark, on July 22, 2008. Nathan weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. Nathan joins his excited older sister Hailey, 3. The Baquiran family lives in Santa Clara, Calif.

Teresa (Giffen, '99) Denmark and husband Gene are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Chloe Isabella, born July 28, 2008. Teresa and Gene live in North Carolina. Teresa is a stay-at-home mom and a business owner. Gene is a calibration engineer.

Vince and **Shieryl (Chua, '00) Mendell** joyfully welcomed their first child, Philip, on May 11, 2008. (Yes, she became a mom on Mother's Day!) The couple was also recently blessed with the purchase of their first house to accommodate their growing family. Shieryl was formerly working as a database administrator but is now a stay-at-home-mom and thinks that her new "job" is more challenging (but also more rewarding!). To stay in contact with Shieryl, e-mail her at shieryl.chua@biola.edu.

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Biolans Up Close

Melissa Piotrowski Makes Music Therapeutic

Though she's barely out of college, Melissa Piotrowski ('07) has wasted no time in applying her education to the real world. At Biola she studied psychology and music, and she's using both in her life today. A pianist since age 6 and cellist since 13, Piotrowski currently teaches private piano and cello lessons and also works as a behavior therapist with kids who have special needs. She recently shared her story with *Biola Magazine*.

I currently live in Orange County and am working two jobs. I work as a behavior therapist for an agency that provides behavior therapy services to children with autism and I teach piano and cello lessons at Rancho Canyon Music, a music studio and store in Rancho Santa Margarita (Calif.). I have been working at both jobs for about a year, and I really enjoy it. Music has always been an important part of my life and I love sharing it with others!

I do behavior therapy with children diagnosed with autism every morning and three afternoons a week. The other two afternoons and Saturday mornings I teach music lessons. Right now I have about 20 students. My students range in age from 4 to adult and their skills range from beginner to advanced. Some of them have ADHD, autism or other developmental disabilities. I have been blessed to have some of the sweetest kids I've ever met as my students.

Melissa Piotrowski At A Glance

Education: B.A. in Psychology, Biola.

Local Church: Calvary Chapel

Favorite composers: Beethoven, Chopin, Dvorak, Ravel, Grieg, Bach, Scott Joplin, George Gershwin.

Favorite contemporary musicians: Sufjan Stevens, Belle and Sebastian, Regina Spektor, Simon and Garfunkel, John Lennon.

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-3

Other interests: Reading, writing, learning to do ballet, traveling.

They are dedicated, talented, creative and a lot of fun.

I was exposed to the idea of teaching music to special needs students at a music therapy internship I did when I was a junior at Biola. I met a lot of very talented adults there who were diagnosed with various developmental disabilities or mental disorders. Seeing the way music played such a strong role in augmenting the quality of their lives was touching and really exciting. At this time I was already teaching music lessons, but I began to teach kids with disabilities as well.

There are definitely some unique challenges in this type of work. When working with kids with special needs, it helps to break things down into the simplest form possible, and then slowly connect ideas together. A lot of encouragement also helps, because learning to play, read and understand music is challenging and can easily get frustrating!

I was a psychology major at Biola but I took a lot of music classes as well. This was the perfect combination to get me ready for my current field of work. Music prepared me for teaching; psychology has helped me with the therapy part. Sometimes in the behavior therapy sessions I incorporate music, which the kids really respond to and the parents love, especially when it turns out that their child has some talent!

I am planning on attending graduate school next fall to work towards a master's degree in psychology with a concentration in applied behavior analysis. My ultimate goal is to get a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and work with children and adults with developmental disorders.

I know that no matter what I do, music will always be a part of it because of the way it reaches right into a person's mind and heart. It is a wonderful gift we have and it should be shared with everyone.

At Biola, I played cello in the symphony orchestra as well as in a quartet, and frequently played in chapel. I recently joined the Irvine Community Orchestra because I've missed the experience of playing in an orchestra. I'm hoping that wherever I go to grad school I will also be able to play in an ensemble.

The things I miss most about Biola are tomato basil bagels with hazelnut coffee from Common Grounds!



Derek and **Kelly (Tooley, '00)** Watts are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Noah William, born on Aug. 7, 2007. The Watts family resides in McKinney, Texas, where Derek is the associate minister of family sports and recreation at First Baptist McKinney and Kelly works from home in the field of medical transportation. They're ecstatic to give Noah a sibling in March 2009. kellywatts611@gmail.com.

Dan and **Jen (Brown, '01)** Snow are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Ezra James. He was born on June 4, 2008, in Cairns, Australia, and joins big sister Bethany, 2. The Snow family is serving in aviation with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea.

Loren ('02) and **Elizabeth (Mueller, '01) Franklin** are pleased to announce the birth of their first baby girl, Charissa Jane, on June 9,

2008. Loren and Beth live in Phoenix, Ariz., where Loren works as a finance manager for Allied Waste Industries and Beth works part time as an athletic trainer with Physiotherapy Associates.

Jason ('02, M.A. '04) and **Christine (Ouimette, '02, M.A. '04) Paine** joyfully announce the birth of their son, Josiah Michael, on May 1, 2008. Josiah was born in Hong Kong, where the Paines have lived the last two years. Jason teaches at the International Christian School of Hong Kong and Christine enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. www.thepainesinhk.blogspot.com.

Kurtis ('03, M.A. '05) and **Pamela (Miersma, '98) Olson** welcomed the blessing of a beautiful daughter, Zoe Esther, on March 31, 2008. Her big brother, Malachi, couldn't be more excited to have a little sister. Kurtis is enjoying the project of integrating his degree in the business world

and Pamela loves being a stay-at-home mom. longbeacholsons.blogspot.com.

Matt ('05) and **Denise (Paul, '04) Baquiran** announce the birth of their son, Noah Matthew Baquiran, born May 24, 2008. The Baquirans are living in Santa Clara, Calif. Matt is an insurance agent and Denise enjoys being a first grade elementary teacher at a Christian school.

Chris (M.A. '06) and **Rosalinda (Pena, '00) Herring** are blessed with a new addition to their family. Cristian David Herring was born on Aug. 20, 2007. The Herrings live in San Diego, Calif., where Rosalinda is in her seventh year teaching and Chris runs a real estate development company.

Deaths

Eleanor Alleman ('39) passed away on May 22, 2008 in Port Angeles, Wash. Eleanor was born in Seattle on New Year's Eve, 1912, to Milton Reuben and Sabra (Kennedy) Alleman. She attended Biola in the late 1930s, graduating in 1939. Eleanor never married, but spent her life devoted to children's ministry, teaching Sunday school since age 13 (teaching Vacation Bible School) and working for many years as a missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship. She is survived by her cousin, Rodger Alleman, of Los Altos, Calif.

Carolynn May Andrews ('57) passed away on June 30, 2007. Carolynn was born in Los Angeles on May 6, 1935, and attended Biola when it was still located in downtown L.A., graduating in 1957. In 1967, she went to Brazil, where she worked for Gospel Light publishers for four years. In 1971, she joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, returning to the United States in 1985 to care for her aging mother. Carolynn worked at the Wycliffe headquarters — then located in Huntington Beach, Calif., in the art department until she retired in 1997.

Kristy Finzer ('79, M.A. '83) passed away on Sept. 27, 2008, in a car accident in Fresno County, Calif. She was 52. Finzer, a resident of Playa Del Ray, received a B.A. in English and

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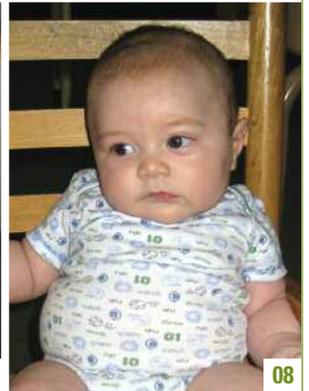
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an M.A. in Christian education from Biola, as well as an M.A. in psychology from Antioch University. She was an adjunct faculty member in the Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology, having taught there since 1992. Kristy was a licensed marriage and family therapist and program manager for the Exodus Recovery MACT Program, an intensive case management program contracted with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. She was also a National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Family to Family facilitator and an activist in breaking the stigma of mental illness. In addition, Kristy was active in other nonprofit agencies, serving on the board of directors of Step Up on Second in Santa Monica and on the leadership council of the American Society on Aging. Kristy is survived by her father, Robert; sisters, Kathy Rehnberg and Karry Price; and brother, David.

Mark Norried ('91) went home to be with the Lord on April 1, 2008. He was 39 years old. With Mark's love of the outdoors, it was no surprise that upon graduating from Biola he utilized his business degree in the development of his own business as a landscape contractor. He then went on to earn a master's degree from Cal Poly Pomona and continued in his own practice as a landscape architect. He ultimately felt called into the ministry, at which time he returned to school at Talbot School of Theology. Mark and his wife, Elizabeth (Sandlin, '91), loved Biola, partly because it was where they first loved each other. Many special places could be found on campus: The bell tower was the location of their first kiss. Upon hearing of Biola's plan to create a park on campus amongst an old grove of olive trees by the creek, Mark provided the initial conceptual landscape design. Olive Grove Park is now in the midst of development. In memory

of Mark, his family would be honored if you wish to join them in providing financial gifts for this effort at www.biola.edu/parent/olivegrove.

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Of Donkey Hides and Hidden Scrolls

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How well do you know this story?

Here, Talbot professor Clinton E. Arnold — author of the recently released *How We Got the Bible: A Visual Journey* (Zondervan, 2008) — offers eight questions that put your knowledge of Bible history to the test. See how many you can answer.

1. What is the oldest form of the Old Testament text ever to be discovered? (Clue: It was discovered as recently as 1979.) During an excavation of a burial tomb near Jerusalem in 1979, archaeologists discovered two thin, silver rolls containing the priestly blessing from Numbers 6:24–26. The rolls were dated to the seventh century B.C., making them the oldest form of any portion of the Hebrew Bible ever found. Gordon Franz, who often does the on-site teaching in Israel for the Talbot Bible Lands trips, was the dig supervisor where the 2,700-year-old silver texts were found.

2. What was the first Bible ever to be printed in America? (Clue: It was not the King James Version.) The first Bible ever printed in the New World was not in English, French or German, but in Algonquin. An English Puritan named John Eliot (1604–1690), responding to God’s call to be a missionary to the Native Americans near the Massachusetts Bay, translated both the Old and New Testaments into their language. By 1674, there were 4,000 converts among 14 different villages.

3. What was the biggest manuscript of the Bible ever made and how many



The massive Codex Gigas is 3 feet tall.

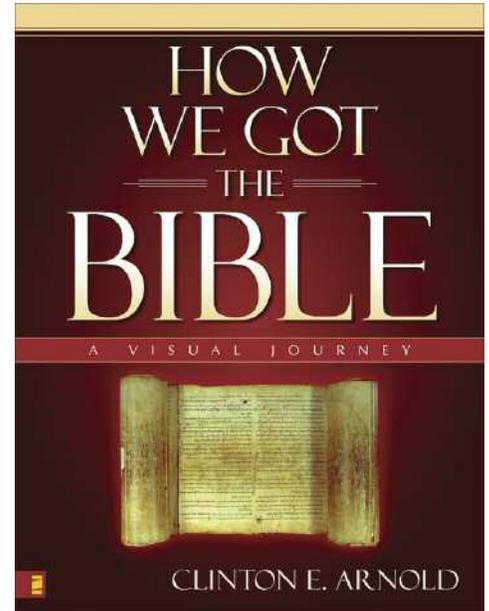
donkeys needed to supply their skin for its pages? It is reported that it took the skins of 160 donkeys to supply enough parchment to produce “Codex Gigas,” the largest and heaviest Bible ever made. The manuscript weighs 165 pounds and each leaf measures 20 inches by 36 inches. It was made in the 13th century in a Benedictine monastery in Bohemia and contains the text of the Latin Vulgate.

4. Who was the first to translate portions of the Bible into English? Caedmon, who lived on the Yorkshire coast in England in the mid-seventh century, has the distinction of being the first to translate some of the Bible into English. He took portions of the Latin Vulgate and crafted them into songs for the benefit of the common people.

5. How did William Tyndale import copies of his English Bible into England from the continent in the mid-1500s? The only way for Tyndale to get his recently published English Bibles into England from the continent was to smuggle them. He did so by hiding them in bales of cotton and other containers. The Bishop of London found out and had as many of the Bibles as he could find gathered and burned.

6. A few years ago, workmen accidentally broke through the wall of a famous monastery and discovered dozens of manuscripts in a previously unknown storeroom. Where is this monastery located? The discovery was made at St. Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai Desert, a Greek Orthodox monastery built in A.D. 527. The new manuscript find includes some lost pages from the famed “Codex Sinaiticus,” plus hundreds of additional manuscripts that have yet to be published. The monks are currently using state-of-the-art digital equipment to digitize all of the 3,300 manuscripts housed at the monastery.

7. What English Bible served as the basis for the King James Version of 1611? Some may be surprised to learn that the original King James Bible was not an entirely new English translation, but a revision of a previously published Bible — “the Bishop’s Bible” of 1568. This Bible had been commissioned by Matthew Parker (1504–



1575), the Archbishop of Canterbury, and received its name because of the great number of bishops who participated in the project.

8. Can you name one of the historical Bibles housed in the Biola University archives? Some Biolans may not realize that we have some of our own treasures buried deep in the University archives. Among these are a few English Bibles produced before the King James Bible of 1611. These include a Matthew’s Bible (1549), a Great Bible (1562), a Geneva Bible (1560) and a Bishop’s Bible (1562). There is also a copy of a 1562 edition of the Luther Bible (German). You do not want to miss seeing the seven-volume Thomas Macklin Bible (1800), the largest Bible ever printed, with its beautiful illustrations. The library often has this splendid work on display.

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