



Billy Graham Center Scholarship Program News

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Warm greetings from Wheaton! We at the Billy Graham Center pray that our "...glorious Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." [Eph 1:17] You are doing an important work for "Christ and His Kingdom." We entrust you into His care.

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Alumni Prayer Requests

- ◆ **Lausanne World Congress III (October 2010, Capetown, South Africa):** Pray for spiritual blessing and guidance on the planners and speakers for this conference, expected to bring together 4,000 leaders from all over the world.
- ◆ **Fritz van der Lecq (2004, South Africa)** leads and cares for three student ministry teams at three university locations. Ask that the Lord would direct him in maximizing the talents of his teams and matching them with the needs of the students. Pray for them as they seek to reach and disciple South African university students.
- ◆ **Regina Alexander (1997, India)** and her husband Sudheer are [developing a mission property for outreach to poor children, women, and pastors](#). Pray for their strength and endurance. Pray also for guidance in the best use of resources and teams coming from abroad.
- ◆ **Todd Morr (1996)** is helping indigenous leaders in Eastern Europe develop a vision and strategy to see hundreds of churches planted there. Pray that training conferences and coaching with these leaders would be fruitful in helping them plant healthy, reproducing churches.

A Tough Heart?

I've been serving with the Micah Project for over six years now. As part of the group home ministry for teenage street boys in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, I've both seen amazing achievements and felt incredible heartbreak. I am reminded on a daily basis that I can't save anyone, or make decisions for the Micah boys, as much as I might like to some days.

So, when I turned around one Friday night at a street youth event and saw 15-year-old Marvin, it shouldn't have been a shock. After a two and a half year journey, he'd walked away from Micah a month earlier, and we'd been worrying about him and praying for him on a daily basis. **It shouldn't have been a shock... but it was.** Because in all those weeks, Marvin hadn't gone back to inhaling glue and sleeping on the streets, and he had been persistently pursuing another opportunity at Micah. We'd had a series of meetings with him, but were still unsure as to his level of desire and what would truly be the best option for his future. **It shouldn't have been a shock to see him there, glue bottle up to his nose, glassy eyes staring at me... but it was.**

All that night and the next day, the tears that rolled down Marvin's cheeks burned into my heart. I couldn't shake his face from my mind, couldn't stop trying to figure out how we could best facilitate Christ's redemption in this precious life. Sometimes I worry that after six years working at Micah, and all the highs and lows, I'm growing less sensitive to those we serve, and to the harsh realities that they face, but my own tears reassured me that **my heart isn't as tough as I fear.** And *even when it hurts*, I continue to pray (in the words of Robert Pierce)... "Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God."

-Rebecca Haver Bell
-2000 Scholar



Alumna Highlight 1989 BGC Scholar: Edith Neufeld

As an educator and missionary, Edith has served the indigenous children of Paraguay through the Asociación de Servicios de Cooperación Indígena Menonita (ASCIM) for over 20 years. Of her training at Wheaton she says, "My learning...prepared me for the challenges of serving God's people in unique multicultural contexts in my homeland."

In Her Words: A Heart for Harvest

My childhood memories of the fields and gardens at home are still close and dear to my heart. They are memories of hard work and so much fun together with my siblings. Work, heat, sweat, weeding, every day, week after week, - and then came the harvest time. The harvest! After months of hard work - we knew, the harvest still could be at risk. My father was intent to bring in the full harvest. I still remember the joy of harvest work.

In my ministry the extended school-families have become the fields that are close and dear to me. Every year in the process of so much effort we turn our hearts to a quest for the harvest.

I was truly surprised when Talita was hugging me so hard while crying and telling me words she never had been able to say in all those years. This was at her high school graduation ceremony and she and her fellow students received their congratulations from friends and families. Thirteen years ago little Talita had entered our pre-school. She became such a fun loving and excellent student, but then during her high school years we wanted to see more fruit of character growing in her. Was Talita now telling me under tears that all [the] arduous work, compassionate love, enduring faith, prayer and patience of her teachers had never been in vain but were held dear and God's Spirit was producing Kingdom-fruit in her?

While kids and even parents might want to be part of the Christian community, walking with Christ in life is often too hard to commit themselves to today. But the promises of God keep our hearts set for His harvest.

News and Events

- Congratulations to our recent graduates! We are so proud of the 11 Scholars who graduated on May 8, 2010.
- The commencement speaker this year was Dr. John Ortberg, a well-known speaker, author, and pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in California. [Listen to his commencement address here.](#)
- On July 1, 2010, Dr. Philip Graham Ryken will become Wheaton College's 8th President in its 150-year history. [Click on this link to read about our new President.](#)

Resource Corner

- ◆ Catch up with all the news at Wheaton by reading the spring edition of *Wheaton Magazine*. [This issue contains many reflections on Dr. Litfin's tenure as Wheaton College President.](#)
- ◆ Lynn Stapleton, a BGC Scholar from 2005-7, has created [some wonderful resources for teaching Theological English](#). The workbooks are designed for learners of English who need to improve their reading comprehension in order to perform effectively in Bible colleges and seminaries. The intention is not to teach English, but to supplement classroom instruction with biblically contextualized passages and exercises. Her **workbooks, teacher's guides, and listening exercises** are available free online for personal and classroom use. Thanks, Lynn, for allowing us to share your work!
- ◆ **Lausanne World Pulse** is the monthly online publication giving glimpses of the Lord's work around the globe. Access it [here](#).



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