



ALUMNI PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for 5 Arab men meeting regularly with a BGC Scholar in a restricted access country who have recently been presented with the divergence of their theology and Biblical theology. Pray that they would sense the love of God and not be overcome by confusion.
- Praise the Lord for good selection meetings this spring! We are looking forward to our new scholars arriving this fall!
- Nigerian believers continue to experience strong opposition as houses and churches are burned and people are harassed and beaten. Pray for our brothers and sisters to experience God's peace and react to their oppressors as Jesus did.

Evangelism Outside the Box

Our mission at the Billy Graham Center is to accelerate global evangelism. As we read your newsletters each week, we are so excited to hear of how many of you are using new and innovative methods to share the Good News. This season's newsletter marks the inauguration of a new newsletter feature: Evangelism Outside the Box. We will be featuring ideas from scholars all over the world, and we hope that you will be able to adapt these to your own context. If you have an idea you'd like to share with us, please email us at bgc.scholar@wheaton.edu.



Building Block Cities in the Czech Republic

Nathan and Vera Beck (FM 2002, I 1998), missionaries in the Czech Republic, wrote to us about a new evangelistic outreach in their area using Lego blocks.

Lego Project Outreach is organized by the Brethren Church to reach out to non-Christian kids. The event is typically run in churches. For three days, kids come together in the afternoon to build a huge Lego city. The goals are to point out God as the creator of the universe, who made us in His image and gave us creativity, and to teach important biblical principles for life. The hope was to invite the kids into the church youth groups where they could explore the Gospel deeper. Lego Project is a lot of work - a lot of kids and thousands of Lego pieces are involved, but everyone loves it! For some kids this was the first time they ever heard about God.

Reaching the Ethiopian Diaspora With Cell Phones

Girma Gebremedhin is a BGC International Christian Leader, graduating in May 2012 with an MA in Evangelism & Leadership. While completing his studies, he has become involved with [Berea Teleconferencing](#), a ministry to Ethiopians and Eritreans all over the world via cell phones and Internet videos.

Berea Teleconferencing is a ministry run by a group of committed Ethiopian Christians living in North America. The ministry has three main focus areas: first encouraging and equipping Christians through Bible Study, worship, teachings, and prayer, second encouraging God's people to be part of God's mission all over the world, and third discipling Christians unable to attend church services for various reasons. Every day, hundreds of people log in to the site from all over the world or call a number from their cell phones allowing them to hear a message for the day and interact with the site coordinators by phone. I was invited by one of our friends to join the ministry, and I have seen the eagerness of many Christians to learn God's word. I also realized I can meet many more non-believers on this site than in a regular Sunday service. I have been able to lead 35 people to Christ in the past four months. I hope to continue in this ministry when I return to Ethiopia; I emailed an update to my leaders there, and they are already in the process of starting a similar ministry!

On May 5, we will bid a fond farewell to our 16 graduating BGC Scholars. Scholars, we're so proud of you and can't wait to hear how God will use you as you return to your ministries! Stay in touch—don't forget to add us to your email newsletters!

Alum Highlight: Marcus from Brazil

Our Alum Highlight this season features one of our graduating scholars. Marcus, his wife Andrea, and their two children plan to return to Brazil for several months before redeploying to their ministry in Asia. Perhaps you will agree with some of his responses below!



What is your favorite memory of your time at Wheaton? The houses ornamented during Christmas. The whole city is so beautiful!

What did you like the best about your Wheaton experience? The connections and friends that I made here are unforgettable.

What was a disappointment? I would like to see more classes related to church planting.

Where did you spend most of your time on campus? I believe I spent most of my time in the library and gym.

Who was your favorite professor? Robert Gallagher and Scott Moreau

How can we pray for you? Pray for our return to Central Asia and our next steps to plant house churches and train new leaders.

News and Events

- The BGC hosted several great speakers this winter, including Luis Palau, Donald Miller, and W. Tullian Tchividjian. Links to the recordings from these events can [be found here](#).
- Congratulations to Dr. Gregory L. Nichols (Pre-field 1989) on the publication of his book on the development of Russian evangelical spirituality. Read a review from Wheaton College Special Collections librarian [David Malone here](#).

