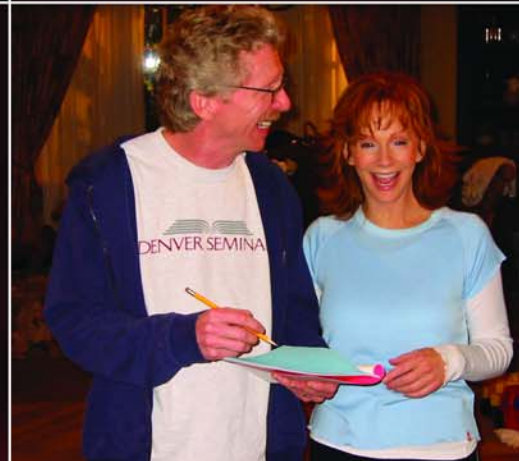


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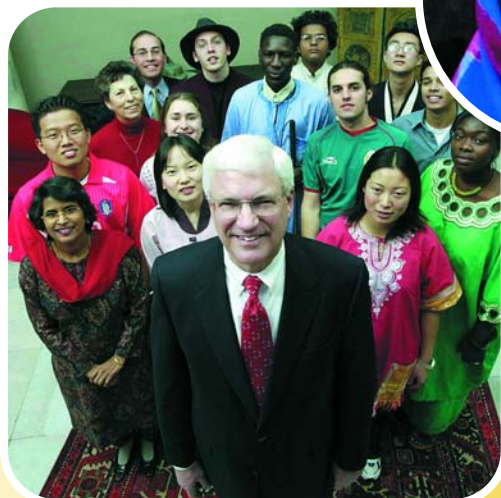
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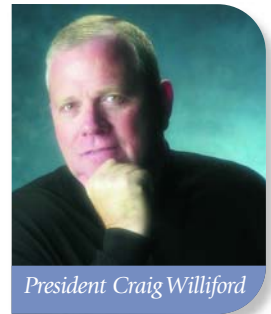
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Is a Denver Seminary Education Effective?

In 2003, North American evangelical seminaries spent approximately \$630 million for the theological education of our students. Sounds like a hefty sum, right? More than half a billion dollars? Until you consider that same year, Americans reportedly spent approximately \$32.4 billion on products for our pets and \$6.9 billion to celebrate Halloween!

Maybe the real concern isn't how much we as God's stewards spend on theological education. We must train Christian leaders who will effectively engage our culture with biblical truth, live an authentically faithful life, and lead wisely by mobilizing others to complete their God-given tasks for God's glory. Too much is at stake in the preparation of Christian leaders for seminaries to insufficiently complete this mission. So, perhaps the better question might be: "For all the money being spent, is seminary education effective?"



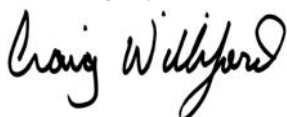
We can't fully answer whether all evangelical seminaries are effective, but in this issue of Focal Point, we do wish to address the question of Denver Seminary's effectiveness. I judge the only sure way to measure our effectiveness as a seminary is to determine if God has been worshipped and glorified; if people have come to Christ; if those people have been skillfully mobilized into God's mission; if the poor, widows and orphans have been served in the name of Christ; if we have sought redemptive justice; and if the lives of others have been truly changed due to the leadership of our graduates. Obviously this is a difficult task.

Of course a seminary degree is not the only method to prepare for Christian leadership; many non-seminary graduates lead very effectively. A seminary education is one of many strategic approaches for training leaders. Denver Seminary's ongoing conversations and partnerships with local churches and Christian leaders, both from the United States and the diverse cultures of the world, provide continual feedback to help improve our educational process. Additionally, our in-depth mentoring process, customized learning contracts, spiritual formation groups and the use of adjunct faculty—current practitioners accomplished in their areas of expertise—only increase the likelihood of our effectiveness.

In this edition of Focal Point, we want to give God all the glory as we tell the story of the ministry and impact of our alumni. It isn't about us; it is about God's enablement in the lives of our graduates. If we had the time and space to tell the life stories of more than 3,900 alumni, we would tell you about those serving in the tsunami relief efforts; others giving their lives for the poor and in the fight for God's justice; those serving and leading in churches of all sizes; those sharing the gospel and church planting in some of the most challenging regions of our world; those leading parachurch organizations; or those serving effectively as lawyers, doctors, business leaders, counselors and educators. When you read the few representative stories in these pages, I think you will join me in praising God for the way He has ministered to millions through the lives of our graduates. Their stories cause me to feel deeply privileged and humbled to have a part in equipping these leaders. Our story as a seminary is intertwined with all the stories of our alumni.

Thank you for the way in which you partner with us in making Denver Seminary's educational program so effective. We value your prayers and humbly submit to our Master, Jesus Christ, as He leads us into even more faithful and effective paths.

For His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Williford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Williford
President

Campus Construction Update

During the first quarter of 2005, rapid progress has been made on construction of Denver Seminary's new campus, which is more than 75% complete. On the administration building, all masonry and drywall are complete, and the chapel is 75% complete in these areas. In the library, the masonry is ongoing, and the framing is nearly complete. As each of these buildings progresses, ongoing work includes mechanical and electrical work, as well as interior finishes such as painting, light fixtures, windows, carpet and tile. Outside of the buildings, the irrigation and water-quality ponds are complete, as is the site lighting. Paving is scheduled for late March, followed by sidewalks and landscaping.



Approximately 30% of the 20-acre site will be landscaped, and three acres of 'dedicated area' will remain in its natural state. We are still on schedule to move in July 2005. Please pray for us over the next four months as construction draws to a close, as we raise the remaining funds needed, and as we undertake the God-sized task of moving to a beautiful new campus!



Seminary Hosts Conference for World Christians

On Feb. 14 and 15, Denver Seminary hosted the Conference for World Christians featuring pastor Mark Jobe. During this two-day lecture series Mark discussed "The Road to Spiritual Power" and "The Road to Spiritual Impact." Mark Jobe spent the first 17 years of his life in South America and Spain where his parents were involved in pioneer missions. After graduating from Columbia International University with a B.A. degree, he went on to complete his master's degree at Moody Graduate School. Since 1986, Mark has been involved in entrepreneurial ministry in Chicago. Under his leadership, New Life Community Church has grown from a handful of people to over 1,700 participants who meet in eight different locations. Mark has also been a contributing author to various periodicals and magazines including the published book *A Heart for the City*. He is an adjunct college professor and a frequent conference speaker with a passion to see this generation awaken spiritually. Pastor Mark and his wife Dee have three young children and view themselves as a "team" in ministry.

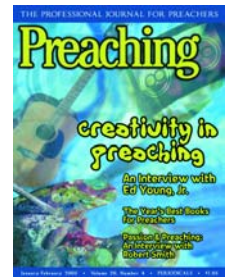


The Seminary's Conference for World Christians is held annually to inform the Seminary community about God's marvelous work in and through the lives of people around the world, and to encourage the participation in His work worldwide.

Blomberg Book Recognized as One of Preaching Magazine's Best of 2004



Dr. Craig Blomberg's book *Preaching the Parables* was noted in the January/ February issue of Preaching Magazine as one of the top eight preaching books of 2004. In the book, Blomberg demonstrates how the structure of a parable is key to its interpretation and thus to its exposition. He shows how a parable, when properly contemporized, can be a powerful rhetorical device, and that recognizing the elements of the parable that were atypical of everyday life leads to important surprises that will be of significance to contemporary parishioners. Each of the fifteen exemplary sermons is accompanied by an analysis that points out key interpretive decisions. Writer Michael Duduit called the book, published by Baker Academic, "a valuable book for preachers to see how a gifted New Testament scholar and expositor handles these biblical texts." Dr. Blomberg serves as Denver Seminary's distinguished professor of New Testament. "Blomberg's helpful introduction discusses some of the ways interpreters have approached the parables, along with a discussion of the homiletical implications of such study," writes Duduit. Congratulations to Dr. Blomberg on this notable achievement! You may pick up a copy of this book at the Denver Seminary Bookstore.





An Evening With Erwin McManus

On January 10, 2005, Denver Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry department hosted over 500 people in the Simpson Chapel for a discussion with Erwin McManus. McManus serves as lead pastor of Mosaic in Los Angeles, Calif. Known around the world for its spiritual creativity and cosmopolitan diversity, Mosaic is a community of followers of Jesus Christ committed to live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope. For more than 10 years, Erwin has led Mosaic in a pioneering ministry that is making waves as it engages the post-modern, post-Christian, and post-Western world. McManus also serves as Distinguished Professor and Futurist at Bethel Seminary and is a contributing editor for Leadership Journal. He is the author of *An Unstoppable Force*, a Gold Medallion Award finalist; *Seizing Your Divine Moment*; *Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul* and a recently released fourth book *The Barbarian Way: Unleash the Untamed Faith Within*. McManus is a native of El Salvador, and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southwestern Theological Seminary. McManus spoke on "Ministry Needs and the Emerging Church," which was followed by a question and answer time. This event was hosted in order to provide the Denver community with access to outstanding leaders who teach in our Doctor of Ministry program.



Gaylord Makes Strong Finish

Denver Seminary was proud to be an associate sponsor of the Scott Gaylord Racing Team and the No. 00 Oliver Chevy Monte Carlo for the 2004 NASCAR Grand National Division, West Series. The Denver Seminary sponsorship is underwritten by a friend of the Seminary, so that we have a presence in one of the most popular sports in America! Driver Scott Gaylord, of Lakewood, Colo., finished the 2004 season 4th in the point standings. He also won two special awards for the year. Series veteran Gaylord won the POWERade award, and the Featherlite Most Improved Driver Award. For more information, visit www.racingwest.com/results/points.php.



Also on the Racing West website, check out the 2005 racing schedule, and come out and support Scott Gaylord and car No. 00! If you live in Colorado, plan to come cheer on car No. 00 at the Pikes Peak International Raceway on Aug. 21! Denver Seminary is hosting a hospitality event at this track in Colorado Springs. If you'd like to attend, contact Melanie Eagar at 303-762-6949 or at melanie.eagar@denverseminary.edu. Denver Seminary wishes to extend its prayers and best wishes to the Scott Gaylord Racing Team as it competes in the 2005 racing season.

The Bible and Counseling in Conversation

Denver Seminary's 6th annual Biblical Studies conference, held Feb. 4-5, welcomed nine speakers from Europe and America and an attendance of nearly 200. A truly remarkable and diverse line-up of men and women from around the world provided discussion centered on the question of "The Bible and Counseling in Conversation: Partners or Adversaries?"



Denver Seminary presented Dr. Richard Averbeck, Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages, Trinity International University; Dr. Robert Roberts, the Distinguished Professor of Ethics, Baylor University; Ben Witherington, Professor of New Testament, Asbury Theological Seminary; Everett L. Worthington, Jr., Professor and Chair of Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University; Terry D. Cooper, Professor of Psychology, St. Louis Community College-Meremac, adjunct professor of Religious Studies, Webster University; and Denver Seminary's own Dr. Danny Carroll, Joan Winfrey and Jim Beck. "We were pleased with the tremendous response from current students and alumni in the area who attended the recent conference. I think everyone came away from the weekend with a lot of challenges to process and new ideas to consider," said Dr. Beck.

the Church

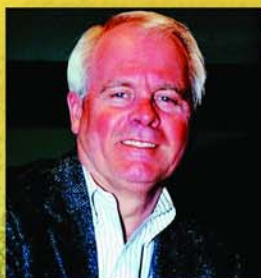
Denver Seminary equips more leaders for Church ministry than perhaps any other area of service. The churches our alumni serve in are as varied as those who serve. The churches are small, large and extra-large; they are urban, rural, suburban and international. The people we have chosen to profile represent this cross-section, and all have the Church in common.

Dr. Mike Grechko (D.Min. '03) strongly believes that "God's people need good leaders, and there are not enough good leaders." Mike, who lives in Melbourne, Australia, serves as the executive pastor at Crossway Baptist Church, the largest church in Australia. For Mike's doctoral project, he developed a new mentoring model since mentoring was a value that Mike already embraced and practiced. At the time, Mike was the senior lecturer in ministry and oversaw the Pastors Professional Development program at Tabor Bible College Victoria. "My passion is to grow healthy leaders who will lead with excellence, and I do that through personal mentoring," said Mike. "I'm very comfortable with the fact that I'm a safe and good leader. And I don't say that arrogantly, but because I know bad leadership and I know the good effect of my leadership for Jesus is a result of what I've been through, the lessons I've learned. I'm not an administrator; I'm a leadership developer."



Jeremy Hart (M.A. '02) currently serves as the youth pastor of First Baptist Church in Independence, Kansas. Jeremy, who served at a large church in the Denver area while attending Seminary, made the decision to move to a rural community and pursue a more personal ministry. Though he enjoyed working at a large church, He examined his own personal gifts and personality, and felt called to make the move. Jeremy stresses the idea that sometimes smaller is better. "Our world is screaming out the idea that bigger is better, and while we should strive for growth, our number one concern is not the size of the ministry, but rather the depth of the ministry," said Jeremy. "While I have strong administrative gifts, I did not want to be a ministry manager, overseeing a huge ministry that needed a lot of structural attention. Instead, I wanted to be a pastor. I wanted to be deeply involved in the lives of the students and families of the church." For Jeremy, the rural church is not just a stepping stone to something else. "This is right where God wants me to be."

John Illsley (D.Min. '05) a current D.Min. student from England, pastors a church of 2,500 in Hong Kong, a major center of world commerce. Illsley has been a minister for 18 years, and served in Darby, England before following God's call to another continent. The Methodist Church of Hong Kong includes attendants from America, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Russia, Australia, England, and an increasing number from China. John shared that when he was called to this position, he found himself asking, "How do I serve an international congregation?" He adds, "It's multi-cultural, a bit like the United Nations, but I found an awful lot I've been learning in the D.Min. program was just so right as we started to put into place some of the things I've learned. My predecessor was mainly concerned with the social gospel, and the church is now really responding to biblical preaching. We've started to pray now too. I feel my job is to be a means that God uses to bring new people to Christ, as well as to help believers grow in their relationship with Christ."



Dr. Gordon MacDonald (M. Div. '66) was pastor of Grace Chapel in Lexington, Mass. for 12 years. He has also served with World Vision and as president of Interspersary Christian Fellowship. Gordon is an accomplished author, speaker and teacher, who has authored or co-authored more than a dozen books including *Ordering Your Private World*, *Secrets of a Generous Life*, *The Life God Blesses*, and *Renewing Your Spiritual Passion*. His most recent publication is *The Resilient Life*. He is editor-at-large for *Leadership Journal* and teaches at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He is also the chair of the board of directors of World Relief, an organization that works with local evangelical churches to bring relief to suffering people in the name of Christ. "The people at Denver Seminary made me a church-man. Nothing has changed in all of these years. I still love the church in its congregational expressions and feel very fortunate that it has allowed me to be a pastor and now—in these later years—something like a father to younger generational leaders."

RANDY FRAZEE, SENIOR PASTOR OF PANTEGO BIBLE CHURCH, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, AND AUTHOR OF *THE CONNECTING CHURCH*, SAYS, "THE WORK OF DENVER SEMINARY BRINGS A SOLID CORE, COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. IT IS LAID OVER THE TOP OF EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE TO CREATE AN INTENTIONAL PLAN, PROMISING TO MOVE GIFTED MEN AND WOMEN TO BECOME GIFTED LEADERS FOR CHRIST."

The **Rev. Dr. Renee Mackey (M.Div. '90)** received the Raymond McLaughlin Preaching Award when she was a student at Denver Seminary, and she's been preaching ever since. "I love to teach and preach the Word of God," said Renee, who serves as pastor and head of staff at Berwyn Presbyterian Church in Berwyn Heights, Md. "I continue to preach outside my home church at Presbyterian women's gatherings, pastor installations, pastor ordinations and at other churches," she said. Berwyn is a small church of 150 members from 16 different countries. They are first generation immigrants, highly educated, speaking multiple languages from three main parts of the world: Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. "My passion for ministry comes from walking with God, from worshipping with the community of faith, and from sharing the Divine Redeemer with anyone who is searching," explains Renee. Prior to her appointment at Berwyn, Renée served as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Missouri Valley, Iowa and as the parish associate for new church development in Aurora, Colo.



Dr. Kevin J. Navarro (M.Div. '93) is the author of *The Complete Worship Leader* and the upcoming *The Complete Worship Service*. Kevin is the Senior Pastor of Bethany Evangelical Free Church in Littleton, Colo. He has been leading worship in the local church and with para-church ministries for over 23 years. Kevin's blend of musical and theological education allows him to teach about worship as an artist, theologian and pastor. He has also been a guest speaker at national conferences and bible conferences worldwide. Kevin's mission is to celebrate the work of Christ through creative communication. His emphasis is not just on the imitation of Christ but on the habitation of Christ. "Our worship is only acceptable before a holy God because Christ lives in us and represents us as our High Priest. Our life of worship is all a response to what Christ has done, is doing and is about to do," said Kevin.

Lal Pakhuontge, (M.Div. '00) of Shillong, Meghalayha, serves as the Director for the Theological Extension Education Course for the Evangelical Free Church of India (EFCI). Theological education by extension has become an important method of training Christian leaders in the rapidly growing churches of developing countries. To date, over 700 pastors have been trained, some coming from miles to attend. "Since I started this job as coordinator-instructor, I have experienced an immense sense of happiness to know that we are able to teach the Scriptures to many key people who otherwise would have never been in a position to study God's word in detail," said Lal. "Without this program, all they have are their Bibles, Sunday school classes, and sermons to listen to from their speakers, trained or not." Lal also serves as the executive secretary for the EFCI, which has established over 300 local churches. The EFCI mission work in Delhi is being established in Hindi communities made up primarily of low caste and outcaste families.



Dr. Lance Witt (D.Min. '96) served as a senior pastor for 20 years before making a move to Saddleback Church, in Lake Forest, Calif., one of America's largest and best-known churches, where he served for a number of years as Director of Spiritual Maturity. Lance then moved into the role of Executive Pastor at Saddleback. "My passion is the local church....it's God's plan for reaching the world," said Lance. "The world needs 100,000 foot soldiers spreading God's word." With that passion in mind and Lance's leadership, Saddleback is working on an aggressive missions-based initiative called the Peace Plan. Their goal is to have 500 of their own groups involved in projects around the world by 2006. Lance has focused on making disciples through small groups. When he first joined Saddleback there were 700 small groups. Today the church is home to 2,000 small groups. Lance was also instrumental in developing a video series—designed to help shepherds within the church grow the small group concept—that is now translated into a variety of languages around the world.



ParaChurch

While the local church has the general resources for carrying out the Great Commission, parachurch agencies perform a valuable role in coming alongside the body of Christ with a tremendous degree of specialized expertise, training, and resources for specific people groups. Whether it's prisoners, urban-dwellers, mothers of pre-schoolers, or victims of disaster, Denver Seminary alumni are making a difference around the world, leading targeted ministries to these and other groups of people with specialized needs.

As a former Mormon, **Greg Johnson (M.Div. '92)** is passionate about building bridges of relationship and dialogue with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, better known as the Mormon Church. Greg established Standing Together in March 2001 with the vision to see the Utah evangelical Christian community "unite for greater spiritual impact." There are now about 100 evangelical churches involved in Greg's informal network to support each other in prayer, networking, and strategic outreach. In November 2004, Standing Together and more than 50 local churches and schools worked together to bring famed apologist, Ravi Zacharias, to Utah where he spoke to nearly 7,000 people in the historic Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square, which had not been done since D.L. Moody did it in 1899. "I believe that God is indeed working through a more united Body of Christ in Utah to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to our community," said Greg "and that loving, respectful relationships with our Mormon friends have opened tremendous doors of understanding and dialogue with them."



Scott Lundeen (M.A. '03) and his wife, Melanie, miss the mountains after dropping a mile of elevation but are enjoying their work with Urban Impact Ministries, where Scott serves as the Associate Director of Programs. Scott developed a heart for discipleship and urban ministry at Bethel College and Denver Seminary. He has served with ministries in Kansas City, Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver, and New Orleans. The mission of UIM is to transform the central city of New Orleans through spiritual development, Christian community development and strategic ministry partnerships. "Vernon Grounds once told me that oftentimes a calling is not a lightning bolt revelation but rather a cause and concern that grow into a calling. That is how it was for me," said Scott. He adds, "It is very

fulfilling to work with interns and see them develop a heart for urban ministry. It's 2 Timothy 2:2 - the fulfillment of passing on the things that God and others have shown me."

Elisa Morgan (M.Div '80) has served as President and CEO of MOPS International since 1989. MOPS, headquartered in Denver, Colo., is an international outreach to moms, with over 3,500 groups in over 30 countries. "I attended Denver Seminary with the goal of ministry in mind, but I never dreamed that God would invite me to participate in his kingdom work in such a real and challenging way and to such a vital audience. Leading MOPS International means following God personally, spiritually and missionally," said Elisa. Her daily radio program, MOMSense, is broadcast in over 700 outlets nationwide. Her books include *Meditations for Mothers*, *Mom to Mom*, *the Mom's Devotional Bible*, and most recently, *Naked Fruit*. She has co-written *What Every Mom Needs*, *What Every Child Needs*, *Children Change a Marriage*, *Make Room for Daddy*, and *Real Moms*, with Carol Kuykendall. Of her experiences, Morgan says, "More than anything, I've learned that we're never 'done' in God's work. If we were 'done,' we'd be dead!"



Brad Meuli (M.A. '06) is a current student, balancing his part-time work in the Seminary's Leadership program with his presidency of the Denver Rescue Mission (DRM). A former Major in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brad joined the Mission three years ago after serving 17 years in banking. As CEO, Brad oversees the operation of DRM, the oldest full-service Christian charity in



"I AM GLAD FOR HOW DENVER SEMINARY IS TRAINING UP THIS AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHURCH LEADERS, ENCOURAGING THEM IN THEIR OWN INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION IN CHRISTLIKENESS AND HELPING THEM LEARN HOW THIS PROCESS IS EMBODIED IN THE COMMUNITIES AND CONGREGATIONS THEY SERVE." **RICHARD J. FOSTER** AUTHOR OF *CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE* AND FOUNDER OF *RENOVARE*

"ONE OF THE GREAT NEEDS IN MINISTERIAL TRAINING THESE DAYS IS FOR A LIVING BALANCE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PRACTICAL TRAINING AND GODLY SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, NOT ONLY AMONG THE STUDENTS BUT ALSO IN THOSE WHO TEACH THEM. DENVER SEMINARY SEEMS TO BE ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING THIS BALANCE. I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE FACULTY AND THE GRADUATES I HAVE MET OVER THE YEARS." **WARREN W. WIERSBE, AUTHOR AND BIBLE TEACHER**

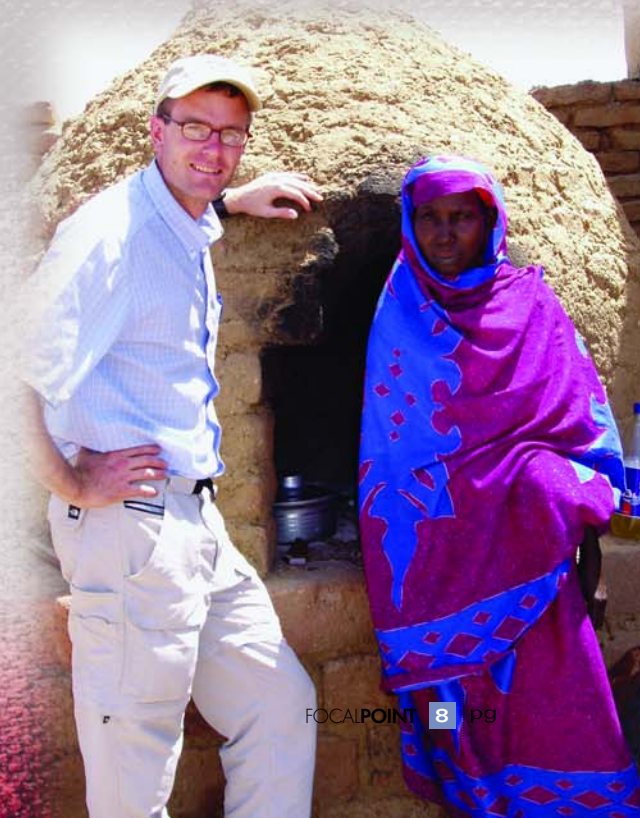
the Rocky Mountain region. Founded in 1892, DRM provides food, clothing, shelter, medical, educational, and rehabilitation programs free of charge. The DRM facility houses over 60 full-time resident men and meets the needs of the poor and homeless through up to 700 meals prepared daily in the dining hall, and offers approximately 40 nightly beds and 90 cots that can be set up on nights of inclement weather. "I love seeing people's lives changed by the power of Jesus Christ, having their lives restored, and families reunited," said Brad. "It does not get any better than that!"

Sergei Timchenko (M.Div. '94) serves as president of The Research, Education and Light Center, REALIS, located in the Ukraine. REALIS came into being as a tool for building a communication bridge between the church and society, and in response to the request of several evangelical national leaders from the Ukraine and Russia to build a seminary for Christian leadership training. REALIS offers bachelor's and master's degree programs, publishes in newspapers, issues a magazine, hosts symposiums, conducts sociological research, manages an electronic library and produces a radio program, all with one goal—helping people to integrate the reality of Christ into the reality of their everyday life. As president, Sergei focuses his efforts on the continued development of REALIS' activities. Regarding the Seminary's role in preparing him for leadership, Sergei summarizes, "At the practical level, I was prepared for potential problems and crises in ministry. I am glad that I learned at Denver that Christian leadership requires right relationships, not just right doctrines."



Elaine Moore Smith (M.A. '02) says, "God has been preparing me for city work since my birth, or should I say even before I was placed in my mother's womb. He gave me a vision that was too big for me but not for Him." That vision was realized in September of 1996 when Elaine co-founded Charity's House, a Denver-based ministry that provides transitional living and after-care for men coming out of prison. The ministry also provides mentoring for women who have completed their sentences. Restoration of these individuals who have been taken out of society for a time and then labeled as a "throw away" is pivotal to their success as they attempt to integrate back into society. "When I began this ministry I knew nothing of prisoners, restorative justice, and the political system. Needless to say, God equips the called and here I am today ministering in an urban setting with a contextualized theology that meets the needs of the people I serve. Micah 6:8 resonates in me daily. Live justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God."

Pete Howard (M.A. '02) of Phoenix, Ariz. serves as special assistant to the president of Food for the Hungry, an organization that assists some of the world's most disadvantaged people in 47 countries through child development programs, agriculture and clean-water projects, health and nutrition programs, education, and emergency relief. Pete helps the president's office move forward on key relationships, and partnerships with US government leaders, church leaders and international organizations. Recently, he has been charged to launch a new work in China—an academic study-abroad program for American college students to study development in a cross-cultural setting. "I am passionate about seeing Christians mobilized to redeem their talents for God's radical work. And I have the opportunity to connect with believers the world over who have redeemed their gifts and talents for Kingdom purposes," said Pete. "I run into water specialists, teachers, medical professionals, child development experts, accountants, logicians, etc. who have said to God 'here is what I have to offer' and God is using them worldwide."



Why Theological Training?



By President
Craig Williford, Ph.D.

Why theological education? Is seminary education still necessary, or is it a worn out approach that should be replaced?

In the introduction to this Focal Point issue and through the stories of our alumni, we make our case for Denver Seminary's effectiveness. Following is an excerpt from an article by Dr. Dan Aleshire, president of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), which is responsible for the accrediting of all North American seminaries. I think his reflections will resonate with you.

At this time, in this culture, for the church in North America, I think seminaries are not only needed, they are needed more than ever. When they do their work well, they enrich the life of the church, the fabric of social community, and the well-being of individuals. If all ATS schools were closed this year, I think religious communities would be busy reopening them because they are central to the mission of religious communities.

Communities of faith need scholarly inquiry that is undertaken as an act of faith. They need this inquiry for a better understanding of faith and for insight into the world, its needs, and how to heal its wounds. The solutions that faith seeks are not easy and will

not be derived from a weekend conference or cursory investigation. They require sustained attention over time.

At one time, the church needed communities of scholarship to copy sacred texts, to preserve them, and to pass them on; we don't need that kind of scholarship now. While the Christian community has an ample supply of texts, it seems to know them less well and to be confused about what they mean. We are still Nicodemuses hearing the words of Jesus and wondering what they could possibly mean. We need scholars to guide us—not by casual opinion—but by the rich tradition of ancient people and with a sacred imagination born of the Spirit. This groaning world needs good theological scholarship to guide its dealings with the intractable conflicts and prejudices that bad religion engenders. The church needs scholarship to guide it through the tendency to assume that only the practical counts and that personal perceptions are sacred truths. The scholarship the church needs requires intellectual talent, books in libraries, and time to read them. The church needs theological schools that are houses of faithful scholarship.

Communities of faith need leaders who have spent time studying. Not a single task in ministry has become easier as the modern era has given way to the next moment in human history. In a world that abounds in shades of gray, moral guidance is more complex. In a world of media over-stimulation, preaching is a harder task. In a world of sophisticated institutions, even small ones need to be wise. In a world that needs to understand the Gospel's vision more deeply, pastors need enhanced skills to convey that vision passionately, reasonably, and winsomely. Complex lessons and effective skills require that time be spent in theological studies.

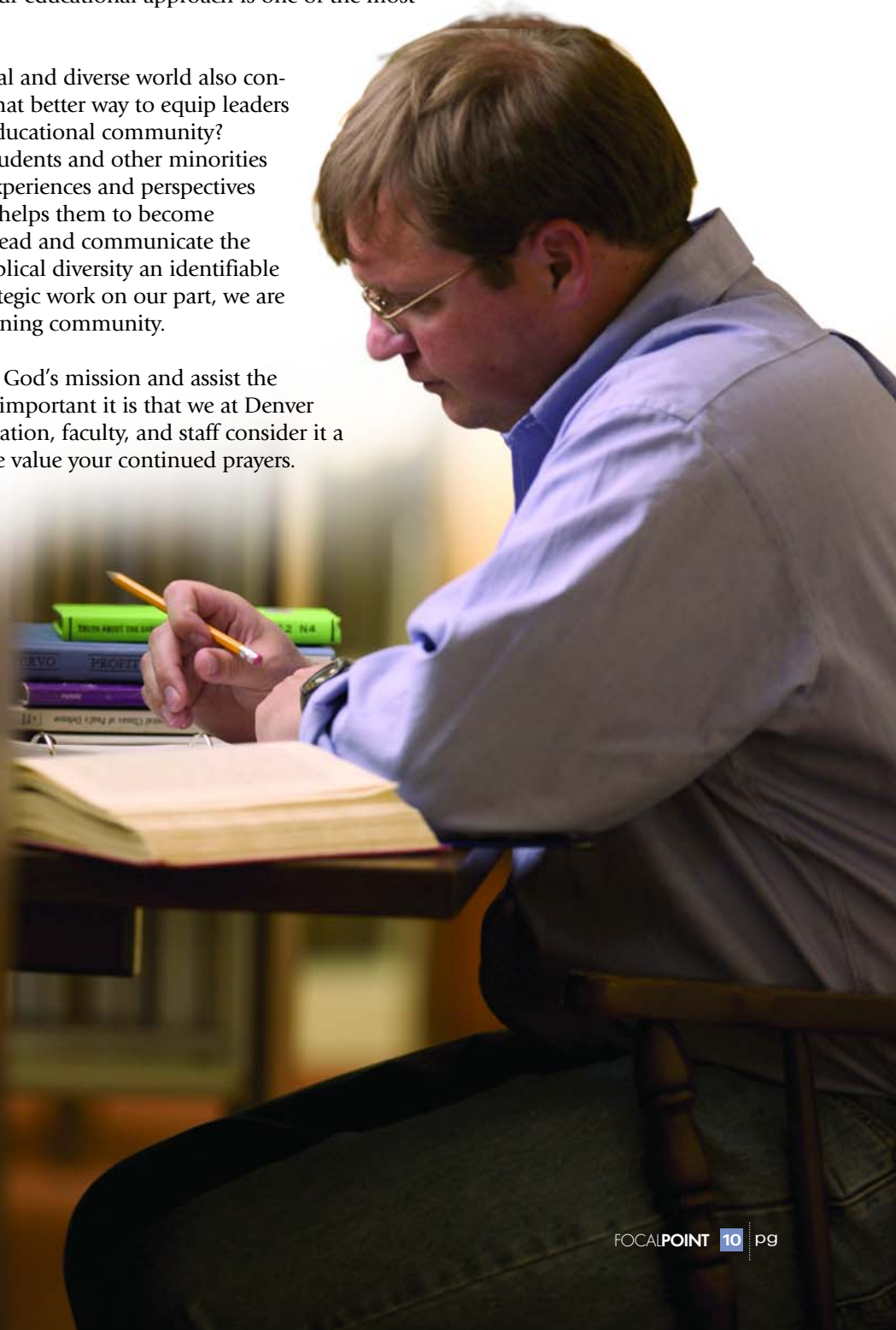
The church needs leaders who have sat with scholars, asked them questions, and been challenged by their answers. It needs leaders who have developed capacities related to the cure of souls and the care of congregational communities. The church needs leaders who have read the solutions that faith has reasoned for old problems and the ability to discern their implications for new problems. It needs leaders who have learned to think with discipline, who have the wisdom that accrues from reflecting theologically on ministerial work, and who know the story of faith intimately. The church needs leaders who have been to school, learned their stuff, and who love the sacred texts they have learned.

In addition to these general contributions of theological education articulated by Dr. Aleshire, Denver Seminary contributes to the mission of the Church in other significant ways. With our emphasis upon equipping leaders, our intentional mentoring experience, and our increasing partnership with the Church, we can focus our educational experience to ensure that our graduates are prepared to lead in specific types of settings. While our grads will need actual ministry experience to sharpen their leadership skills, our educational approach is one of the most effective ways to train them as leaders.

Preparing our graduates to serve in a global and diverse world also contributes to the mission of the Church. What better way to equip leaders than in a multicultural and multiethnic educational community? Being in community with international students and other minorities who bring a rich background of diverse experiences and perspectives expands students' understanding of God, helps them to become astute in understanding effective ways to lead and communicate the gospel in differing cultures, and makes biblical diversity an identifiable reality. With God's help and through strategic work on our part, we are making progress in building a diverse learning community.

Because theological education can further God's mission and assist the Church in so many significant ways, how important it is that we at Denver Seminary do our task well! Our administration, faculty, and staff consider it a privilege to serve our Lord in this way. We value your continued prayers.

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ACADEMIA

One of the crucial roles of Christian higher education is educating the educators. Good and godly scholars don't arise in a vacuum. Just as Denver Seminary benefits from the educational mission of other Christian schools, we are also providing professors and administrators who serve the kingdom in a wide variety of other educational institutions.

When he was 16, **Dr. Bryan Beyer (M.Div. '80)** sensed God confirming that he should pursue church-related ministry. He has done just that! Bryan currently teaches Old Testament and Semitic languages at Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions in Columbia, S.C. Since completing his Ph.D. in 1985, he has served at Columbia in many different capacities, including teaching at the undergraduate level, serving as assistant dean and dean of the Bible College, and as dean of students. "It's been wonderful to see God's timing in each step," Brian said, "but I really feel I've 'come home' by going back to teaching." One of the Seminary experiences that changed Brian's life was his mentoring relationships with his professors. His desire to make a similar impact on his students is what gets him up in the morning. His advice to current students? "Get to know the faculty. Take them up on opportunities to get to know them better – grading for them, going to their homes, or working in small groups with them."



Dr. R. Judson Carlberg (M.Div. '65) is the seventh president of Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. and also serves on the Denver Seminary Board of Trustees. He came to Gordon in 1976 as dean of the faculty, and under his leadership the college's faculty development program won national recognition. In 1999, Jud was also one of 50 college presidents honored by the John Templeton Foundation for leadership in character development. Prior to Gordon, Jud held a number of posts at Michigan State University and later served as academic provost at John Wesley College in Owasso, Mich. "Students across the spectrum of higher education seem to be the brunt of sharp criticism from many quarters today," said Jud. "I don't share those negative perceptions, especially when it comes to Gordon College students. I find these young men and women not only want to lead, but also want to serve. Watching them grow from struggling adolescents to mature, young adults is one of God's special gifts."

Dr. Wyndy Corbin (M.A. '90) serves as Associate Professor of Ethics and Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. "I think Christian ethics is our form of 'witness' to the world. How we act and live matters for the well-being of the world," said Wyndy. Prior to Ashland, Wyndy's 'witness' was lived out in Japan as a missionary. She also served on a pastoral staff, and at Bethel Seminary of the East and Eastern College. Regarding her field of study, she said, "What most captures my imagination and interest as a Christian ethicist is the power and possibility of the Church to be the ethical community of Christ in the world, and the ways in which the Church can become the context for the moral formation of Christian disciples." Aware of her unique ministry, Wyndy said, "It is a privilege to serve God in the context of an academic environment and to pursue vocational call through study, reflection, conversation and questioning that an academic environment provides."



Dr. Stan Grenz (M.Div. '76) passed away from a massive brain hemorrhage, on March 12, 2005, just before this issue was to print. It is a privilege to share the reflections he shared with us regarding his spiritual journey and ministry.

Dr. Stan Grenz was writing about postmodernism long before it became a popular topic of many a book, article or web page. Stan authored or co-authored 20 books and numerous articles with both a popular and scholarly focus. Stan's most recent books include *Beyond Foundationalism – Shaping Theology in a Postmodern Context* and *Renewing the Center – Evangelical Theology in a Post-Theological Era*. Since 1990, Stan served as a professor of Baptist Heritage, Theology, and Ethics at Carey Theological College, located in Vancouver, British Columbia. Stan was also the first scholar at a Canadian institution to receive a Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology grant. Regarding his spiritual journey, he said, "Over the last 30 years, I have sought to fulfill the call of God on my life and to be obedient to the Spirit's continual leading, as he guides me along the pathway of ministry that God intends. Throughout the journey, I have been the recipient of God's loving grace. I am deeply grateful for the privilege that God has given me to engage in various ministries both in the church and in the academy." What aspect of ministry blessed him most? "My joy has been those glimpses of the manner in which the Spirit has graciously chosen to use my teaching, speaking and writing to assist others along their own spiritual journeys."



Arts & Entertainment

The following alumni might seem a little "out of the box" when compared to a typical seminary graduate. That's fine by them. They've all found rewarding ministries in areas like journalism, movie-making, and product development. Though perhaps atypical, their dedicated work is testimony to Denver Seminary's intent to impact and reclaim neglected areas of culture.

Dave Goetz (M.Div. '89) of Wheaton, Ill., considers himself "a little of a hybrid." Dave is president of CZ Marketing, which designs branding and recruitment strategies for colleges and universities and designs client retention strategies for small to mid-sized corporations. Before starting CZ, he was the new product development manager for Christianity Today, International. He led the team that created preachingtoday.com and the *Building Church Leaders* print and web franchise. He was the general editor for the Pastor's Soul series and for two devotional books for leaders. He has also written for Christianity Today, Christian History, Leadership Journal, and Marriage Partnership. He also just completed a book on suburban spirituality, which will be published by Harper San Francisco in January 2006. While God has clearly used Dave's talents, Dave said, "I don't think much about whether God is using me. God has to sort that out, not me. I try to think more in terms of little obediences."



Lately, **Dr. Bob Beltz (M.A. '79, D.Min. '86)** has been immersed in C.S. Lewis' fictional world of Narnia. Bob is working on the production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, to be released in December 2005. (Bob is pictured at left on the set.) Beltz reports, "Some of what we're doing is extremely emotional. Watching the best filmmakers in the industry creating Narnia and the power of what I see, I get choked up every time I look at that. For me, it's a dream." A pastor for 30 years, Bob now serves as the Director of Special Projects for the Anschutz Corporation, parent company of Crusader Entertainment, Walden Media and Epiphany Films; mainstream film companies that produce family friendly



films, some rich in spiritual themes. Aside from producing, Beltz works as part of the development team, oversees the script writing, serves as a consultant, and is involved in promotions to the Christian community. Bob has also authored numerous non-fiction books. When not on the set, Bob can be found at home in Colorado, at work on his first novel, *The Enlightened Diner*, which will be published in fall 2005 by NavPress.

Matt Berry (CLL '94) serves as executive producer of the half hour comedy "Reba," which airs Fridays 9/8c on the WB. "Reba," starring country superstar Reba McEntire is in its fourth season. Matt, who has served in the industry for 11 years, has also served as a writer for "Grace Under Fire" and "Roseanne." Prior to his work in television, Matt was a standup comic from 1981-1994, making people laugh in venues around the country. As his career has progressed, his role as producer has challenged him to take on more responsibility from budget, to casting, to set design. "I've always liked storytelling," said Matt. "When I was younger, we called it lying!" Regarding his work on "Reba," he said that "There is something satisfying about producing a show that is funny and family friendly. For the most part, I've worked on family shows, and Reba is a nice show. It feels good."



Steve Rabey (M.A. '96) of Colorado Springs, Colo., is an award-winning writer who has authored more than 20 books and more than 2,000 articles for magazines and newspapers. He studied Church history at Denver Seminary so he could better cover contemporary spirituality and culture. "I came to deepen my understanding of the many complex theological issues that kept surfacing in my writing assignments," he said. Steve served as Religion Editor of the Colorado Springs *Gazette* while completing his degree, and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post* and dozens of Christian magazines. His books cover everything from ancient Celtic spirituality to 20th century evangelicalism, and he has collaborated on several books as well. "My teachers at Denver Seminary went out of their way to understand my needs and answer my incessant questions," said Steve, who is a member of the adjunct faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary and also consults with nonprofit organizations. "Their wisdom in applying centuries worth of Christian tradition to the challenges of today and tomorrow provided me with a model that has served me extremely well."



theMission Field

From its very inception Denver Seminary had a student body of which nearly half were preparing themselves for service overseas. Currently, Denver Seminary has missionaries on six continents and dozens of countries. Their service is a testimony of faith and a courageous response to the Great Commission.



Since **Rodger Schmidt (M.Div. '01)** and his wife Lynne arrived in Mozambique, Southeast Africa in June 2003, they have learned the Portuguese language and have been involved in preaching, teaching and leading worship. The Schmitdts are also participating in a new church plant in Djuba, a region of over 300,000 people, still without an evangelical church. As part of their plan to train national leadership, their goal is to begin baptism and discipleship classes, Biblical foundation for marriage training and the development of a leadership team in the new church. However, one of the greatest joys has been simply building incarnational relationships and entering into the lives of the people. "The Mozambican people have taught us that no one should ever struggle alone," said Roger. "In this culture when someone has any form of difficulty it is unthinkable to keep it to oneself. Our Western, independent thinking has been challenged and we have been humbled by the way Mozambicans selflessly come alongside their family, friends, neighbors or even strangers."



When **Elena Bogdan (M.Div. '88)** was 26, she escaped Communist Romania, and the possibility of a 6-year prison sentence for her role in assisting persecuted Christians, by floating across the Danube on an air mattress. Only later did Elena learn that her husband, Traian, had died and did not escape. After seeking refuge in the U.S. and earning her Seminary degree, Elena returned to Romania in 1990 after the fall of Communism. She established her ministry, Romania for Jesus, with a newspaper ad and rented space, and two months later, the ministry had grown to a core of 13 people. "For several years I was wearing many hats: evangelist, church planter, pastor, teacher, counselor, administrator, boss, president, fundraiser and so on," said Elena. Today, there are 14 churches in Romanian and gypsy communities that have emerged out of the ministry, and 20 full-time national workers. Her harrowing and courageous story was chronicled in *Women as Risktakers for God*. (Visit www.denverseminary.edu to read the chapter.) "I received the dangers and difficulties as part of the normal price we are called to pay for following Christ and His calling," said Elena. "To me, there was no other way."

James & Renata Bultema (M.Div '89) have served with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) in Turkey since 1990. James serves as pastor of the St. Paul Union Church and director of the St. Paul Cultural Center, while Renata manages the Center and also directs Olive Grove, a summer camp for multi-cultural children that the Bultemas also founded. The St. Paul Cultural Center provides a home not only to the St. Paul Union Church, but also to Turkish and German-speaking congregations. Well accepted in its Muslim context, the Center exists 'for the good of Antalya and the glory of God,' providing a home for English- and Turkish-speaking congregations and facilitating cultural learning and compassionate outreach. "We committed ourselves to Turkey sight unseen and for the long term, which is likely the only way God could have gotten and kept us here," says James. "Seven arduous years of 'faith in famine' have prepared us for seven marvelous years of fulfillment and fruit."



Dr. Roger Hedlund (M.Div. '63) is a teaching missiologist engaged in academic research through the Mylapore Institute for Indigenous Studies in Chennai (Madras), India. At present he directs the Dictionary of South Asian Christianity Project, which is a major international effort to produce a one-volume reference work of 1,000 pages on the various facets of all the major Christian traditions in seven or more countries. In addition he serves as managing editor of *Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research*, and is involved in producing academic publications and textbooks for seminaries and colleges. He has authored and compiled 15 books, as well as academic papers, articles, research monographs and reviews. The Hedlunds arrived in India in 1974. Roger taught missiology at Union Biblical Seminary, Yavatmal (now Pune), and more recently served as professor of mission research at Serampore College, Calcutta. He also lectures in other training institutes in South Asia and as visiting professor of Hindu Studies at Fuller Seminary.



LARRY CRABB, AUTHOR AND FOUNDER OF NEW WAY MINISTRIES "DENVER SEMINARY

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Counseling

Much of the work of the Kingdom takes place in the hearts and minds of believers and unbelievers alike. Denver Seminary's counseling program has sent hundreds of alumni into the world of mental and emotional counseling and intervention. Whether in North America or around the world, our alumni are creatively and compassionately reaching out to the wounded and weak.

Gail Adams, (M.A. '89) of Hot Springs, Ark., served as president of the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) from 2003 to 2004, where she presided over the workings of the association, represented them at state conferences, and met with the American Counseling Association and the American Association of State Counseling boards. "I am passionate about professionals being involved in professional associations," said Gail. "I believe it's our responsibility to give something back and to advance the profession." Gail has worked as a therapist for several years, both in private practice and with numerous agencies. She recently led a delegation of mental health counselors to China. One of the joys of her work is getting to see Christ change lives everyday. "I believe He uses me to care for those who are hurting," she said. "I couldn't listen to the stories and heartbreaks of my clients day in and day out without His spirit empowering me and guiding me in my responses."



Dr. Jim Conway, (M.Div. '57) of Fullerton, Calif., is the president and founder of Midlife Dimensions, formed in 1981 as a counseling and conference ministry, focusing on midlife adults and their families through seminars, radio, TV, books, articles, tapes, and counseling. "It is great to see couples who have given up on their marriage be restored," said Jim. "Most of the people with whom I work have experienced severe marital pain. It is exciting to see people who are this desperately troubled come back together in a deeper, and more loving relationship than they ever had before." Jim recently returned from Nigeria, where he spoke at the SIM All-Nigerian missionary conference, where he also trained and counseled pastors, taught children and students, and ministered to AIDS-widowed women. "Even though I am as 'old as dirt,' God continues to open up doors of ministry to me through writing, radio, conferences, teaching at seminaries and universities, as well as our ever expanding Internet ministry," said Jim.



Janelle Hallman (M.A. '95) is a licensed professional counselor in Denver, Colo., a writer, and an internationally recognized speaker. Janelle's speaking ministry focuses on sexuality, human brokenness, redemption and healing. This emphasis is reflected in her role as the Executive Director of Desert Hope Ministries. The Reforming the Glory conferences hosted by Desert Hope bring the message of God's design for sexuality to today's culture. Janelle is also considered an expert in the field of female homosexuality. Passionate about her ministry, she humbly emphasizes that being considered an 'expert' simply results from the general neglect of the study of counseling female homosexuals. She has been developing a theory on understanding and treating female homosexuals and is currently writing 'the' book on clinical work with female homosexuals. "My passion is to integrate God's truth and original design in his creation of humanity with what we have classically observed in psychological studies of human behavior," said Janelle. "Sound theology and psychology compliment one another."



Dr. Hilda Lo (M.A. '98, D.Min. '02) made the decision to attend Denver Seminary due to her recognition of "the increasing need for marriage and family counseling among my people." Hilda was no stranger to seminary education. Prior to her studies at Denver Seminary, she taught at the China Bible Seminary for six years. She now teaches part-time at the United Wesleyan Graduate Institute, offers counseling services at the Hong Kong Church Renewal Movement office, at the Hong Kong Association of Christian Missions, and does a good deal of public speaking and teaching at various workshops and seminars. From her time at Seminary, Hilda relates that she learned much more about "the complexity of humanity" and her own healing.



the Chaplaincy

Those alumni serving in the area of Chaplaincy can bring the peace and comfort of Christ into the most difficult of situations. Whether serving in the military, in a hospital or on a race track, these individuals go above and beyond in crisis situations, and their commitment stands out as truly dedicated and sacrificial service.

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Chap. (LT) Wayne Hall, Jr. CHC, USNR (M.Div. '00) is no stranger to putting his ministry skills to work in the real world. He was in New York on Sept. 11, 2001 to interview with the Navy chief of chaplains for a job. Suddenly he found himself in the trenches alongside experienced, active-duty chaplains – ministering instead of interviewing. (Needless to say, he got the job.) He recently returned from Iraq, where he served as a chaplain to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. "Being there to remind them that God was with them in those hard times was probably the greatest point in my ministry," said Wayne. Currently, he is the Battalion Chaplain for the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, at Camp Pendleton, Calif. His major duties include counseling, preaching, leading Bible studies and advising the commanding officer in regard to spiritual, moral and ethical issues. "It excites me to mentor young believers in their daily walks," he said. "Beyond that, the chance to show God's love to the non-Christians in the service makes my heart glad."

Charlie Staley (M.A. '86) of Spokane, Wash. confessed that he promptly became a "ministry sleeper" after graduation from Denver Seminary. His wake-up call came in 2002 when the Lord conveyed to Him that if He returned that day He wouldn't be saying, "well done, good and faithful servant." As a result of God's prompting, Charlie is now a Motor Racing Outreach Chaplain to the Midwest NASCAR AutoZone elite series of stock cars. As a chaplain, he prays with the drivers, responds to medical emergencies to comfort those involved, builds relationships with drivers and crew members, performs chapel services, and offers invocations. His background in car racing, 2-way radios, and his major in counseling have made this a perfect fit. "My faith has been greatly tested as well as expanded. Out of my comfort zone, but in His will. Besides, smelling racing gas and hearing the roar of 600hp engines is a definite perk!"



Kay Wakefield (M.A. '01) serves as a Staff Chaplain at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colo. She offers spiritual and emotional support to patients, families and staff; participates in multi-disciplinary rounds to evaluate patients' needs and appropriate treatment; responds to crisis situations; and plans an annual spiritual retreat for hospital leadership. She also provides devotional and worship services in the hospital. "I have many opportunities to minister to a patient or family during a very difficult time concerning their health, treatment, recovery, or perhaps end-of-life issues," she said. "On some occasions, I realize that the words I spoke are not something I created, but rather the work of the Holy Spirit through me." She is passionate about living her life "in a way that encourages others to identify their strengths so that their life will bless themselves and others," said Kay. "I desire to touch the lives of people with the love of Jesus, not just in times of crisis, but also during times of fellowship and recreation."

When **Chap. (LCDR) Michael D. Williams, CHC, USNR (M.Div. '96)** shows up for work, he might find himself in the most unlikely of places, like the co-pilot seat of a U.S. Coast Guard HC-130. Michael has served as Chaplain of Marine Aircraft Group 13 and VMA-214 Harrier squadron of U.S. Marines in Yuma, Ariz.; Chaplain of USS PRINCETON in San Diego, Calif.; and is now a Navy Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska. Michael has seen many foreign ports and has worn the uniform of three different branches of the military. In June, he will head back to the U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C. and will deploy to the Persian Gulf shortly thereafter. "The spiritual and academic training at Denver Seminary was the most significant preparatory step toward fulfilling God's call on my life!" said Michael. "The blessing of being a chaplain serving with the US Coast Guard is the privilege of flying with the intelligent men and women of our Armed Services. As chaplain, I am their pastor, their confidant."



Campaign Progress Report

Denver Seminary is effectively equipping leaders to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely! As our graduates serve in a host of ministry settings illustrated by the stories in this issue of Focal Point, they are truly making an impact around the globe for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join the more than 1,200 people who have generously supported the Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact campaign!

Progress by Comprehensive Campaign Project

	Goal	Pledges + Gifts
New Campus: Land / Educational Buildings	\$18,500,000	\$6,019,885
New Campus: Student Apartments	\$8,000,000	
Endowment	\$7,500,000	\$384,298
Seminary Fund: \$1,500,000/year x 3 years	\$4,500,000	\$2,262,390
Campaign Fund (where needed most)		\$2,770,135
Campaign Subtotal	\$38,500,000	\$11,436,708
- Net from Sale of Current Campus	(\$12,000,000)	
- Tax Free Bond Issue	(\$9,500,000)	
Campaign Goal / Pledges & Gifts to date	\$17,000,000	\$11,436,708

Denver Seminary Campaign Projects Update (02/28/05)

Equipping Leaders - Increasing the Impact

Number of Gifts Needed	Range of Gifts	Total Gifts Needed	(#of Gifts/Pledges) and Amount
Builder Level Gifts			
1	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$3,459,000
2	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$2,025,000
3	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$1,000,000
6		\$9,000,000	(3) \$6,484,000
Leadership Level Gift			
4	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	(1) \$508,950
16	\$100,000	\$1,600,000	(14) \$1,871,313
20		\$3,600,000	(15) \$2,380,263
Major Level Gifts			
20	\$50,000	\$1,000,000	(13) \$835,537
40	\$25,000	\$1,000,000	(15) \$484,912
60	\$10,000	\$600,000	(38) \$536,658
120		\$2,600,000	(66) \$1,857,107
Seminary Level Gifts			
100	\$5,000	\$500,000	(29) \$188,487
200	\$2,500	\$500,000	(49) \$163,067
400	\$1,000	\$400,000	(138) \$198,261
700		\$1,400,000	(216) \$549,815
Participation Level Gifts			
Many	Less than \$1,000	\$400,000	(978) \$165,523
Campaign Goal / Pledges & Gifts to date		\$17,000,000	(1,278) \$11,436,708

Undeniably, our board of trustees thinks that the stories you have read are only the beginning! For that reason, they unanimously embarked on this three-year, \$17 million campaign to position this institution, God's institution, for strategic growth which will result in increased transformational impact.

In the last six issues of this magazine and in other correspondence from Denver Seminary over the past 20 months, we have been asking you to pray for God's hand to guide, direct and bless this campaign for His honor and His glory. Thank you for doing that. Keep it up!

Today, we invite you to thank the Lord with us that we have received more than \$11.4 million in gifts and pledges in the first 20 months of this campaign. Join us in giving God the glory that our comprehensive campaign plan and our major construction project are on track. One more thing...

Give. While we have received 100% participation from our board of trustees, administration, faculty and staff, thus far in this campaign, we now are excited to ask more than 8,800 of you to participate. We need people to give like they did back in the days of Moses during the campaign to build the tabernacle—collectively and willingly (Exodus 25:1-2; 35:20-36:7). We need your help, and on the next page, you will find out how you can do just that.



An Alumnus and a Friend Award \$50,000 for the New Campus Challenge Gift

Want to help meet the challenge? Send a gift today using the form below!

Denver Seminary is thrilled and thankful to have recently received a \$50,000 *New Campus Challenge* gift from an alumnus and a friend of the Seminary, who both wish to remain anonymous. To meet this challenge, we must raise \$50,000 in new gifts designated for the "New Campus" portion of our comprehensive campaign during our phonathon and mailing effort slated for April, May and June 2005.



This generous *New Campus Challenge* gift will help Denver Seminary do more than just build some buildings; it presents an opportunity for us to broaden and deepen our base of support from other alumni and friends for the New Campus component of the campaign. Our prayer is that each of our alumni and friends will join these generous givers by meeting this *New Campus Challenge*!

In awarding a \$50,000 *New Campus Challenge* gift to Denver Seminary, these two people along with their spouses, recognize the significant work that Denver Seminary is achieving, and the importance of the *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign to its future. We are exceedingly thankful to God for His provision through the generosity of these donors, and we thank you, our alumni and friends, in advance for your generosity as well!

See for Yourself!

If you are interested in learning more about the *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign, plan now to attend one or more of these events! **RSVP to Melanie Eagar at 303-762-6949.** More details to follow...

Regional events:

- April 15: Minneapolis, Minn.
- April 23: Los Angeles, Calif.
- May 4: Albuquerque, N.M.
- May 21: San Martin, Calif.

New Campus Lunches,
at The Inn at Hudson Gardens:
Tuesday, April 19
Monday, May 9
Tuesday, May 24
Thursday, June 9
Monday, June 20

Alumni and Friends – Meet the New Campus Challenge!

Help Denver Seminary meet the challenge by making a one-time gift or a monthly commitment to the *New Campus Challenge* today. To respond, please complete the form below and mail it along with your gift to:
Denver Seminary, P.O. Box 100000 Denver, CO 80250

I/We want to help Denver Seminary meet the *New Campus Challenge* and complete the new campus project!

One time gift \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other: \$ _____

Monthly pledge of \$ _____ over _____ months

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Faculty Travel Spring/Summer 2005

Dr. Jim Beck

April 7-10: Christian Association for Psychological Studies Conference, Dallas, Texas

Dr. Craig Blomberg

May 2-7: Irish Bible Institute, Dublin, Ireland

Dr. Bruce Demarest

April 7: Daystar Television Network Interview; Arvada, Colo.

May 6: Seminar, EPC Presbytery of the West, Englewood, Colo.

Mat 15-19: Denver Seminary Fly Fishing Retreat, San Juan, N.M.

May 20-22: Seminar, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Mich.

June 19-22: Seminar, Renovaré International Conference, Denver, Colo.

Dr. M. Daniel Carroll R.

April 8-9: Regional meeting of Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colo.

April 16: Stone Campbell Conference, Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio

June 3-4: Caleb Project Board Meetings, Littleton, Colo.

June 10-12: CB annual Summer Summit, Littleton, Colo.

Dr. Rick Hess

April 8-9: Presenter, "Ancient Israelite Religion: The Evidence from the Names in the Archives," Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting, Denver University

May 14-31: Guide, Seminar in the Bible and the Aegean tour through Turkey and Greece, sponsored by Denver Seminary

June: Teacher, "Judaism and Earliest Christianity," Cherry Hills Community Church Sunday Morning classes, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Dr. Bill Klein

April 17-22: Five Day Spiritual Academy, Sedalia, Colo.

Dr. Larry Lindquist

June 11-18: Speaker for the Jr. High Summer Camp at Maranatha Bible Camp, Maxwell, Neb.

Dr. Jan McCormack

April 8-14: Association of Professional Chaplains Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.

April 15-17: ABC Rocky Mountains Area II Meeting, Vail, Colo.

April 21-23: NASCAR Race & Remuda Center internship placements, Phoenix, Ariz.

23-24: ABC Rocky Mountains Area III Meeting, Pueblo, Colo.

28-30: ABC Rocky Mountains Region Board Meeting, Breckenridge, Colo.

May 27-3: March AFB Chapel Reunion, Vail, Colo.

June 17-19: NASCAR Race, Salt Lake City, Utah

June 29-July 3: American Baptist Churches/USA Biennial Conference, Denver, Colo.

Dr. David Osborn

April 22-23: Association for Doctor of Ministry Education Conference, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dr. Elisabeth Suarez

June 5 - 13: Wabash Center on Teaching and Learning for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Dr. Phil Towner

March 30- April 3: Meeting of United Bible Societies, Toronto

April 4-7: Meeting of the International Forum of Bible Agencies, Albuquerque, N.M.

May 1-8: Meeting of the United Bible Societies Global Management Team, Reading, England

Dr. Craig Williford

April 21-25: Campaign regional event, Los Angeles, Calif.

April 28-30: Association of Religious Leaders meeting, Washington, D.C.

May 2-5: National Day of Prayer, Washington, D.C.



Chancellor's Corner

Witnessing in the World

Dr. Vernon Grounds

It was Abraham Kuyper, the noted reformed theologian and one-time premier of the Netherlands, who declared that as Christians we must claim every inch of our world for Jesus Christ: He must be sovereign not only in the church but in education, government, business, politics, science, academia, the arts—indeed all spheres of human activity. But that means Biblical truths and principles must be known and prayerfully applied. And that's why a seminary education gives a solid foundation for effective service in our world.

Not all Seminary graduates become pastors and missionaries spending their lives in some kind of religious ministry. I think, for example, of David Cauwels, class of 1961, whom God directed into constructing and managing apartment house complexes in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aside from his tireless work as Chuck Colson's right-hand colleague in Prison Fellowship and his very active leadership of the dynamic Hoffmantown Church, David has evangelized and discipled scores and scores of men in the privacy of his office, a sanctuary! Indeed, while God alone can judge our stewardship and witness, I venture to say that no lay person in New Mexico has been more spiritually influential. As Chuck Colson, founder and long-time president of Prison Fellowship testifies,

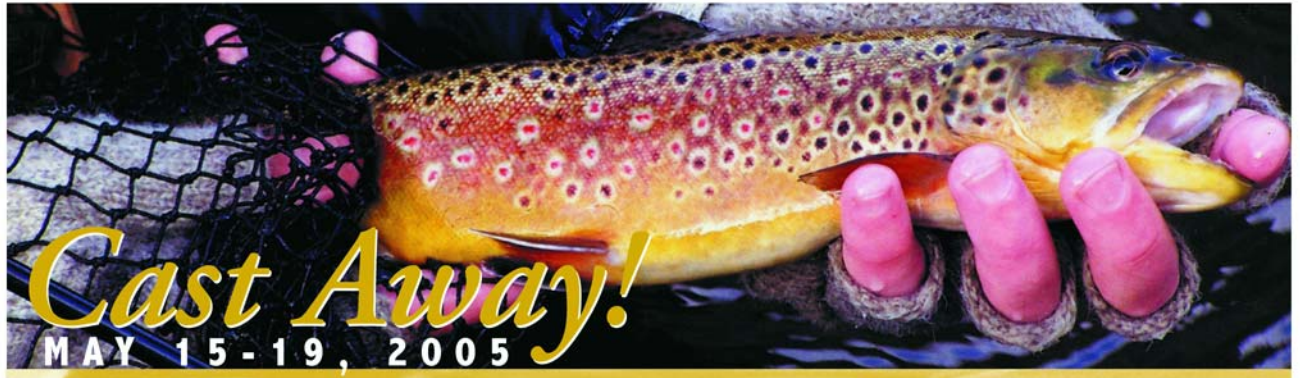
Dave has fulfilled an indispensable role, almost from the beginning, in bringing sound biblical judgment and business sense to this ministry. He has been my closest confidante and advisor. I've trusted him on business questions where he has great skills, but even more on spiritual questions, because I know his whole life is rooted in the Word of God. And many times he has reminded us that we exist to evangelize, and he's always sensitive to the role of the Church. This, I'm sure, is in no small part due to his seminary training.

By the way, Vernon, I think it's a wonderful idea when seminaries equip people who then are called into other walks of life. Our job, after all, is to infiltrate all of society. Pastors, of course, have the primary role of preaching the Gospel and making disciples. But this in turn has to be transmitted through the laity into the world. So guys like Dave, who go out in to the world but are part of that transmission process, are absolutely essential to the spread of the Gospel.

We thank God for Seminary graduates who are churchmen and churchwomen in the truest sense of the term, yet whose impact has not been made primarily in the church but in the so-called secular world.

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