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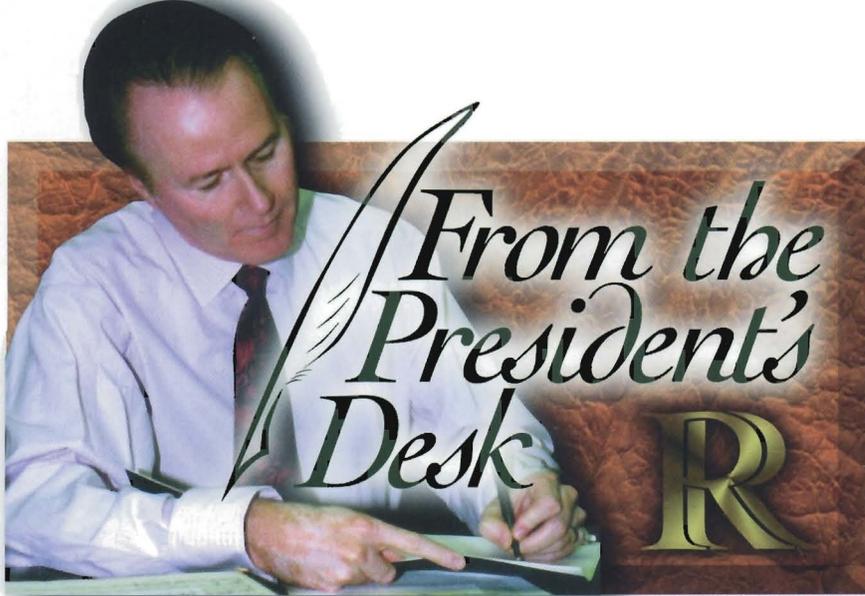


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In 1994, we launched a fund-raising campaign called Quest. Our goal was to raise \$26 million in three years for library acquisitions, faculty/staff development, scholarships, renovations, and academic program enhancement. The alumni goal was \$2.5 million. I am pleased to tell you that we exceeded our \$26 million goal, thanks to the efforts of our Board of Regents, alumni, faculty and staff, and the Tulsa community. The evidence of our success can be seen all over campus.

In each of the last three years, a corporate donor has offered our alumni a matching-gift challenge, primarily for campus renovations. Although we fell short of our renovation goal this past year, we raised \$320,000 in restricted gifts and \$610,000 in unrestricted gifts. Overall, our alumni gave more to the Alumni Foundation than ever before.

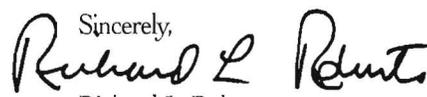
**This year, we are embarking on another campaign to further strengthen our academic programs. Our goal is to raise \$1 million between now and December 31.** Dr. Ralph Fagin (70), our vice president for Academic Affairs, spent a great deal of time working with a committee of faculty members to identify the areas that could benefit most from additional financial support. Your gifts to the Alumni Foundation this year will help us fund these fifteen projects: 1) Promote professional academic activities, both on and off campus, 2) Bring nationally known figures and visiting scholars to campus, 3) Support faculty involvement in sponsored projects and year-long sabbaticals, 4) Increase public awareness of ORU through marketing and public relations efforts, 5) Support faculty memberships in professional organizations, 6) Support undergraduate research, 7) Significantly increase library acquisitions, 8) Provide faculty release time for curriculum development, 9) Support honor societies and honors programs, 10) Support efforts to improve student writing across the disciplines, 11) Coordinate, promote, and facilitate off-campus study programs, 12) Increase funding for academic competitions, 13) Provide funds for ORU performance groups to present their talents off-campus, 14) Increase involvement in Tulsa-area educational efforts, and 15) Continue to remodel and update academic areas.

These are ambitious goals, but they are vitally important if we want to enhance our academic reputation, recruit outstanding faculty, and attract the type of students who will be a credit to ORU and fitting successors to the many excellent alumni who represent ORU so well in so many fields.

I challenge you to join with us as we work to strengthen your alma mater. If you have questions about any segment of the campaign, call Alumni Relations at 495-6610. They will be happy to answer your questions, or to put you in touch with someone who can.

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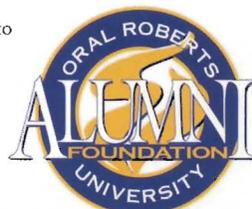
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## Glenda Payas helps improve dental care in Nigeria

by Tia Stauffer, Class of 1999

"ORU had a very big impact on my life," Glenda Payas, a 1986 graduate of the ORU Michael Cardone, Sr., School of Dentistry, said. "It helped me to become a professional and it also helped me to understand how you go about being led by the Holy Spirit, in the merging of prayer and medicine."

Not only did ORU instill a focus for merging prayer and medicine in the field of dentistry, but it also fueled her desire to participate in healing teams and make that a part of her ministry. Healing teams, she said, are part of the bigger picture, a literal extension of the vision of Chancellor Oral Roberts to "go where My light is seen dim."

Last summer Payas led a five-member team to Benin City, Nigeria. Their purpose was to set up a dental clinic at Faith Medical Centre, a component of Idahosa World Outreach. Mark (79;83-MED) and Doreen Babo (81;86-MBA), directors of the hospital in Benin City, had asked Payas to guide them in purchasing equipment to set up the clinic.

Payas has her own private dental practice at Utica

Square Medical Center in Tulsa, where she began practicing in 1989 after serving three years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Corp. She and her staff view their role as a ministry of health-care providers. Payas sees her calling to dentistry as her ministry, and this trip to Nigeria as just one example of how God uses those who make themselves available. Payas has been on previous missions trips to Malaysia and Jamaica, but this trip stands out to her because the team was able to leave behind more than treated patients. "I thought it was more rewarding because I felt like I'd made an impact that was going to be long-lasting for the people of Nigeria," Payas said.

Before going on the trip, Payas worked closely with Doreen Babo to evaluate the needs and determine what equipment was necessary to start up the clinic. (An existing building at the compound was converted into a dental clinic.) Payas had floor plans drawn up for the clinic and donated a dental chair, a portable dental unit, a portable chair, and the needed equipment and supplies from her office to the Centre. Ron Lamb (69) of World Mission Relief donated many other supplies. Everything was sent by container ship from New Orleans in February, and on May 29, Payas and her team left for Africa.

Payas believes it was the perfect timing of God. From confirming the trip and buying the tickets to timing the return to the U.S., "the Lord had His hand on us," she said, "taking care of even the small details. It was great timing because the equipment arrived before we did." Doreen Babo had already begun the process of having the equipment installed, so Payas could begin seeing patients while the men completed the installation of the equipment at Faith Mediplex. After spending 13 days in Nigeria, they returned home on June 10.

The team was composed of Glenda and her husband, Brad; Debbie Hunsaker, dental assistant; Gwen Taylor, receptionist; and Taylor's husband, Charlie. In Benin City, they joined with several other ORU graduates: Dr. Margaret Idahosa (97) and her son, Feb (94), who now lead Idahosa World Outreach, and Mark and Doreen Babo. Mark is medical director of the hospital, and Doreen is the hospital administrator. Benin



## FAITH MEDI. 'PLEX COMBINING PRAYER AND MEDICINE.



Brad and Glenda Payas, Doreen and Mark Babo

Benin City is not the Babos' first experience in Africa. They worked in Kenya for many years (at one time, as part of the medical mission founded by ORU and Jerry Savelle Ministries) before going to work with the Idahosas in Benin City. Archbishop Benson Idahosa, an ORU regent who passed away early last year (see addendum), had asked the Babos to assist him in carrying out his mission of establishing Faith Mediplex, which is one of the primary health-care centers in the area.

Benin City is a large metropolitan area where health-care needs are significant. The merging of prayer and medicine is viewed as a primary goal in the delivery of health care at Faith Mediplex. Like any nation, Nigeria is challenged in its ability to deliver health care, which makes Faith Mediplex's mission even more important. Although distance and logistics in arranging for shipment of supplies made equipment maintenance and repair difficult, the hospital's maintenance staff was resourceful in finding solutions to problems.

A typical day at the dental clinic started at 8 a.m. with a chapel service. Immediately after chapel, the dental work began. Two permanent chairs were not enough to meet patient needs, so the portable chair was put into service. "During our stay, we did root canals, crowns, cleanings, and extractions on patients, as well as train the local dentist in many of the advances which are taught here in the U.S.," Payas said. The team treated 150 patients and sometimes worked as late as 8 p.m. But the long hours were part of their desire to be a true "healing

team," which included praying with many of the patients they treated.

Payas and her team also trained the dental staff--a dentist, receptionist, dental nurse, and a volunteer--who are now running the clinic. Something else that confirmed the current appropriateness of the trip was how the team meshed with the Nigerian team for observation and training in dental office operation and techniques. While the women worked doing dentistry, the men helped install and repair equipment, and did other tasks to keep the clinic operational. They dealt with the logistics of clinic operation, from equipment breakdowns to dealing with power and water pressure problems.

Although many of those employed at the hospital work at the clinic as a regular job, there is a clear understanding of their Christian witness and desire to serve the Lord. The hospital gives them an opportunity to provide a witness along with medical care throughout Nigeria and that part of Africa. The goal of Archbishop Idahosa was to build and maintain a hospital and clinic which would be the best in Nigeria, and Africa, providing for the medical and dental needs of the people he loved.

In setting up the clinic, the team established a format that enables the work they began to continue. They were able to meet the goals that Payas said were established before they left the U.S., which were "to set up the clinic so that it would be state-of-the-art, and to train the staff to be able to provide dentistry in

that center." The clinic is now the nicest in the area, and the equipment is as advanced as, if not better than, the equipment available in the country.

As with all missions trips, the full impact is never

understood upon leaving the country or even when remembering all that happened. Payas summarized her trip: "We've given them the tools to do the dentistry, we've trained them, and we've left them to continue with the calling to finish what we have started."

Several months have now passed since they returned to America. Payas received a letter thanking her and the team once again for the "love and cooperation" which was shown to the people of Nigeria by the team. The letter also updated Payas on what the clinic

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has achieved since the team left Africa. "The Clinic has not been the same since your visit," the letter said. "Patients are coming in large numbers, and we have seen 154 patients in the month of June." Before the clinic was set up, they were seeing about three patients per day. "We have learned a lot from you, and the standards which you left with us, we will follow up on," the letter continued.

This trip was a fulfillment of the healing team mission that Payas took with her from her time at the ORU dental school. "I saw healing teams with a renewed vision, much more so than I would have thought," she said. The impact of the trip is still being realized both by Payas and her team and those who remain to carry out the daily schedule at the dental



clinic in Benin City.

"Perhaps my greatest joy," Payas said, "comes from the realization that this really was a true healing team, as Chancellor Oral Roberts envisioned them. There were six different ORU grads involved in this project, representing the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Education, and Business. We were people

with different life experiences, from different parts of the world, united in one common mission, and serving one Savior. All of us were there because God called us to be. All of us were there because we felt the tug of God on our lives to be His feet, His mouth, and His hands, showing His love in the world around us."

## Archbishop Idahosa Finishes the Course

Archbishop Benson Idahosa was living proof that God can do anything with anyone who is willing to serve Him.

Before he died of a heart attack on March 12, 1998, this native of Benin City, Nigeria, had become one of the most beloved leaders in the Pentecostal Charismatic world.

Placed on a garbage heap just after his birth, Idahosa nevertheless overcame that rejection to become the pastor of one of the world's largest churches, Faith Miracle Centre, and the founder of thousands of other churches with millions of members.



Chancellor Oral Roberts had this to say of the ORU regent and International Charismatic Bible Ministries trustee. "I never met a man who so completely saw himself as God did: a man. It says in the book of Genesis, 'And God made him man.' Not something else, not a Jew, not a gentile, not white, not black, not this or that—but man. I am honored to have personally known and closely worked with a man who stood so high with God and mankind in life, and who doubtless will stand higher after his death."

ORU president Richard Roberts called Idahosa "a longtime friend of ORU and this ministry," and noted that Idahosa was the man God used to open many African nations so that he (Roberts) could minister to the people.

A regent since 1989, Idahosa held several degrees and diplomas and was the author of several books, including *Faith to Change the World*. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Margaret Idahosa (97-M.A.-ED), and four children: Feb (94), Ruth, Daisy, and Freda.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

# at ORU

## Alumni Ministers Conference 'A Tremendous Blessing'

The first-ever Alumni Ministers Conference was, to put it simply, a resounding success. It gave more than 300 alumni and their spouses a chance to gather together for two days in early November and learn from one another, and especially from the man who blazed a trail that many alumni have chosen to take.

The Roberts family—Oral, Evelyn, Richard, and Lindsay—shared from their experience in ministry, as did Kenneth Copeland (A), Larry Stockstill (75), Billy Joe Daugherty (74), and Carlton Pearson (A). There were times of instruction, times of prayer, times of frank discussion, and laying on of hands at the closing service.

To understand the true impact of the conference, it's best to hear what some of those who attended had to say.

"The question and answer session with the Roberts family was great," said Michael Morelli (90), president/evangelist with Morelli Ministries International in Tulsa. "The final evening service was exceptional. By far, this was the best ORU event I have ever attended."

"It was a tremendous blessing to be given to nonstop for two days by the Robertses and ORU and not be asked to give back other than in prayer and thanksgiving for ORU," said Bev (Raines-A) May, worship pastor at Liberty Christian

Fellowship in Liberty, Mo. Her husband, Kim (76), is the founder/senior pastor. Regarding the chapel service, she said, "We saw there and felt there the same spirit we experienced at ORU in the mid-70s. The love and respect the students have for Oral and Richard was especially moving. And the worship was great!"

"It was like coming home," said Dennis Griffin (80-MBA), associate pastor of Northwest Assembly of God in Dublin, Ohio. "I really didn't know anybody, but yet (I) knew everybody. I was refreshed. I was chal-

lenged, buildings, etc., because we were there during some of the 'lean' years (1988-91). The excellence is back! But most of all, the power and presence of the Lord is stronger than ever in the students and just the whole place. I needed my vision renewed as to what can happen when faith is mixed with faithfulness of a man who hears God speak."

"The strong anointing of unity impacted me the most," said Patti (Edmonds-86) Simon. Her husband, Greg (88), pastors Valley Fellowship Church in Huntsville, Ala. Patti's "most cherished part" of the conference was the final service, when Chancellor Roberts and several of the speakers laid hands on each alumnus and prayed for an impartation of the Holy Spirit. "There was such a wonderful sense of being a daughter of this ministry," she said.

Referring to the knowledge that there might not be many more opportunities to gather together like this with ORU's founder, Greg Simon said he—and probably other alumni as well—felt a certain sense of urgency about attending. "It was like he (Oral) was calling all of us kids home. How could we *not* come back?"

"It was awesome. And it was neat to see a lot of old friends. I haven't made it back for Homecoming. If this is what it's like—"

Alumni had suggestions to make for future conferences, including having separate sessions for spouses, but the consensus seemed to be that the length and the format of the conference were good. The question is, will there be another one? Both alumni who attended and those who couldn't are hoping so.



lenged. I was motivated. I was stirred up. I was encouraged. I was blessed. Let's do it again and again."

"The first night, we felt like something historic was taking place! It was awesome!" said Lisa Boehm, wife of Hal (92-M.Div), who is director/president of Catchfire! Ministries in Tulsa. "We really felt that the Roberts family sowed into us—spiritually, and physically with the wonderful meals, and with ministry items that were given to us. What a refreshing blessing!"

"Upon receiving your invitation," wrote Randy Jones (91), pastor of Jubilee Family Worship Center in Decatur, Ala., "my wife and I immediately knew that we wanted to come. We are so pleased to see the progress made on the



# Spanish for 'Hello,' It Means Hope for L.A.

by Debbie (Titus-77) George

This joint is jumpin'. It's after 5 o'clock on a warm September afternoon, and there are a few dozen kids in the youth center--using the state-of-the-art computer lab, creating art, lifting weights, playing ball. Downstairs, some girls are doing gymnastics. Upstairs, other kids are taking turns singing solos. This is the heart of Los Angeles, and this is a miracle.

"What happens to a dream deferred?" mused Langston Hughes.

Mitch Moore (77) could tell him that in his case, the dream underwent a metamorphosis and became HOLA (Heart of Los Angeles Youth), a program that gave an old church new life by giving inner-city youth a good alternative to drugs and gang involvement.

HOLA isn't what Moore, a one-time psychology major, had in mind when he first moved to L.A., but it has become his passion. With the help of 120 volunteers, he provides fine arts, athletics, educational programming, and job placement to nearly 900 boys and girls on a weekly basis.

"When I came out here (to L.A.)," Moore said, "I wanted to be an actor and a singer. I wanted to perform." At ORU, he'd formed the popular quartet, Reflection, which performed on the ministry's TV programs and in concerts across the U.S. In L.A., he discovered that God had other plans for him.

Shortly after arriving in L.A., he began to get work, including live theater and TV commercials. And he continues to do studio work, often accompanied by several of his talented HOLA kids; they were on the *Amistad* soundtrack. In the early 1990s, he went back to school to study furniture and interior design, and then started his own design business. One of his early jobs was designing a house for Henry Mancini. His business actually enabled him to get HOLA off the ground. With no

real budget in those first few months and no money in the program to pay his salary, the sale of his design business gave him money to live on that first year.

HOLA began in 1989, shortly after Moore was asked to fill in for an absentee tenor soloist one Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He liked the church and decided to become a part of it. Then he noticed all the kids roaming the streets of the Wilshire Boulevard neighborhood.



# HOLA!

Immanuel had a gym that wasn't being used, so Moore and two other volunteers started reaching out to kids with pickup basketball games. That was going well until Moore realized that many of the kids in the gym weren't playing ball. Asked what they'd like to do, one of them said, "Arts and crafts."

"We had kind of a hippie teacher who brought in a big lump of clay," Moore said, "and they just started working the clay. And the next week we did something else and developed our art program to what it is now." Student art adorns the walls of the youth center, and has been on exhibit in several high-visibility venues, including the L.A. County Museum of Art. Much of the work has also sold.

With sports and arts in place, Moore tackled something tougher.

"We didn't have to work with the kids very long to identify the need for educational support," he said. "A lot of our kids graduate from high school and still can't write. Or they can read, but not very well. English is a real problem. So we started our education program about four years ago."

There's a tutoring program and an SAT preparation class. Students who meet the tutoring program's stringent requirements are richly rewarded. Southwest Airlines sponsors an annual trip to a city of the students' choice; past trips have been to Seattle, Boston, Washington, D.C., and San Antonio. There's also an annual white-water rafting and camping trip to Oregon.

Incorporated as a nonprofit in 1993, HOLA now fills nearly a third of Immanuel's available space, having spent \$250,000 on renovations. Moore needs to raise about \$800,000 per year to pay the rent and keep HOLA's programs afloat. It's not easy, but it's not as hard as it once was.

"All the major foundations in L.A. and Southern California fund us and use us as a shining example of what can be done," Moore said, "but it's taken us years to grow that reputation." The Presbyterian Church USA also points to Immanuel and HOLA as an example of what can be done with half-empty, or empty, urban cathedrals.

The government likes HOLA because it's developing a neighborhood that seemed unsalvageable: the Rampart district, which has the high-

est percentage of violent crimes and homicides in L.A. The homicide rate has dropped since HOLA began, but Rampart still has a higher rate than the infamous South Central. The church was untouched during the riots that followed the 1992 Rodney King verdicts, but more than 40 buildings within a mile of it were burned. "It really was a wakeup call for us to see what's happening on the streets," Moore said, "especially between the Korean and African-American populations." Today, Korean, Ethiopian, and African-American congregations all meet at the church, which fosters cooperation.

"It's a real challenge to say, where's our commonness?" Moore said. "Our commonness is in Christ. But how does that play itself out daily? How do we love each other when our cultures are clashing? It's been a major challenge."

Equally challenging is trying to keep children on the right path.

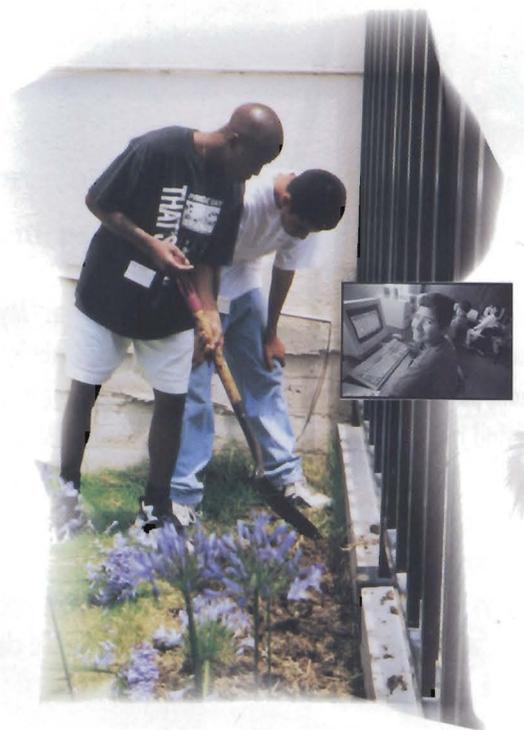
"Back in the late 1980s and early 1990s," Moore said, "the gang situation was explosive. We had a boy who had been playing basketball at the youth center one morning, get shot just two blocks away in a drive-by shooting. He's a paraplegic today. A couple of weeks ago, we had a boy get off a school bus two blocks from the center. Two guys with a gun said, 'Give us your change.' Then they grabbed his wallet. He's lucky he didn't get shot.

"In this neighborhood, it's important to teach about forgiveness. Also the whole pacifist thing--don't hit back. But it's almost on the verge of unrealistic. It's hard to tell

the kids, if you're attacked, don't hit back. How realistic is that? Those are the challenges we're faced with."

For kids in the Rampart district, it's not a matter of a "dream deferred"; it's the feeling that dreams are unattainable. That's where Moore hopes and believes he is making the greatest difference.

"You grow accustomed" to the bleakness of the area, Moore admitted. "When you're around it, it's your reality. You can see how kids can grow up with no hope, because there's no beauty around them." He was shocked to discover that most of his kids had never been to the beach. "We take them all the time now," he said. And Beverly Hills, just two miles up the street? Forget it. "In their minds there's a boundary. It's a place they don't belong or where they're not welcome. One of the biggest charges I get is taking the kids to dinner in



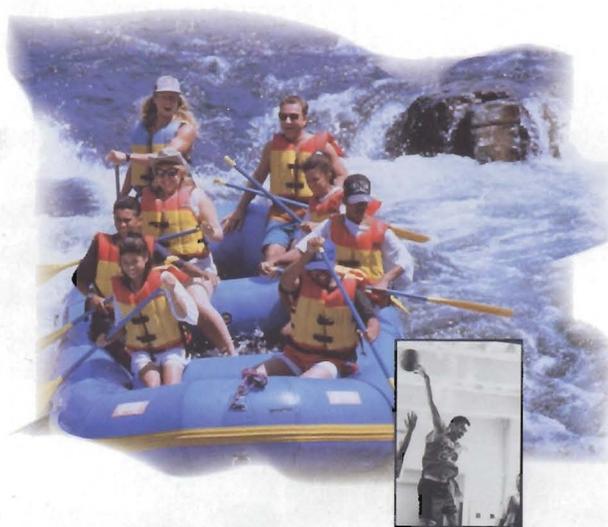
Beverly Hills or Santa Monica and teaching them table etiquette."

Moore's crash courses in Emily Post come in handy every December. For the past six years, HOLA has benefited from a Christmas event originally called "First Lights of L.A.," and now known as "Holiday of the Heart." Corporate sponsors such as MCI and Kmart provide support, and HOLA kids are prominently featured.

Through "Holiday" and events such as the annual basketball tournament with neighborhood police, the kids are learning that there are plenty of adults who want to help. Top of the list, of course, is Moore, a man who grew up in a trailer park on the outskirts of a small Ohio town, and who, until he found Christ, felt that no matter what he did, he wasn't quite good enough.

"I've gone through some real heartache," Moore said, "experiencing the deaths of some of these kids and other horrible things. I've got two boys in prison right now, one for life without parole. When I started this, I kept thinking there was *some* hope. And if these kids could find that hope, they'd be able to rise above their situations.

"I feel like what we're doing at HOLA is loving these kids into the kingdom of God. We're really doing the work that Christ did in terms of feeding the hungry, clothing them, visiting the guys in prison. Being the hands and feet of Jesus to these people. And not with an ulterior motive. Not to build up Immanuel Church, but to care for these people (by letting) God care for them through us."



In helping his kids find hope, Moore says he has also found himself. Without HOLA, "I think I would have always been looking. I had never really settled in. That sounds a little bit esoteric, a little bit Hollywoodish, but it's true. In doing this, I've probably gone through more significant growth stages that helped mold me than I ever did in any period of my life.

"I also know that without God and without His direction in my life, this would not have happened. And the thought of losing this program or not having this place for the kids to come to... I don't want that to happen. I know I have to meet that challenge, that I can't meet it alone, and that I truly depend on God to touch people's hearts to help support this."

When it comes to being in God's will, Moore laughingly says that he's "in one of the concentric circles" sur-

rounding the bull's eye. "My life has never felt so directed," he confirmed, "and part of that is saying, I trust God that I'm going to be happier doing whatever it is that I'm supposed to do."

Back in 1989 when Moore said he wanted to call his program HOLA, the church's pastor at that time said it was too limiting, too Hispanic. But looking around the youth center today at the sea of African-American, white, Hispanic, and Asian-American faces, it would appear that HOLA's message of love and acceptance for every race is coming through loud and clear.

**When I first heard of HOLA, I was a very confused individual, always looking for ways to occupy my time. Unfortunately, most of the ways I found to kill time were things that would get me in trouble. I needed guidance, which as much as my mother tried, she was never around to give. She worked two jobs to support my family. The last time I saw my father, I was 10.**

**Before I was introduced to Mitch Moore and the HOLA program, I had found comfort hanging around gangs. Mitch and HOLA changed my life. They found productive things for me to do with my time. They also encouraged me to go back to school. Through their employment program I found a job where just a couple of months ago I celebrated my four-year anniversary.**

**Thanks to Mitch and HOLA I now have a promising future. I just finished my second year of undergraduate work, and as of now I'm planning on attending law school in the near future. I owe a lot to this program and to Mitch himself, who has always been there for me when I needed support. I just recently signed up for their volunteer program. I hope that I can help kids as much as I have been helped by HOLA. I feel so lucky to have come across Mitch. Had it not been for him, who knows where I'd be right now?**

**Marco Izaguirre**

# ORU Sports SPOT



## Women, Men Finish 1998-99 In Style

# He's Our Hero



Michael Hairston (81), former standout runner at ORU, was named one of eight "Heroes on Foot" by Walking Magazine last fall.

When Hairston stepped into a mole hole in 1988 while preparing for the Olympic Trials, it appeared that his days as a track star were over. But the undaunted Hairston turned to racewalking, a sport at which he excels. He also remained committed to sharing his love of exercise and his devotion to healthy living with others.

"The most rewarding opportunities come when I am helping individuals to preserve their physical temple," Hairston said. "Let's face it, many of us are most effective mentally and spiritually when our body is prepared physically. I just happen to help transform the human couch potato into a walking dynamo. Aerobics 101 is still a healthy lifestyle for me, and I enjoy sharing it with hundreds of others each year."

Hairston is the first Oklahoman to be named one of the Heroes on Foot. To qualify, he had to do one of two things: introduce others to walking and thereby have a positive effect on the community, or effect a significant change in the life of someone involved in the sport. He did both.

[Side note: "Like many other ORU graduates," Michael said, "I came to college to obtain a computer science degree and to enhance my spiritual life. Hark! Lo and behold, I discovered a bride also, Kimberlee (Rodrigues-82), and have been happily married for 15 years. We have two children: Christopher, 5, and Nathan, 3. Somehow I got on the ORU bonus plan."]

A season that began with lots of question marks ended in triumph for the women's and men's basketball teams.

Krista Ragan, who missed her first two seasons at ORU because of injuries, finally had a chance to prove her worth. The media voted her both Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year in the Mid-Continent Conference. She averaged 16.6 points per game, helping ORU improve from 7-20 in 1997-98 to 14-12 this year. Teammate Jessica Rhoten was named to the All-Conference second team.

The Ladies, seeded fourth in the conference tournament, became the first No. 4 seed in Mid-Con history to win the tournament. This earned them their first-ever trip to the NCAA, where they put on a good show but were defeated by top-seeded Purdue, 68-48.

Chad Wilkerson, son of Ray (A) and Christy (Morrison-75) Wilkerson, was mentioned early on as a candidate for conference Player of the Year. He did not disappoint. With his 16.5 points-per-game average and outstanding all-around play, Wilkerson was cited as the best in the Mid-Con by both the media and the coaches.

The Golden Eagles, 16-10, captured their first-ever regular-season Mid-Continent Conference crown. (They shared the crown with Valparaiso, which had an identical record of 10-4 in the league). This was ORU's first conference championship since 1984. Seeded No. 1 in the conference tournament, they lost to Valparaiso in the final game, 73-69.



The volleyball team didn't quite make it to the Elite Eight last fall, but coach Amy Farber-Knowles has every reason to be proud of her Brazilian/American/Croatian players. (The Bernis Duke influence lives on.)

The Lady Golden Eagles made their fourth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament, losing in the first round to North Carolina by scores of 7-15, 15-5, 15-4, 11-15, and 11-15. In preseason polls, they were ranked 18th by Volleyball Magazine and 38th in a coaches poll.

Junior Juliana Moser was named Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Week five times last season. She also won her second consecutive conference Player of the Year award. Three ORU players made the All-Conference team, and Coach Farber-Knowles was named Coach of the Year.

ORU won its second straight conference championship after going undefeated in the Mid-Continent. The team's final regular-season record was 28-4. ORU extended its home winning streak to 47 matches and racked up its sixth straight 20-plus wins season.

volleyball  
team makes it  
four straight!

# Many Happy Returns

HOME COMING 1999

February 5 and 6

This year's Homecoming celebration marked the inauguration of the "Alumnus of the Year" awards. It was also a time to hear from students, to be reminded of what brought us all to ORU in the first place, and to find out how we can encourage and strengthen ORU's dedicated faculty.

## Ryan Bangert, Class of 1999, Dallas, Tex. President, Student Association, and ORU's first Rhodes Scholar finalist

Speaking at the President's Banquet, Ryan said, "ORU changes people, because at ORU, if you just listen close enough, you can hear the voice of God. And if you just listen a little closer, you can hear Him telling you what He wants you to do. I can't think of another place on this earth called a university that offers that. And that's what makes ORU unique. That's what makes it different. And that's why (you) come back year after year after year.

"My time here has made all the difference in the world to me. I hope you find again (this weekend) what it was that brings you back year after year after year."



## The 1999 Alumnus of the Year Honorees Category: Distinguished Service to God

## Billy Joe and Sharon Daugherty

The Daughertys established Victory Christian Center, a church for all races, nationalities, and denominations, in 1981. Victory has since grown to 11,000 members, including 600 cell groups. The church has clothing, food, and job ministries, and holds monthly crusades in ten

of Tulsa's government-subsidized apartment communities.

Victory Christian School, for preschool through grade 12, has more than 1,000 students.

Victory Bible Institute offers evangelism and Bible training to young people in 21 nations.

The World Missions Training Center has placed more than 400 students on the mission field.

Victory Fellowship of Ministries has more than 350 churches and ministries, and more than

700 ministers licensed and ordained for ministry. The church's Camp Victory is a year-round teaching, prayer, missions, and recreational center.

It is Billy Joe and Sharon's vision to plant Victory-trained missionaries in every nation of the earth, to train believers for the work of the ministry, and to help believers mature in the Word so that they can enjoy the abundant life in Christ and share God's love with others.



## Billy Joe Daugherty (74;92-M.A.Th.) Pastor, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Okla.

"We want to thank all the people who have helped make the ministry that we're a part of—just a part of—possible. What occurred to me is how many people are doing more, much more, than what we're doing." He talked about Mathews Chacko (70-M.Div.), who founded a Christian school in India many years ago. Mathews' determination to do God's work in spite of a Marxist state government and a Hindu federal government, Billy Joe said, is a good example of ORU's teaching being put into practice.

"I'm glad in the years ahead for this honor to come to many others that are touching the world, and that's what ORU is about...that God called us to go beyond the borders and to reach people that had not been reached."

## Sharon (Swift) Daugherty (76) Pastor and Worship Leader, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Okla.

Coming to ORU as a transfer student, Sharon noticed "the atmosphere was 100 percent different, a positive-faith atmosphere. My mind was opened up. Brother Roberts' vision of going into all the world with this gospel got into me. I could have never dreamed of the opportunity that God would open up for us to take that gospel into the different nations of the world and into the different people groupings.

"What I gained here at ORU was the unifying of races, the unifying of people groups, and that we were all equal and that every person had the same needs, that people everywhere, no matter what nation, had the same needs. And that they all needed the simplicity of the love of Jesus and the gospel.

"I'm so grateful that this is the place that I can say I graduated from."

# Mark and Doreen Babo

The Babos were members of ORU's first healing team, to Kakamega, Kenya, in 1986. Partly as a result of that trip, both became convinced that God wanted them to serve Him on the mission field.

In 1987, the Babos returned to Kenya and worked side by side at Overcoming Faith Medical Clinic. Two years later, they moved to Benin City in West Africa and helped ORU regent Benson Idahosa raise up Faith Mediplex, "the City of Faith of Africa."

With Mark as the medical director and Doreen as the hospital administrator, Faith Mediplex offers medical, dental, and eye care, as well as discipleship programs, counseling, and classes for new converts. The chaplain's department records about 300 to 400 decisions for Christ each month.



**Mark Babo, M.D. (79;83-MED)**  
**International Director, Faith Medical Centre, Benin City, Nigeria, and physician, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, La.**

"As I look upon the honor that's bestowed upon us, it's not what we have done, it's not who we are, it's not our great wisdom or our talents, it's only the Lord. And you know, that's true for all of us. He's just looking for somebody to say, 'Here I am; use me. You know, I don't have much to offer, but if You can use me, I'm available.' And so that's what we've been doing. That's what we continue to try to do, if the Lord would just use us.

When Oral Roberts asked for volunteers to go on a healing team mission to Kakamega, Kenya, in 1986, Mark said he was one of the first people to volunteer "because that was what I wanted to do. And that's what I continue to want to do, is just to serve the Lord wherever He wants me to go."

**Doreen (Dennis) Babo, Dr.P.H. (81;86-MBA)**  
**International Director, Faith Medical Centre, Benin City, Nigeria, and Clinical Assistant Professor, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, La.**

"As Mark said, we are extremely humbled at receiving this award and being included in such esteemed company. As Sue (Suzanne Behr, chairperson, Alumni Board) said, we invite all of you to come to Nigeria. There are a number of people in this room that have come to Nigeria, have given of their time, their finances, their equip-

ment. It's been a tremendous blessing to us as well as to the people of Nigeria. But Mark and I just count it the greatest privilege to be able to serve the Lord in foreign missions, and we just wouldn't be happy doing anything else.

"If there's any of you not involved in missions, you need to be in one way or another. It's a great blessing."

**Category: Distinguished Service to the Community**

# Michael and Jacquie Cardone

As ORU students, Michael and Jacquie took President Oral Roberts' injunction to "go into every man's world" very seriously. In 1970, with Michael's parents, sister, and brother-in-law, they formed what is now known as CARDONE Industries--the world's largest privately held auto-parts remanufacturer.

At a time when many businesses are abandoning America's cities and heading for the suburbs, CARDONE

is staying put. The company has 20 plants, a spiritual life department with eight bilingual chaplains, a workforce that represents 17 different language groups, a stock-ownership plan for all employees, a 100-percent company-funded medical plan, and programs such as "Help You Buy," which helps employees buy their first home.

Seven churches have been planted in the Philadelphia area as a result of CARDONE "unity" meetings (chapel services). The CARDONE Foundation gives grants to local churches and service organizations that are designed to improve the lives of Philadelphians--and, in turn, improve the city.



**Michael Cardone, Jr. (70)**  
**President and CEO, CARDONE Industries, Philadelphia, Pa.**

"We are honored, but I must tell you, we could never repay and never be able to give back to ORU for all it has given us. It was here that we caught the vision, where we learned the passion to go into everyman's world. ORU instilled in us principles that we believed would work in business." It was at ORU, he said, that he and Jacquie learned "that our work was going to be our ministry, and that God was going to use us where we were planted.

"I'm proud to be an ORU graduate. And I'm grateful for all that I learned here, all that I received—including my wonderful wife, Jacquie, of 30 years.



"It's just been a privilege to be a part of this. And I will promise you that I will continue to do everything in my power to see that this university goes on until the Lord comes."

**Jacque (Martin) Cardone (69)**  
**Chairperson, CARDONE**  
**Foundation, Philadelphia, Pa.**

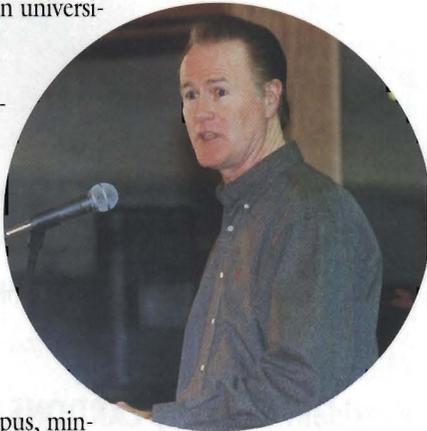
"I too want to say that I so appreciate the influence that Oral Roberts University has had on my life. I look out and see so many of you who have success stories and deserve these awards. I just want to say that we are grateful for this award. But you know in your heart that many of you have given so much of yourselves to the Lord's work. And I know that God has honored that, and God honors you. So, I just say thank you to all of you for giving to the Lord."

**Category: Distinguished Service to the Alma Mater**

## Richard and Lindsay Roberts

When Richard and Lindsay became president and first lady of ORU in January of 1993, they were well aware of the challenges that were facing them. But their love for the University and for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni only strengthened their determination to make ORU the best Christian university in the world.

By initiating a new participative-management approach--pulling in leaders from all over campus, asking for their ideas, and exhibiting a willingness to be part of a team--the new president led the charge to bring back the excellence.



Through their work on campus, ministry publications, conferences, crusades, and speaking engagements in the U.S. and abroad, and TV programs, Richard and Lindsay have kept ORU front and center. What was once a debt of nearly \$50 million has been significantly reduced. Accreditation has been reaffirmed, and enrollment is at its highest level ever. The campus infrastructure has undergone extensive renovations. Athletes are achieving as much (or more) in the classroom as in their sports. Test scores are up, morale is higher, and spiritual life is, more than ever before, the driving force behind all that ORU does and hopes to accomplish.

## Richard Roberts (85;92-M.A.Th.) President and CEO, ORU

"We didn't know exactly what we were getting ourselves into (in 1993) except that we knew it was God's call, and it was the choice of the Board of Regents. The week before last, we did celebrate our sixth anniversary in this office. We thank those who have helped to make it possible, for this is not a one-man show. This university should never be a one-man show or a one-woman show. It takes a team." Pointing to the accomplishments of campus leaders, including the administration, the faculty, the student body, and alumni, he said, "We have a strong university."

But, ORU can be even better. "We are raising the bar to equip our students, both spiritually and academically," the president said. "I thank God for what has happened in these past six years. The United States Army says, 'Be all that you can be.' I think we can be more than that, with God's help."

## Lindsay (Salem) Roberts (A) First Lady, ORU

After sharing some of the experiences she had had at another university, Lindsay had this to say about the university she is proud to promote at every opportunity.

"Twenty years after coming to ORU, I look at my daughters and I can't say enough about ORU, knowing that perhaps my next generation will be here and not have to go through what I went through and the things I saw at a different university. There is no place like ORU."

Six years after becoming ORU's second First Lady, Lindsay emphasized that "ORU is alive and well, and God truly is the God of miracles." Alluding to the challenges she and Richard faced in 1993, Lindsay said, "Thank God for all of you, because without you there would *not* be an ORU." Saluting the partners who built ORU and the alumni who have enhanced its reputation and continued to support it, she said, "Thank God and thank you that it's still here alive and well, and it *is* full of God's power."



We are soliciting nominations for  
**Alumnus  
 of the Year  
 2000!**  
 Please see the article on page 22.  
 We need your nominations!

# In Support of the Faculty & the Students

The Alumni Association has an opportunity to help change the face of ORU's academic programs, beginning in 1999.

At the President's Banquet on Feb. 6, President Richard Roberts presented a new \$1 million academic enhancement campaign to the Alumni Association. The 1999 campaign is just the first step in a multi-year plan that will give faculty and students the time, resources, and training they need to become tops in their fields, resulting in more visibility in the academic community locally, nationally, and worldwide.

"Now comes the time for a transition," the president said. "It is time that we move into a new arena. It is time to make a transition toward academic enhancement, to continue our push for excellence."

The University has already begun to make positive changes in the area of faculty salaries. According to Dr. Ralph Fagin, vice president for Academic Affairs, ORU has given faculty raises every year for the past three years, and recently embarked on a pro-

gram of salary adjustments. The faculty, he said, "is greatly encouraged by the efforts being made on their behalf, and has renewed enthusiasm for the work they believe they were called to do at ORU."

The president finished his talk at the banquet by saying, "We need your help more than ever before. Yes, we've come a long way, and we thank God for it. But there is a lot longer way that we need to go.

"I believe the day will come when we'll see the fruit of what is begun tonight through this new drive." That fruit will include an increase in enrollment, an improved library collection, a better image in the community, and incentives for research and professional development.

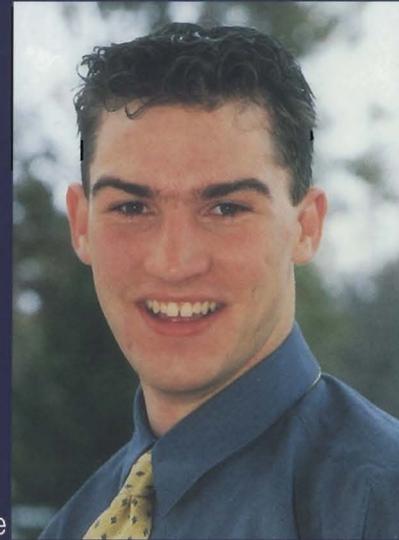
As an indication of alumni support, those at the banquet gave and pledged \$50,000 to kick off the campaign.

For details on the campaign, see the President's Letter on page 2. Watch your mailbox for letters that will share more information. The spring issue of this magazine will give additional specifics. Check out the alumni newsletter on our Web site ([www.oru.edu](http://www.oru.edu); click on Alumni; click on News and Events). If you have questions, call Alumni Relations at (918) 495-6610. (Note: All checks for this campaign should be made out to the ORU Alumni Foundation.)

What are ORU students like today? Here's a quick glimpse.

## Sing It Loud

Name: Michael Homan  
Class: Senior  
Major: Music Education  
Hometown: Willmar, Minn.



When Tim Amstutz (90), the music director at Living Word Christian Center in Brooklyn Park, Minn., told Michael Homan a little bit about ORU, Michael did some investigating and decided to come.

"It was a critical time in my life," he said. "I knew I needed some accountability. I felt that ORU was the best environment for me to be in."

His decision to study music came more gradually. Before transferring to ORU from the University of Minnesota, he was a business major. "I was in it for the money," he admits. "I didn't know any better. Once I got saved, I realized I wanted to do something I really loved."

Even after choosing music, Michael said, "I don't think I fully understood what I was getting into! It takes a lot of time, with 10 or 11 classes some semesters. You really have to manage your schedule well."

Add to that the fact that Michael has been an RA for two years (his wing is Full Armor), leader of two summer missions teams (one for Teen Mania), and active in community outreach, and what you have is your typical ORU student.

Michael was raised in the Catholic church. After graduating from high school, he spent a year on the road with Up With People. When he returned home, he said, "my dad asked me to try this other church, a nondenominational church. He said, Try it for three weeks.

"I enjoyed it," Michael said, especially the way that people expressed their love for God during the service. By immersing him in the Word, his new church also gave him a greater appreciation for his former church.

Michael's music career began in sixth grade when he won the lead role in a community production of *Oliver!* From there, it was on to choral groups and All-State Choir. Since coming to Tulsa, he's been part of the ORU Chamber Singers and Ladies and Gentlemen of Jazz, and is a member of the choir at First Presbyterian Church.

When it comes to his future, Michael is considering carefully what he would like to do. This semester, he's doing his student teaching. Ultimately, he thinks he would like to teach. But he's open to doing more missions work. And if a chance to have a career as a performer comes along, he's open to that, too.

Ask Michael what he loves to do more than anything, and the answer is easy: "I love to sing. I don't even realize I'm doing it sometimes. I probably got it from my dad. He was always humming a tune in the mornings when I got up. It kept things fresh and light in his life."

Michael believes there is "a supernatural element to music. I believe it's the Lord's gift to us, to enable us to enjoy life."

Michael says that Chris Royael (92), EMR's dorm director, is someone who inspires him. "He uses a lot of wisdom, and he shows a lot of love," Michael said. "He knows how to interact with people at the right times in the right situations. He's just studied to show himself approved in everything he's done."

Michael Homan is committed to doing the same.

# Making Change

Name: Sarah Baltzley  
Class: Junior  
Major: Multimedia (TV Production Emphasis)  
Hometown: Santa Fe, N.M.



A visit to the campus was all it took to convince Sarah Baltzley that ORU was the place for her. She had checked out other Christian colleges, but ORU was different.

“The students and the teachers encouraged me,” she said of that visit. “It really was life-changing.” And so, even though she had hoped to go to school in California, she listened to her heart. God, she said, was telling her, “This school is where you’re going to find Me more.”

Sarah’s dream, after graduation, is to make documentaries. She plans to do much of her work overseas, focusing on children and orphanages. It was after a missions trip to India two years ago that she prayed one day “about what God wanted for my life, and documentaries with children in India *did* pop into my mind. I want to capture what most people don’t usually see and do it in a way that’s effective, that isn’t cheesy, that isn’t just, ‘Here’s a bunch of kids on the street; look what shape they’re in.’ I want to incorporate some type of solution in there as well.

“I wanted to be at this school because I wanted to meet some people who have that same type of desire (to change things).”

Although ORU doesn’t have a film program, the Multimedia Institute does an excellent job of preparing students for film work. Thanks to an infusion of funds from alumni and friends, and the labor of students, faculty, and staff, the Institute has some of the best equipment and resources of any school in the country.

As a transfer student, Sarah considers herself fortunate to have been admitted to the Institute (there are just 24 spaces). It sometimes amazes her to realize where she is, and she’s happy to tackle courses that are more science than art, such as Electronics, Operations, and Advanced Audio.

“What’s neat about the classes is, it’s stuff I love to read about,” she said. “I can’t believe I’m actually *having* to read about shooting techniques. I would do this on my own anyway.” She’s also getting plenty of hands-on experience, since students are required to come up with story concepts and do all their own shooting, writing, directing, and editing.

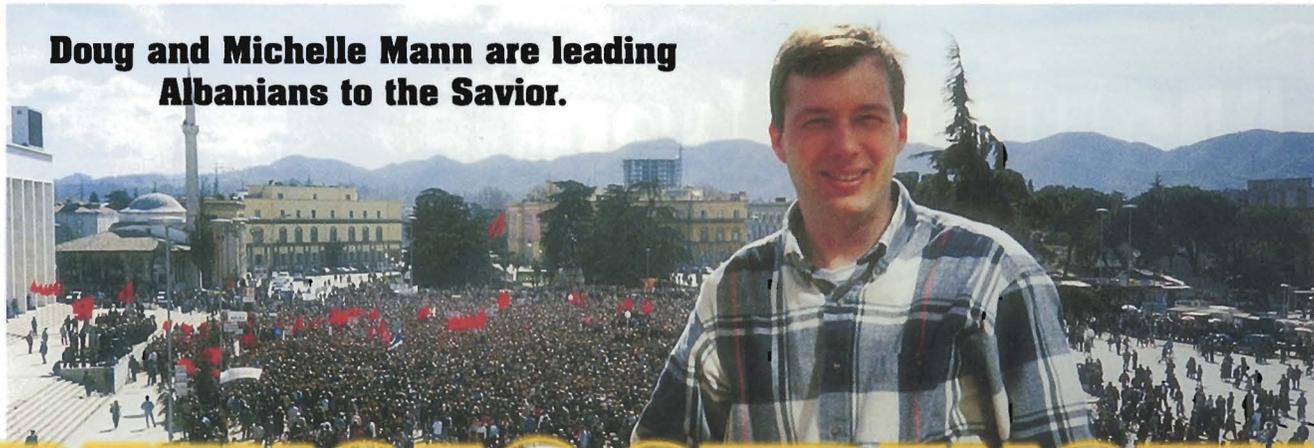
The Institute program is “really intense,” Sarah said. “It’s like a job, or a full-time internship.” The attitude of the faculty, therefore, is key. “Their prayers mean a lot when you’re having a hard day.” She especially appreciates assistant professor Charles Zwick. “He’s always been real sensitive to the Spirit, and whether or not to push us hard in class that day or slow down. He’s been a definite encouragement to me.”

Sarah also draws inspiration from her father. “He’s the type of dad who doesn’t express his emotions a lot, but when he does, his words are like gold. Right before he dropped me off at ORU, he told me not to give up on anything, to believe in myself, to keep going after what I want. It’s like in his eyes, I can never fail.”

It might seem that Sarah is totally focused on academics and her future career, but there’s another, more athletic, side to her. Water skiing and cliff diving are among her passions, along with slalom skiing, fly fishing, and flamenco dancing.

Well, she *is* from Santa Fe.

## Doug and Michelle Mann are leading Albanians to the Savior.



# REFUGE & STRENGTH

**S**ome feuds seem to last forever. Take the Serbs and the Albanians. The Serbs are still angry over the part Albanians played in a battle that took place more than 600 years ago. The Albanians are still struggling with the way that outsiders drew the borders of their country earlier in this century--leaving 40 percent of the Albanians on the outside looking in, with most of those in Kosova (Albanian spelling).

When Slobodan Milosevic, a Serb, was elected president of Kosova in 1989, and pledged to make the Albanians "more Serbian than the Serbs," the bad blood intensified. Tensions between the two groups finally exploded in 1998.

The question is, what are Doug (88) and Michelle (Woodley-89) Mann and their two children, Andrew and Abby, doing in Tirana, Albania, less than 100 miles from Kosova? Why have they chosen to live in a country where they are awakened in the middle of the night by the sound of gunfire, and of tanks rolling down their street? Where Doug and two others were carjacked at gunpoint during a trip to evaluate relief work in northern Albania? Where an opposition party leader was assassinated in their neighborhood last fall?

"Albania can be a dangerous, volatile place," Doug acknowledged. "Politically, the country remains very unstable. Sometimes I ask myself why I'm here with my wife and two young children, but we know that the Lord will always be with us as long as we remain in the center of His will."

Michelle concurs. "Albania's situation can best be described as anarchy," she said, "and our reliance on and certainty of being 'under the shadow of the wings of the Almighty' is a daily reality." Nevertheless, "we believe that we're in Albania at a crucial time in her history, and feel privileged that God is allowing us to play a small role," she said.

Doug is the administrator of the Albanian Encouragement Project (AEP), an

agency that coordinates the activities of more than 70 foreign Christian organizations working in Albania. Michelle, a CPA, works in the AEP office, handling finances and helping other missionaries set up accounting/bookkeeping systems and deal with tax issues. She also teaches an Albanian women's Bible study. Last fall, two Muslim women in her group asked Jesus to become their Savior.

The Manns were assigned to the AEP by Pathfinders Education Foundation, an organization that helps indigenous ministries around the world be more effective in their work. The need is great in Albania, where there are only about 7,000 believers and 170 churches.

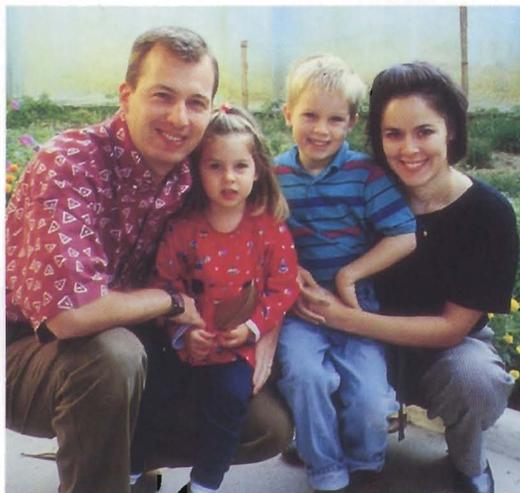
Michelle has always been interested in missions. She spent a year with YWAM between high school and college. Doug began "placing" Bibles in Eastern Bloc countries right after college. The Manns married in 1990 and settled in Germany, doing missions work in Eastern European countries.

By 1990, doors for missionaries had opened all over Europe... except in Albania. That became the Manns' focus. In 1991, Doug felt led to write to the history department at the University of Tirana (the capital), asking if he could visit. (He has a teaching certificate in government, history, and general social studies.) Miraculously, he and Michelle received an invitation from the history department chairman, Dr.

Paskal Milo. Just before their visit, Dr. Milo was named secretary of education under the new interim government. The Manns were given an all-expenses-paid tour of the country and began a lasting friendship with Milo.

"We were able," Doug said, "to share the real reason for our visit: that Albania needed to know the Lord. Officials were very receptive."

Milo is now the Albanian foreign minister. Doug and his old roommate, Steve Elliott (87), prepare many of the speeches that Milo gives throughout Europe--often to the European Union and to other world leaders. Elliott prepared Milo's



general assembly address to the United Nations last fall.

The Manns moved to Tirana in 1997. Their timing was impeccable. In early 1998, the Albanians in Kosova took up arms against Serbia. Serb police and the Yugoslav army responded in kind. To date, hundreds have died. About 300,000 others have been forced out of their homes.

Refugees began streaming into Albania's Tropoje region last June, bringing with them the clothes on their backs and little else. The AEP joined forces with the Albanian Evangelical Alliance to lend a helping hand.

The two groups decided on three very down-to-earth goals: learn how to work a crisis, attempt to meet the needs of refugees and locals, and encourage local churches in areas being inundated with refugees. At one stage of the work, AEP/AEA and Doctors Without Borders set up a tent on the Albania/Kosova border, giving refugees "a place to rest, some food, and a warm fire," Doug said. Native Albanians on the AEP/AEA teams, with their knowledge of the area, the clans, and the language, were able to help not only the refugees but other agencies that had come to help such as the International Red Cross.

After 10 weeks of work, AEP/AEA had distributed 8,000 bags of clothing (each bag containing outfits for a family of four or five) and 40 tons of other items, including food, blankets, shoes, games, and sheets. As vital as it was to meet the physical needs of the people, however, Doug said, "Probably the most important thing we did during our entire time in Tropoje was to spend time with people. Most of the refugees were in shock and suffering terrible grief. They had lost loved ones, watched their houses destroyed, had fled in fear, and now lived in a new and dangerous place. Our teams... simply made themselves available and listened when people wanted to talk. The teams didn't have any easy answers which would remove their pain, but they shared the pain with them." As of last December, about 20,000 refugees remained in Albania, and churches throughout the country were continuing to help them.

Michelle said that after the first phase of their work with the refugees, the Albanian Encouragement Project received a letter of commendation and thanks from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, citing the AEP's invaluable assistance in an incredibly difficult setting. UNHCR even asked the AEP and AEA to take over leadership of the refugee camps. "It's highly unusual for the UN to ask 'religious' organizations to do something like that," Michelle noted.

Ministering to the refugees reinforced the Manns' belief that they need "to train the Albanians in the areas in which we're working so that they can 'carry the torch' themselves," Doug said. "If we leave Albania and haven't brought our

Albanian brothers and sisters any closer to evangelizing their own and doing some of the other work we help them do, then we keep our ministry from bearing fruit after we've departed, and we haven't helped Christianity at large in the nation."

Albania, which is roughly the size of New Jersey, isn't easy to evangelize. Her 3.1 million people are 70 percent Muslim, 20 percent Greek Orthodox, and 10 percent Roman Catholic. When the government collapsed in March 1997,

foreign missionaries from around the globe left the country as well, and most have not returned. But the chaos that followed those events had a remarkable, and yet predictable, result. "The Albanian church not only survived, but became stronger," Doug said.

The Manns, through their work with the AEP, are building on that strength, even as they learn to cope with the hardships of life overseas.

"Most of the comforts of home are gone," Doug said. "The norm" in Albania is "limited water in the summer months, cold houses and electricity outages throughout the winter, dirty streets and garbage everywhere, no parks or places for the kids to go play other than our small yard, threat of danger, and government instability," he said. But none of that is enough to distract Doug and Michelle from their calling.

That calling encompasses the very practical world of accounting. As the only missionary CPA in Albania, Michelle has been inundated with requests from other missionaries for advice, audits, and bookkeeping assistance. When she announced that she was teaching a seminar in January on accounting and bookkeeping principles, she was overwhelmed by the response. "I've come to the conclusion that basic bookkeeping and financial management should be a training requirement for every long-term missionary!" she said.

Life in Albania, to put it mildly, is interesting. It is also ever-changing. When asked about the current (current being December 1998) leadership, Michelle said, "Pandeli Majko is the 30-year-old prime minister at the moment."

A country that has known only sporadic periods of stability most definitely needs to know the God who never changes. And Doug and Michelle Mann are happy to make the introductions.

To contact: Doug and Michelle Mann, c/o PathFinders International, 60-B W. Terra Cotta Dr., Suite 205, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Email: [dmann@pfintl.org](mailto:dmann@pfintl.org) or [mmann@pfintl.org](mailto:mmann@pfintl.org)



**"...the Lord  
will always be  
with us as long as  
we remain in the  
center of  
His will."**

# ALUMNI News

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## 1970s

• **Rev. SHUNJI SUZUKI '70** has a new address. 13 Sheshet Hayamim St., Givat Hamivtar, Jerusalem, 97804, ISRAEL

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• **LARRY '74 and HEIDI (SUECHTING) '76 JONES** have two sons, 11 and 14. They served as missionaries in Munich and Dresden from 1991 to 1997 and returned to the U.S. in 1998. Larry is pastoring a church in Derry, east of Pittsburgh. He said, "Coming off the mission field was one of the hardest things we have ever done. Only God's grace coupled with His clear leading got us through." If you've had a similar experience, send him an e-mail. jones4u@westol.com

• **ESTHER WALLING '74** has been teaching piano and voice lessons in Tulsa since 1976. She has also played piano at Ranch Acres Baptist Church for six years and been a part-time secretary there for the last two years. 4639 E. 80th St. #5C, Tulsa, OK 74136

• **JIM COBB '75** wants to hear from classmates. 305 E. Hedge Dr., Aiken, SC 29801. nurse1@lycosmail.com

• **RICHARD TETER '75** is teaching computer information systems and programming at Friends University. He's also heavily involved in job placement and internship opportunities for Friends' College of Business. 550 W. Central, #1713, Wichita, KS 67203

• **LEE KILBOURN '76** is the owner of Tri-City Furniture. He and **KATHY (FAHRNER) '77** would like to hear from friends. 315 Southlawn Dr., Auburn, MI 48611

• **LYNN (SKAGGS) DAVIS '77** has left law to become a newspaper reporter at the

Wheeling, W.Va., News-Register. She lives in Bethany, W.Va. 1.davis@po.bethanywv.edu

• **KATHY (BAKER) FURMAN '77** is in her tenth year of teaching. She and Max have three teen-aged children (Max, Jr., Jason, Elizabeth). 433 Gap Rd., Allenwood, PA 17810

• **DEBBIE (CHURCH) GILSTRAP '77** married Ron Conley on Oct. 17, 1998. Debbie works for United Way of Randolph County. Ron is an engineer with Duke Energy Corp. They have three daughters and one granddaughter and would love to hear from friends. (336) 626-5890. 1410 Walker Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203

• **ALAN REINERS '77** has been married to Lenora for 20 years. They have two daughters, Nicole and Jessica. They've lived in Denver since 1981. Alan has worked for the past 16 years for the former Rolm Communications, now owned and operated under the name of Siemens INS. 9798 Perry Way, Denver, CO 80030. areiners@central.com

• **CONNIE (TAYLOR) '77 and DON SJOBERG '79** have moved to Kansas City, Kans., so Don could take a new job in the Turner School District. 5721 Osage Ave., Kansas City, KS 66106

• **STANLEY PERDUE '78** and family have moved. P.O. Box 13204, Ft. Carson, CO 80913. perdue5@hotmail.com

• **MICHAEL and CATHY (LOWE-A) PETRUCI '78** took a new pastorate in Delaware last year. Michael is the new senior pastor at Praise Assembly of God in Newark. Cathy graduated in May 1998 from the University of Delaware with a B.S.N. degree and has transferred from Rehab to Maternity at Cozer/Chester Medical Center in Pennsylvania. Michael is also an adjunct professor of sociology at the Gloucester College in Sewell, N.J. 16 Lynn Place, Swedesboro, NJ 08085. petrucci@sjnet-works.com

• **PACQUITA (CRIM) LAVERENTS '79** is still enjoying life in Texas, and continues to work in the actuarial field. She and Kyle have two teenagers, Christopher and Danielle. The family is active in a local UM congregation. 728 Herman Dr., Hurst, TX 76054

• **JOHN '79 and DEBBIE (FANNING) '78 MARVIN** have been married 20 years and have four children: John, Jr., Angela, David, and Michael. John is the owner of Marketing Management Group in Houston. 5726 Garden Point, Kingwood, TX 77345. jdm@mimg-net.com

• **GINA (WENGER) McLEOD '79** is an ER nurse at Paoli Memorial Hospital. 210 Spencer Rd., Devon, PA 19333

• **WILLIAM SHOEMAKER '79** is an orthopedic surgeon. P.O. Box 675457, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067. RXBONES@email.msn.com

• **RUSS SMITH '79**, his wife, Heidi, and their three children (Joel, Joshua, Joyanne) are missionaries for the South American Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church (SAMS). Russ pastors the Iglesia Anglicana San Esteban. Get in touch, especially if you were on a summer missions trip to Chile. Casilla 249, San Enrique 201, Villa Alemana, V Region Chile 56 32-53 21 68.

smithhawk@entelchile.net

• In May 1998, **KIRK WHITESIDE '79** completed his 10th year as director of performing arts at Phillips College of the University of Arkansas. He's also active in music ministries at Lindenwood Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn., about 60 miles from his home. 715 Beech St., Helena, AR 72342

## 1980s

• **LAURA FIELD '80** is resident director of Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. She takes teams of students to Atlanta to minister. 8594 W. Hwy 98, Pensacola, FL 32506

• **NAOMI (WHITE) '81 and KARL DeGRAFF '87** write that Karl started his own computer company, DCB Systems Integration, Inc., in 1998. Naomi is the manager of a retail shop in Broken Arrow. The DeGraffs have two daughters, Nancy (16) and Kristy (13). 117 S. Joshua Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012

• **NANCY (AYRES) REYNOLDS '81**, her husband, Steve, and their three children moved to Johannesburg, South Africa last September. Steve has a one-year assignment with World Vision. It's been 10 years since Nancy and Steve left Africa, and they are excited about introducing the continent to their children. c/o World Vision, 34834 Weyerhaeuser Way So., Federal Way, WA 98001

• **JUDI SPEAKE '81** is back in Tulsa. She still works for Amoco (17+ years), currently in database technology (ORACLE, etc.). 3500 E. Nashville St., Broken Arrow, OK 74014

• **GREG HARRIS '82** has a new e-mail address. gpharris@silk.net

• **CLETUS HULL '83** has a new e-mail address. chull3@yahoo.com

• **CINDY (MARTIN) '83 and DAN LALLO '86** have lived in North Carolina for four years and have a 2-year-old named Katie. Cindy is a beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Dan works in sales. 5236 Linwick Dr., Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

• **MIKE STRICKLAND '83** is an environmental/safety manager for Boeing. His wife, **JACKIE (BROWN)**, is a medical technologist at Via Christi-St. Joseph Medical Center. Two children: Rachel (11) and Andrew (9). 824 ParkGlen Ct., Clearwater, KS 67026

• **JAY '83 and SHANNON (KENDALL-A) ZETTERLUND** are happily raising five children: Adam, Aaron, Alyssa, Anna, and Amanda. They also pastor Faith Family Church in Keokuk and run several other businesses, along with restoring a country home overlooking the Mississippi River.

ffckeokk@interl.net

• **JOHN '84 and KATHY (MIRZABOZORG) '85 ANDERSON** have three children. John is a dentist. Kathy is an OB/GYN. Dr.A@home.com

• **TIM CORNELIUS '84** was named chief financial officer of DASCO COMPANIES last July. Previously, Tim was chief financial officer for five years at The Cogdell Group, Inc., a Charlotte, N.C., firm with over \$400 million in assets across the southeastern U.S. DASCO COMPANIES is the nation's leading full-service, medical real estate development company, according to the 3/23/98 issue of Modern Healthcare magazine. Friends, please write or call 287 Flamingo Point South, Jupiter, FL 33458; (561) 748-4905

• **DEBRA (GIVENS) SIMON '84** has a new e-mail address. jnsdgs6516@aol.com

• **JENNIFER (McKee) AHNER '86** works in the MIS department of Michael's Arts and Crafts store and was expecting baby #3 last fall. 3533 Lark Meadow Way, Dallas, TX 75287

• **PAUL BANE '86 (M.Div.)** is pastor of New Hope Community Church. 7015 Mayflower Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027

• **LYNETTE BOWEN-POST '86** has a new job with GHG Corporation on contract to NASA, working as a technical writer. "It keeps me busy and is interesting!" she said. 3118 Ravens Lake Circle, League City, TX 77573. tbc@ghg.net

• **EVERETT BROADY '86** is a public service director and directs local newscasts at WCHS/WVAV TV, an ABC/Fox affiliate. He and his wife live in Huntington, W.Va., with their new son, Casin Nathaniel. Everett has a new e-mail address. EAB25705@aol.com

• **ALLEN '86 and STEPHANIE (BRUNS) '86 HARRISON** have a new son, Isaiah David, born Nov. 12, 1998. He joins big sisters Alexandra, Arielle, and Isabella. 8513 E. 98th St., Tulsa, OK 74133

• **CINDY (GILLILAND) HOLCOMB '86** and Brian had their first child, Grant, on April 28, 1997. After 11 years of marriage, she said, it's a whole new world. P.O. Box 277, Franklin Springs, GA 30639

• **BRIDGET (BOCK) LEENSTRA '86** is a vice president and commercial lender at the Bank of Oklahoma. 1012 NW 41st St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118

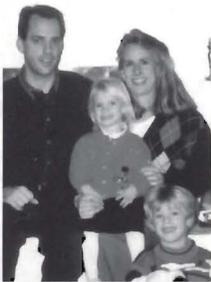
• **ROD PENNER '86** had several of his paintings included in the November 1998 issue of New American Paintings magazine, distributed by Open Studios Press.

• **JOHN '87 and JILL (HORST) '89 BREW-**

STER has been married for 4<sup>1/2</sup> years and have a baby girl. "She is amazing," John said. He is director of Affiliate Relations for Z Music TV, a Christian music network. Jill is working as an RN in surgery for St. Thomas Hospital, 7040 Allen's Lane, Nashville, TN 37221 jbrewster@gaylorentertainment.com

• **KATHY JOHNSON '87** is working for a Christian satellite company called Sky Angel. Previously, she worked at NBC. P.O. Box 11036, Naples, FL 34101

• **LINDA (HESS) KRACHT '87** and Scott have bought their first house after eight years of marriage. They are homeschooling their two children, Jeshua and Kaci. Linda also helps direct the children's ministry at church. 5845 Bow River, Colorado Springs, CO 80918



• **PETER NORVILLE '87** and Kristin had a new baby, Bryn Katherine, on Aug. 13, 1997. Her siblings are Luke (5) and Aubrey (3). Peter is a vice president in New Business Development at First Data Resources, Omaha, Neb. 24529 Pioneer Trail, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

• **CLANCY PARKS '87** is a lawyer, doing estate planning, tax, and business law. He and **ROSELYN (EPP) '88** have two children, Andrew and Graceanne. 2037 N. Foxrot, Nixa, MO 65714

• **KIRSTEN (GOIDA) HART '88** has moved back to Tulsa, after being on the road in music evangelism. Her husband is the new minister of music at Central Church of the Nazarene on 81st Street. 6901 E. 75th Ct., Tulsa, OK 74133

• **SARAH (TUCKER) HUGHES '88** has gone from nanny to market researcher to senior secretary at GTE Internetworking. She and Dave were married on Dec. 27, 1997. 831 Beacon St. #136, Newton, MA 02459

• **VICTOR KHONG '88** says he visited ORU in April 1998 "and everything looks similar, albeit cleaner! It was like a walk back into my life ten years ago. I met up with Prof. Nate Meleen, Ray Gregg, and it was great!" #9-6588 Barnard Dr., Richmond, BC V7C 5R8 CANADA. victorkhong@sprint.ca

• **DOUG OTT '88** still plays the cello and is working on a praise-cello CD. He married Psalmody in January 1993. They have two sons, Douglas and Levi. Doug works in public relations with the State of Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice. He was asked to play his cello for the new governor, Jeb Bush, and other key Republicans at a Christmas party. 1810 Homewood Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. OTT@netally.com

• **DEAN PRENTICE '88** says he and Melissa and their daughter, Lauren Grace, are enjoying their time in Europe. "Germany is a beautiful country," he said. "Life is full of many blessings." PSC 1 Box 2574, APO AE 09009 Germany dean.prentice@ramstein.af.mil

• **KEVIN SANTOS '88** says, "If anyone out there remembers me, give me a yell." 37 North 5th St., Easton, PA 18042. KSSantos@usa.net

• **TOM and SYLVIA (MENDOZA) '88 STACK** had a new baby girl, Kayley Alia, on Oct. 8, 1998. Big brother is Jonathan, 2<sup>1/2</sup>. 5702 Heather View, San Antonio, TX 78249

tstack@stic.net

• **KAREN (MYERS) BRADBURY '89** is a nurse at Cottage Hospital. She and Mark have one daughter, Megan. kbradbur@cottagehealthsystem.org

• **STEVE KATSIS '89** is a trauma surgery/critical care fellow at Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center. sbkatsis@yahoo.com

• **AUGIE MAURY '89** is married with three kids, and is an IS manager. 2 Monica Ct., Middletown, NY 10941

• **JOY (BLUMHORST) '89 and JOHN '90 SIMS** have started a new Open Bible church in Mill Creek, Wash. They have two sons, 3 and 4, and would love to hear from ORU alumni in their area. Their church is called Renaissance Community Church. "I'm sure Dr. Sexton would be proud of the name," they write. 15134 177th Ave. SE, Monroe, WA 98272. www.rcchurch.com

• **SHARON (COWLEY) WEGMAN '89** has a new e-mail address. dnsweg@ibm.net

### 1990s

• **KEVIN '90 and TONYA (BEHRENS) '92 ANDERSON** are happily married and back in Tulsa. 1817 S. Yorktown Ave., Tulsa, OK 74104

• **BRIGITA (MORRIS) CYRE '90 and SCOTT (A)** have three sons, Sean, Cole, and Jared. Scott returned to school in January. 232A N. Mayor Magrath Dr., Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 3P8 Canada

• **LESLIE (PARSELL) DeMARCO '90** married Kevin in August 1997. After graduation, Leslie worked for a Department of Justice contract with DEA and the U.S. Attorney's office. She's now a paralegal for a private law firm in downtown Columbus. Her brother, **STUART '91**, went to Notre Dame Law School and is practicing law in Findlay, Ohio. 6513 Benjamin Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

• **LIZ FARKAS '90** has moved. 2064 Foxworthy Ave., San Jose, CA 95124

• **CARRIE (SWANSON) '90 and GREG '91 HAMM** live in River Falls, Wisc., and hope to build a log home out in the country sometime soon. Greg is a DJ (website: www.WIXK.com). His on-air name is Alan Cooper. cujo90@hotmail.com

• **TRACY JOHNSON '90** has moved. 18337 Honeylocust Circle, Gaithersburg, MD 20879

• **WALEED NASSAR (M.Div.) '90** is founder and president of Great Commission Ministries International, based in Tampa Bay. GCMI focuses on leadership, national training, church planting/strengthening, reaching Muslims, and evangelism. Through its Muslim Evangelism Training Seminar, GCMI has trained more than 6,500 nationals in five nations in just two years. If you are missions-minded, get in touch. 4111 Old Village Way, Oldsmar, FL 34677. gcmi@ibm.net

• **GINA (TATE) SEUFER '90** and Thor have a new son, Zachary Colt, born June 4, 1998.

Gina loves being a mom. She still uses her marketing degree to run her home-based Mary Kay Cosmetics business. She and Thor, who is a pilot for Northwest Airlines, travel a lot within the U.S. Call if you'd like her to drop by sometime. (651) 463-2228. 19183 Enchanted Way, Farmington, MN 55024



• **DAVID BAHM '91** is a graphic designer for SuperValu Creative Services, creating full-color grocery inserts for stores in Des Moines, Fargo, and Bismark. He won a log design contest for the New Mexico Scenic Byways Project. His logo is posted on highway signs throughout New Mexico, including historic Route 66. He's also editor of the New Mexico Route 66 Association's quarterly newsletter. 3293 South Truckee Way #102, Aurora, CO 80013

• **GREG CRAYCRAFT '91** is a missionary in Bad Langensalza, Germany. Waidweg 8, 99947 Bad Langensalza, Germany. GCraycraft@aol.com

• **JASON EWERT '91** works for BellSouth. His wife, **TAMMY (CROUCH-A)**, is a marketing rep for a local hospital. "We have great hours which gives us time to do lots of other fun things," Jason says. Their son, Colby, is three. 5902 Wildcrest, Bossier City, LA 71111

• **ANGELA (SWANNER) and DOUG GRIFFIN '91** have two daughters, Darlene and Alyssa. Angela is a postpartum nurse. She is also homeschooling Darlene. 828 Southwoods Dr., Smyrna, TN 37167. ad.griffin@juno.com

• **STARLA MAYO '91** is teaching in Israel this year. Jerusalem School, Starla Mayo, P.O. Box 18158, Jerusalem, Israel. jrslmsch@p-o-l.com

• **MELISSA (TOBIAS) '91 and JOHN (A) ROBISON** want friends to write.

JWRobison@iolm.net

• **BOB TRUHLAR '91** has a new e-mail address. btruhtar@dodi.com

• **LILI (STADHEIM) '92 and TED BADGLEY '94** added Jared to their family in March 1998. They live in Ft. Wayne. New e-mail address is ltbad@fwi.com.

• **RACHEL (VOLKENBORN) DUCAT '92** and Dan have a 2-year-old, Christina. 20990 Omaha Ave., Parker, CO 80138

• **GINA (VAN GILDER) FIELDS '92** wants to hear from friends. 40500 Irish Cr Dr CR 32, Scio, OH 43988. tigerpaw56@yahoo.com

• **RICHARD KIRBY '92** is a project engineer with Black & Veatch LLP. 27770 Park Ct., Madison Heights, MI 48071

• **MARK and SAMANTHA (CALL) MATHIS '92** have two children, Rachel (2<sup>1/2</sup>) and Caleb (5 months). Mark works for Modern Woodmen of America. 305 4th Ave. NW, Arab, AL 35016

• **ALISON (DAVIS) McMILLIAN '92** has a new address. 2787 Appaloosa Run, Ellenwood, GA 30294

• **CARMEN (MORALES) '92 and TODD (A) SWANK** have a new daughter, Moriah

Carmen, born May 17, 1998. 1120 E. 36th St., Tulsa, OK 74105

• **STEVE ULIBARRI '92** married his high school sweetheart, **RENEE (ROMERO-A)**, right after graduating from ORU. He completed an MBA in international business and an MA in public policy at Regent University in 1996. Now living in Albuquerque, Steve works for the governor and Renee is at home with their new baby, Justus. Steve and Renee lead worship and a cell group for unchurched people at Family Worship Center. 3305 Calle Cuervo NW #223, Albuquerque, NM 87114

• **MATTHEW ANDELER '93** is a medical

technologist working as a blood banker at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He was planning a short-term medical missions trip to the Dominican Republic in January. 917 Bristol Lane, Streetsboro, OH 44241

• **BILL BILLIONS '93** is still reading, writing, and running. He's a programmer at Countrywide Home Loans. 153 N. Oak Knoll #104, Pasadena, CA 91101

• **EVERETT BROADY '93** and his wife expected their first child in November. 2951 Cleveland Ave., Huntington, WV 25705

• **BETH BRUNSKILL '93** wants friends to write. audreehep@aol.com

• **STACY (LEWIS) MARTINEAU '93 and JOHN '95 (M.A.)** are music pastors at a church in Royal Oak, Mich. They have a daughter, Lunden Payge. mart@iolusa.com

• **KIMBERLY (NOONAN) WILLIAMS '93** is now living in Virginia Beach with Curtis and son Austin, 3. They lived in Italy for nine months while Curtis worked on his international MBA. He's at CBN, serving as volunteer and project manager for Operation Blessing. 313 Petunia Path, Chesapeake, VA 23325

• **BRETT ANDREWS '94** is an assistant professor of management at LeTourneau University. 310 Janet Kay Dr., Longview, TX 75605

• **JENNIFER (MURPHY) CONNELLY '94** married Chris on July 18, 1998. They live just outside D.C. Jennifer works at Concerned Women for America, the largest pro-family women's organization in America. "Basically, we're trying to save the world from the liberal left," she said. She plans to get her master's in counseling from Liberty University. www.jconnelly@cwfa.org

• **O'TASHA DOW '94** completed a master's degree in educational psychology in May 1998 at the University of South Carolina. She is a guidance counselor at A.C. Flora High School in Columbia, S.C.

On April 4, she got engaged to her sweetheart of 5<sup>1/2</sup> years, Morris Morgan. The wedding will be on July 3, 1999. Members of the wedding party will include **TIGE JOHNSON (A)**, **KARTRINA CLARETT JONES '95**, and **FAITH LYLES '93**. 219 Crestmore Dr., Columbia, SC 29209. tdow@richlandone.org

• **AMY DUFF '94** bought her first house last year. She's an internal auditor for a small insurance company in Omaha, and travels quite a bit. P.O. Box 4833, Omaha, NE 68104

• **JIM GAY '94** is assistant pastor at Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship. Friends from Lifeguard, write. R 713 Forest Ave., Johnstown, PA 15902

• **TERESA JOHNSON '94** was featured in the "Circuit" section of The New York Times on Oct. 8, 1998. The story concerns how she found a nanny job over the Internet. missj-nanny@earthlink.net

• **SHAYNE LEE '94** is working on his Ph.D. in sociology at Northwestern University. 1915 Maple Ave., Apt. 404, Evanston, IL 60201

• **CHRIS and SHARON (LOESCHER) '94 MALLET** are "slowly getting used to the New England way of life," since Chris took a job with Perkin Elmer in Norwalk, Conn., last August. New e-mail address. mallettcj@perkin-elmer.com

• **DEAN SORENSEN '94** wrote, "God is good! For all those who know me, I confess,



I was a real jerk my last year at ORU. It is said that what is inside a person will come out at ORU. With me, that was a problem with authority. Anyway, God is AWESOME, because He shows us not only what we've done wrong, but that WE are wrong (as in, not that other person, but ourselves), why we are wrong, and the solution. He has provided a wonderful woman of God for me (Lorilee). We marry in May 1999. He has also provided, for the last five years, wonderful pastors who are excellent examples of authority." P.O. Box 1546, Columbus, OH 43068

• **KYLE** and **DEANNA (FREIDBERG) '94 THOMPSON** live in Jenks with their two children, Tyler (3) and Alyssa (1<sup>1/2</sup>). Kyle is general manager of Media Outreach at Impact Productions. 11425 S. Franklin Ave., Jenks, OK 74037

• **Rev. Fr. DAVID ZAMPINO '94** earned a master's in historical theology and is now a priest in the Charismatic Episcopal Church. He is doing doctoral studies at Marquette. His wife, **MICHELE (SOIREZ-A)**, home-schools their two oldest children, David, Jr., and Maria. Their younger children are Thomas and Elizabeth. Another baby was on the way in December. Michele also performs professionally with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Nashotah House Seminary Choir. 2777 Mission Rd., Nashotah, WI 53058. dzamp@juno.com

• **MARYANN CONAGHAN '95** teaches in a public high school. She will graduate this spring with her master's degree. mconaghan@erols.com

• **HEATHER EVANS '95** works at KOTV-Channel 6 in Tulsa. She had a bad car accident earlier this year, and might need back surgery, but "I'm still alive," she said. Her brother Darrell's third CD, "Freedom," came out in September. He was nominated for a Dove Award this year, but lost to Petra. Heather is an ORU Wing Backer for Sigma. Want to get involved? E-mail her. hevans@kotv.com

• **ZIK JACKSON '95** is an assistant vice president and trust officer at Bank of Oklahoma. He was recently named to the International WHO'S WHO of Professionals. Last fall, he spoke to Dr. Eugene Swearingen's Entrepreneur class at ORU on the subject of "Opportunities in Finance." Zik's wife, Monica, works in Media Outreach at Impact Productions. Zik was in the video production "Resurrection" produced by Impact. The Jacksons' daughter, Felicity, is 2<sup>1/2</sup>. 1302 E. 140th Pl., Glenpool, OK 74033. zikjackson@aol.com

• **FINNEY KURUVILLA '95** is an M.Div./MSW student at Eastern Seminary/Temple University. 6 Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096

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• **RHONDA (McLAUGHLIN) DIXON '96** and Mike have been married for almost three years. They are enjoying life and seeking after God's will. 2924 S. 138th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74134

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• **MIKE CHENEVEY '97 (M.Div.)** is a system analyst with Enterprise Technical Services. His family has expanded by one since he left ORU, with baby Nicholas, born in May 1998. He and his family are pursuing church planting with Open Bible Standard. 2770 Eaton Rd. #54, Chico, CA 95973. mk3@jps.net

• **CHRISTY (FOSTER) CROMWELL '97** is still playing the clarinet and working on a master's in music performance at Texas Tech University. "The musical talent at TTU is AMAZING in my section," she said. "I know I'm in the right place at the time God allowed me to come to school here. If you are also struggling with God's plan for your life, I know what you are going through. I was there all summer long. And at the last minute, I am in a city I never heard of, with a teacher I'd only met this past May, and in the best place at the best time in my life. I'm not saying all is perfect, but all is fitting together now. I thank God He still listens to my prayers and He hears yours too!" She also got married a year ago. 5540 19th St. #141, Lubbock, TX 79407

• **ANITA FISHER '97** is a labor and delivery nurse. 2540 36th Ave. SW, Apt. 310, Fargo, ND 58104

• **TARA (HUPP) HANNAH '97** is a learning specialist at Williams. She and **ALAN '96** live at 2642 E. 4th St., Tulsa, OK 74104.

• **MIKE KERNS '97** says that after graduation, he became the senior pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Redding,

Calif. "In January of 1998, we started with fifteen faithful saints. As of September, we were averaging over 75 adults on Sunday morning with nothing but Kingdom expansion on the horizon. We have a huge vision for our city, region, nation, and world, and we know that our best days are yet ahead. To all of our great friends we met at ORU, there will always be a place for you with us here at the Vineyard as we win the lost of our city to Christ." 3038 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002. www.snowcrest.net/vcf

• **PAMELA McLELLAN '97** has moved. 1756 Willow Creek Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23464

• **JOHN NATALE '97** says, "Yes, I've become a lifer." He's an assistant engineer for ORTV. "Write me if you can help me out of here!" he jokes. jnatale@oru.edu

• **MATT BEARDEN '97** is a law student at Florida State, after working one year for State Farm Insurance. 5571 Springhill Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32310

• **PAUL BAKER '98** wants to hear from friends. "A lot has happened since last December!" 5984 Jake Sears Circle #102, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

• **CLINT BEARGMANN '98** has a new e-mail address. cbargmann@oru.edu

• **NICHOLE (WHEELER) BECHARD '98** is married and has a baby girl, and was planning to go to grad school this spring. 1677 R.C. Byrd Dr., Beckley, WV 25801. bechard@cwv.net

• **LISETTE (TOLEDO) CAMERON '98** married Richard on May 3, 1998. She's a segment producer with Oral Roberts Television. 1825 E. 66th St., Tulsa, OK 74136

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• **TERRA QUINN '98** is an RN at Estes Park Medical Center. She misses all of her ORU friends. "Life is sure different after college!" 600 Moccasin Cr. Dr., Apt. B-1, Estes Park, CO 80517

• **HEATH STONER '98** works for Teen Mania Ministries in their Honor Academy. "I am fulfilling my greatest dreams of reaching the world and having God provide my basic needs," he said. He will marry Alisa, an ORU student, on May 8, 1999.

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• "Who else is finding that God is aligning them with destiny and purpose as quickly as they can handle it?" asks **ALEXANDRA SHARPE**. 414 W. Louisiana St., McKinney, TX 75069. lexicamille@yahoo.com

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• **MELISSA TONDI** bought a house last year and does software consulting. She's working on the Year 2000 project for a large investments company and coaching two soccer teams. 15682 E. Colorado Ave., Aurora, CO 80017

## Points to Ponder: Elections and 'Alumnus of the Year'

Fall 1998 elections for the Alumni Association Board of Directors just ended, but it's time to start thinking about the election coming up this fall. There will be eight directors' positions to fill.

The board needs to be a true representation of our alumni body. To that end, we want to encourage alumni of every race and ethnic group to consider running. If there are alumni you would like to recommend, please call Alumni Relations and give us their names.

The board of directors is your on-campus voice. Don't squander the opportunity to make sure that your voice is heard.

Along those same lines...at our recent Homecoming celebration, we presented the first-ever "Alumnus of the Year" awards. While we are pleased with the results of the program, we want to make sure that everyone is aware of the procedures and deadlines so that future awards will be as highly anticipated as these were.

First of all, nominations for "Alumnus of the Year" open on January 1 and close on or before July 1. They may come from alumni (graduates or associates) or other interested individuals (excluding immediate family members). You must submit a brief (one-page) biography of the person being nominated. It is also helpful to include a letter stating why you believe this person deserves the award. Nominations will only be considered for the year they are submitted. If the alumnus is not selected, the nomination may be resubmitted in the future.

It's not too early to send in nominations! You can mail them to Alumni Relations, e-mail them (alumni@oru.edu), or fax them (918-495-6650).

# Check This Out

If you haven't investigated the alumni Web page lately, you don't know what you've missed. Beginning last November, we added some features that are both interesting and useful.

Under News/Events, you'll find the past eight issues of Excellence magazine; a newsletter called ORU Here and Now, which keeps you current with campus news; the Faculty Newsletter, compiled by Dr. Linda Gray (associate professor, English); a campus Calendar; and the most recent Alumni Foundation Annual Report.

The Admissions Recruiting Association (ARA) section tells how you can sign up to help recruit students.

Last but not least, the Alumni Registry, one of our most popular features, remains one of the best ways to find and communicate with old friends.



## In His Memory

Ronald Jay "Ron" Halvorson passed away on June 26, 1998, after a month-long bout with Steven Johnson Syndrome. Ron had traveled from his home in Layton, Utah, to a family reunion in Thief River Falls, Minn. After cremation, his remains were returned to Utah, where a memorial service was held on July 2.

While at ORU, Ron was a member of Eastern Sky (1977-78), Spartans (1978-79), and Unity (1979-81), playing intramural basketball for those wings. But his friends probably best knew him for his pick-up basketball games at the Aerobics Center and his midnight runs to QuikTrip.

Ron graduated magna cum laude in 1981 with a double major in history and psychology. He then returned to Utah and began a career as a substance abuse counselor, working with LDS Hospital, the Alcoholism Foundation of Utah, and most recently, with Davis County Mental Health. Today, countless hundreds of men and women can thank Ron for helping them lead lives free of drugs and alcohol.

A scholarship has been set up in Ron's memory. If you would like to make a donation, checks should be made out to the Alumni Foundation, with "Ron Halvorson Scholarship" written on the memo portion of the check. Mail checks to: ORU Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 702333, Tulsa, OK 74170.

# Russ Farley: A Tribute

Bryan McLees (79) is someone who knows something about ministry. He's helped plant churches in Boston and Loveland, Colo., and most recently a church for Gen-Xers in Ft. Collins, Colo., called "The Tool Room."

"Our vision is to equip people to extend the kingdom to their generation," he said. He learned a lot about that from his best friend, Russ Farley (79), who died from an aneurysm last summer while on a camping trip with his wife, Cathy, and their sons, Andrew and Bryan.

McLees met Farley at church when they were in third grade. They began a friendship that endured despite Farley's move to a new town. At ORU, they roomed together their senior year on Wesley 6, Riverside Athletic Club.

"He was a hard driver," McLees remembered. "He got up early and stayed up late. He ran on fumes." At times, migraine headaches would drive him off campus to the home of a favorite professor, Dr. Harold Paul. "He studied so much, people wondered if he had a social life.

But he really gave himself to guys on the floor. He always helped in planning ski trips to Colorado for spring break, assisting in all the necessary arrangements for friends, and wing members."

As a student, Farley was torn between majoring in business, pre-law, or theology. "He did a lot of prayer and fasting and decided he was called to the business world," McLees said. After graduation, Farley worked for Arthur Andersen and for Nerco before starting his own business, Tricon, Inc. When it didn't produce the results he was hoping for, he closed that business and became the chief financial officer for Williams Controls, which he took public. Then he created Profit Tech, Inc.

"He was a consultant for large businesses," McLees said. "He'd teach people how to make their businesses more profitable. And he



Russ, Andrew, Cathy, and Bryan Farley

didn't sugarcoat the truth. He consistently rebuked CEOs for unbiblical practices." If he could see that they weren't treating their people right, "he'd tell them. Some listened, some didn't."

There were rough times with the business, said Cathy Farley, including times when he was ill, but "Russ continued to persevere in what he felt God had called him to do." His desire, she said, was to get to a three-day work week with two days for ministry.

In addition to the loving relationship he shared with his wife and their sons, the glue that held the diverse pieces of Farley's life together was his relationship with the Lord. "He'd have worship and prayer almost every morning," McLees said, "and for him, that meant 4 or 5 a.m." He was also close friends

with his pastor at Rivers of Life Church, and made a point of taking people who were involved in ministry out to lunch, "to make sure they were doing okay.

"He was my confident and my best friend," McLees said, emotion in his voice.

"Our motto was,

'Shoulder to shoulder miles apart.'

"My wife, Barbara, and I and he and Cathy were planning to go to our 20th reunion (at Homecoming) together.

"When it comes to the vision and mission of ORU, of all the people I know, he exemplified it so well. What he accomplished in 41 years is more than most men accomplish by age 80."

"He was a committed husband, father, and believer," Cathy said, "and integrity was such a passion for him. He lived a passionate life, and whatever he did he poured himself into it completely."

"Heaven," McLees said, "seems a lot more personal now."



A computer monitor is the central focus, displaying a graphic with the text 'Alumnus of the Year 2k'. The word 'Alumnus' is in a large, blue, serif font on a green background. 'of the' is in a smaller, blue, serif font. 'Year' is in a large, blue, serif font on a green background. '2k' is in a large, white, sans-serif font with a yellow glow on a dark blue background. The monitor is a CRT type with a grey bezel and a matching base. On the front bezel, there are 'RESET' and power buttons.

# Alumnus of the Year 2k

**Get us your nominations  
before it's too late!**

See page 22 for details.

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