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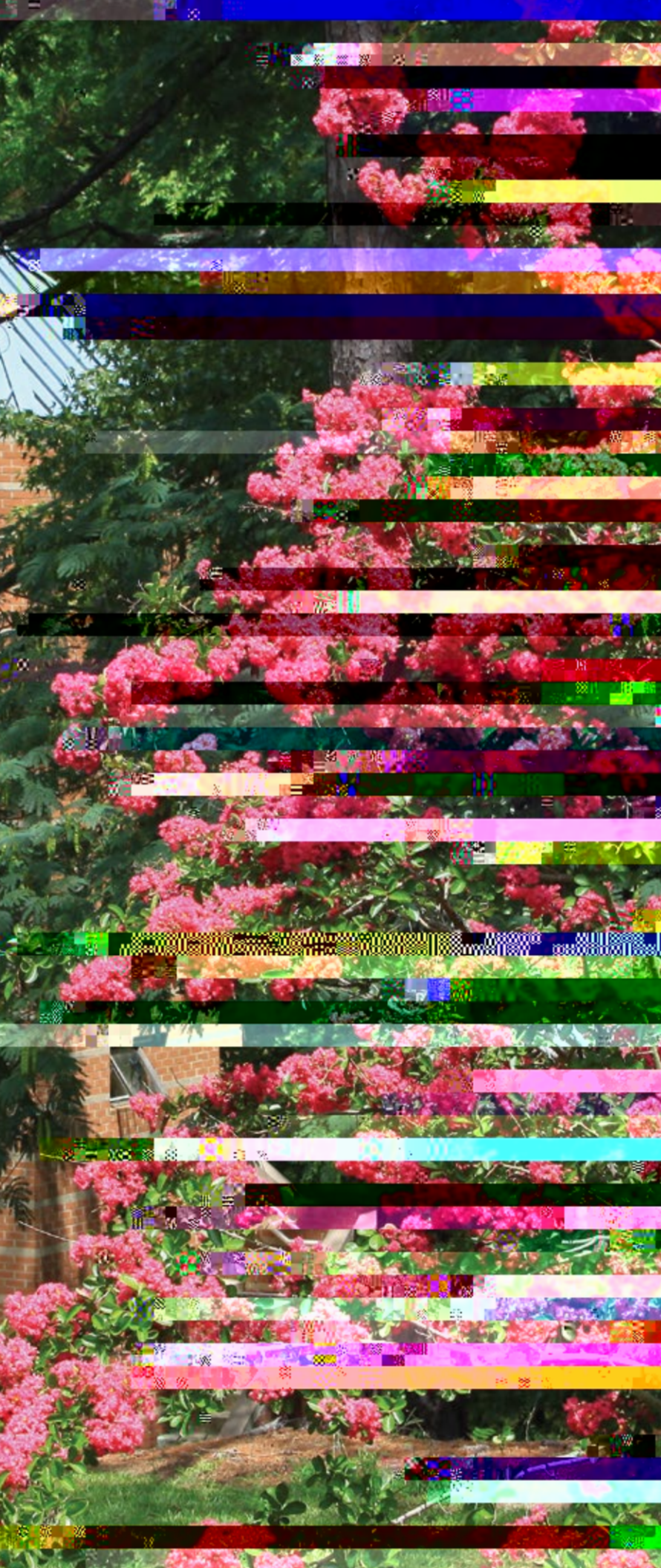
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THE FIRST WORD

“I’m gonna be where the lights are shining on...?”





Pence to Speak at Spring Commencement



A Columbia International University security guard was honored for his "exceptional courage" when he protected a woman and her children from aggressive dogs that had strayed on to the campus.

Lt. Leon Roden was honored by Security

"Law Enforcement Act of Valor" during an October Chapel service.

Deal says Roden's act of valor came during the summer break when a CIU alumna, who was walking on campus with her two young daughters, were confronted by three growling dogs.

"While realizing the serious threat to his own safety, Lt. Roden risked that safety and placed himself between the dogs ... and (the woman) and her children," Deal said.

Deal says Roden then helped the

family escape to a safe place, eventually taking "evasive action to protect himself" as the dogs ran away into a wooded area and have not been seen since.

A commendation read by Deal states:

"An act of valor is considered to be above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind along with unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life."

Deal explained to the student body that he was making the presentation in Chapel "so you can

lengths they will go to protect people on this campus."



CIU ranks in the Top 5 in SC



President Smith Honored by Columbia Urban League

The efforts of Columbia International



Over 250 church leaders came from across the state and even out of state for the “Church Refreshed 2022” conference at Columbia International University. The second annual event hosted by Columbia Biblical Seminary at CIU, offers pastors, church planters and staff members resources and

Seminary Dean Contributes to New NIV Study Bible

The dean of Columbia Biblical Seminary at CIU, Dr. David Croteau is one of 42 contributors to the new NIV Grace and Truth Study Bible. Croteau provides the study notes for the book of Galatians. The general editor is Dr. Al Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mohler calls the contributors “wonderful teachers of God’s Word.”

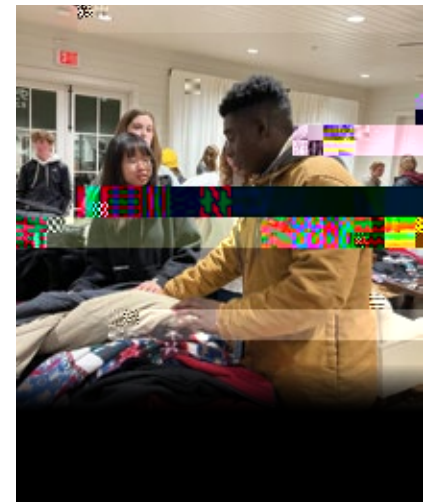


“Each of them took time from other pursuits to join in this effort, bringing their pastoral, biblical, and theological skills to this study Bible,” Mohler said. “Without them, this study Bible would not exist. With them, we shared the joy of helping God’s people to understand the Bible more deeply.” ■

A “Concentrated” Effort: Ministering to Refugees Over One Square Mile

The tiny Atlanta suburb of Clarkston, Georgia is just one square mile, but with about 120 languages spoken there, it is the most densely populated one square mile of refugees anywhere in America.

That’s where a group of students from Columbia International University traveled the week of Jan. 17 to minister to refugees from Myanmar, Congo, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Eritrea and other regions of the world. They were joined by CIU faculty members as well as students and a teacher from Ben Lippen School. For the Ben Lippen students, the week was a part of Winterim, an annual opportunity for high school students to experience learning and ministry outside the classroom. ■





By Julianna Bost

With nearly 20 years of working with youth and adult inmates,

new assistant director of the CIU Prison Initiative. But prison ministry was not always on his radar.

“Were it up to me, I would not have actually gone into prison ministry, but God had mapped that out and sovereignly guided me into to that area,” said Moore, who grew up in South Carolina and graduated with an English degree from Morris College in Sumter.

Working alongside Prison Initiative Director Dr. Andre Melvin, Moore administrates a program that uniquely

of Arts degree, to reach fellow inmates with the message of Christ. After graduation, alumni of the CIU Prison Initiative are assigned as chaplain’s assistants at correctional facilities around South Carolina.

Moore’s journey to prison ministry began as an English teacher. He was assigned to the alternative classes for

in Texas, and then the Newberry, South Carolina School District.

“I guess from that point on I started seeing something — even when I went back to Dallas’ regular school district, I always got troubled kids,” Moore said.

Moore began teaching at the Dallas Juvenile Department but returned to the regular school district for better pay. However, he quickly realized, “My heart was not there; it was for those troubled kids,” and he knew why. “The bulk of those kids, particularly in the Juvenile Justice System,

were from single-parent homes and that is the way I was raised.” He says, “I did not meet my dad until I was 17. I think that gave me a heart for those types of kids because I could understand.”

This background with the Juvenile Justice System led Moore to prison ministry in Arkansas, and now South Carolina.

Prison Initiative student-inmates, noting they proudly graduate with a cap and gown in front of family members, the same way students on CIU’s main campus graduate.

“To have an inmate complete a degree, is like a kid you throw into a candy store and say, ‘go and eat all the candy,’” Moore said. “It is that type of joy. It is indescribable. But not just them. The family gets to see that he took the opportunity to turn around his life and do something meaningful. Both sides get to feel joy unspeakable.” ■

CIU | PRISON INITIATIVE

CIU Prison Initiative’s Success

- 184 graduates serve in 21 correctional institutions in South Carolina
- 45 graduates have been released from prison
- The recidivism rate among those released is only 3%

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hen asked if he misses playing in the NFL, Dr. Samkon
"Sam" Gado emphatically answers, "No I don't!"

"When I watch guys now I wonder, 'How in the world did I take those hits?'" adds Gado whose football career began in high school with the Ben Lippen Falcons from 1998-2001. The native of Nigeria attended Ben Lippen while his father, Jeremiah Gado, was enrolled in seminary at Columbia International University.

college student David DeWitt was majoring in science and in a real dilemma: Is evolution or the biblical narrative of creation the truth? After all, he was studying science and going to church.

"When you do that you have to come to terms with what the Bible is saying and what the university professors are saying," said DeWitt who chose the Bible over evolution and is today

Programs at Columbia International University. "You can't have creation and evolution together."

With nearly 25 years of experience in higher education teaching, and nine years as chair of a biology and chemistry department, DeWitt comes to CIU from Liberty University where he was also the director for Creation Studies and established the Creation Hall Museum.

[The Choice: Creation or Evolution?](#)

and evolution as a theistic evolutionist, but he says "that doesn't work

doesn't align that way either."

All this didn't come together for DeWitt in the lab, but in his dorm

room at Michigan State University where he read passages that stated

And the words of the Lord are



Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. (Luke 9:6)

"It's not a verse that people typically memorize," DeWitt admits with a chuckle. But notes that it underscores

The South Carolina Board of Nursing has approved Columbia International University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program to open this August for the 2022-2023 academic year.

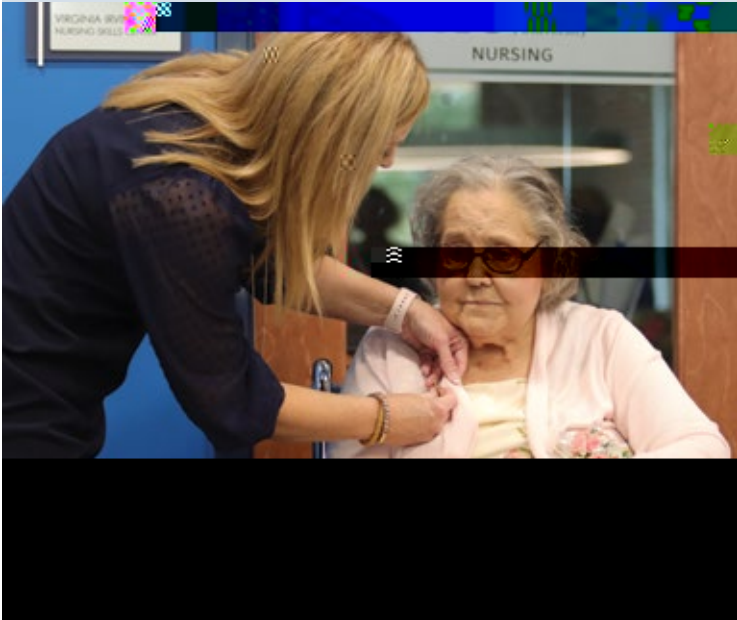
The program comes at a time when the need for quality nurses is greater than ever. The average age of a registered nurse is 50 years old, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics also projects nearly 176,000 openings for

Registered Nurses each year through 2029. Despite this shortage, nursing schools in the United States turned

from baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2019.

The nursing program is led by Dr. Jill McElheny, a nurse with 27 years of diverse health care experience. A native of South Carolina's Lowcountry,

nursing as a child, a commitment



science labs are under construction that will provide nursing prerequisite science courses.

“With every clinical course they will spend four weeks in simulation on campus before they spend four weeks in the hospital or the clinical setting,” McElheny said. “During those four weeks of simulation, we’ll debrief and learn from the mistakes they may have made, and then they’ll be checked off before they can enter the clinical facilities. They will be very well prepared.”

McElheny notes that professional organizations such as the Institute of Medicine (IOM), the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), and the American Society of Health-System Executives (ASHE) have

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Victorious Christian Living

is Gloriously Possible!



By Dr. George W. Murray

CIU's Fifth President



If I were told that I could only choose two of those five values to best describe CIU, I would immediately pick Victorious Christian Living and World Evangelization. Why? Because on the wall in CIU's administration building is a plaque in honor of CIU's first, and longest-standing president, Robert C. McQuilkin. It reads:

Over the past 100 years, CIU's motto has captured that two-fold emphasis: "TO KNOW HIM (i.e., Victorious Christian Living) AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN" (i.e., World Evangelization). May that two-fold emphasis continue strongly over the next



CIU alumnus
Richard Franklin ('97) says experiencing
"Victorious Christian Living" is
"a treasure"

that he implements in his pastoral counseling. Quoting St. Irenaeus, "The glory of God is man fully alive ...," Franklin adds, "Man fully alive is Victorious Christian Living."

Yes, victorious Christians *can* sin, and *do* sin, but they don't *have* to sin! This, too, is the clear teaching of God's Word: "For sin shall not have dominion over you..." (Romans 6:14). "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness..." (2 Peter 1:3).

When I first read the article, I was a bit skeptical. But after reading it, I was convinced. The author's message is clear: we can live a life of victory over sin. This is not a new teaching, but a return to the truth of the Gospel. We are called to live a life of holiness, not to be perfect. The author's message is a good one, and it is worth sharing.

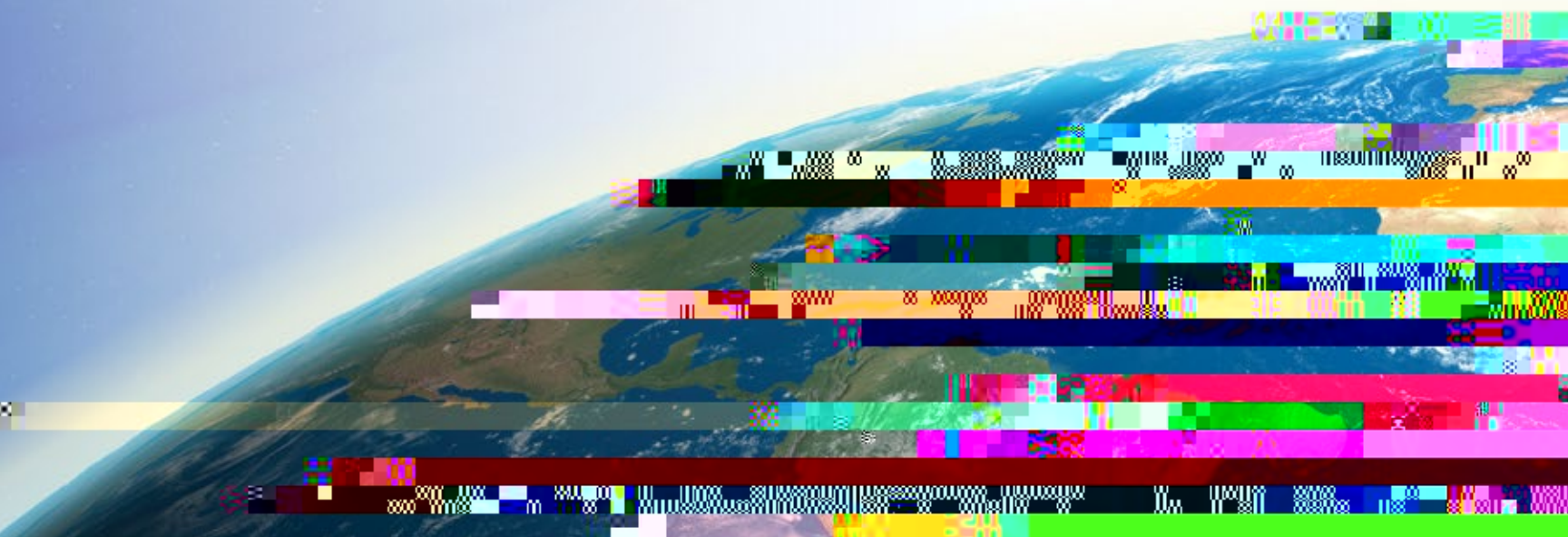
100 years, but in this article, let me share a few more thoughts about Victorious Christian Living.

When I was serving as CIU's president, I preached several Chapel messages stating that it is possible for every yielded, trusting follower of Christ to live a daily life of victory over self and sin. At the end of one of those messages, a CIU faculty member approached me, and with honest and sincere skepticism said, "You don't really believe it's possible to live that way, do you?" I assured him that I *did* believe it was possible to have such an experience of consistent (not perfect, but growing) victory over self and sin in our life and service for the Lord.

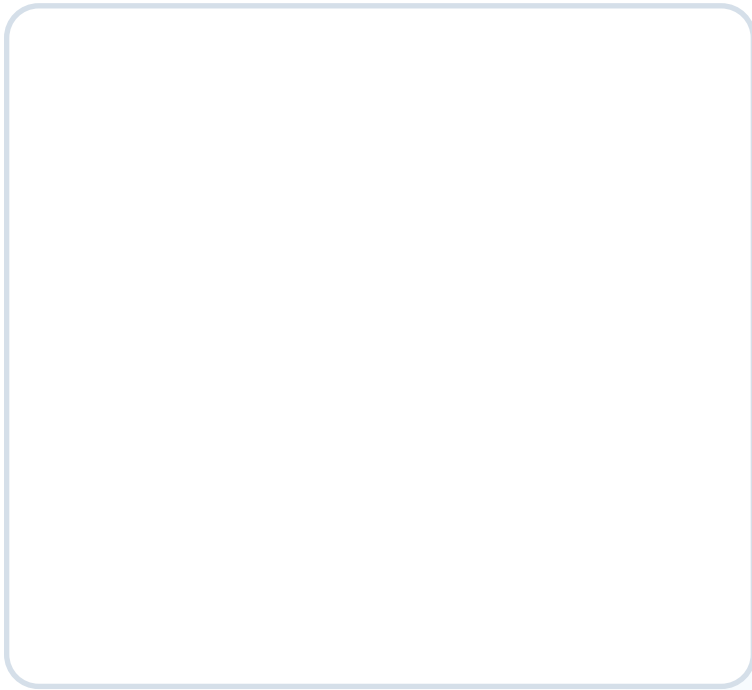
Critics of the victorious Christian life message have accused proponents of teaching sinless perfection. But that is not true. As clearly articulated in God's Word, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

The theme of Columbia International University's 100th Anniversary mission conference is the "Future of Global Mission." How should the people of God make disciples of all peoples for the next 100 years? What are the most important questions to address? To press into the future, we must take time to

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*How should the people of God make disciples
of all peoples for the next 100 years?*





By Dr. Kevin Jones

A his is an exciting time to
around the world through our online
repertoire. We're optimistic one more
will be launched this August.

believe we are on the verge
of an enrollment explosion as we
continue to improve our current
online programs and create new
educational opportunities through
CIU Global, the new name of our
online programs.

The selection of the name CIU Global
education marketplace. CIU is in
a great position to further expand
throughout the United States and

the school's mission to go into all the
world "To Know Him and to Make
Him Known," as the CIU motto states.
In addition to sending graduates into
the world to serve, we are expanding
our mission work through worldwide
online education.

There are currently 17 completely
online degree programs offered
through CIU Global, and we are
constantly looking at degrees that are
in demand to strategically determine
what new programs to add to our

As the dean of CIU Global, what
excites me are the opportunities to
assist in the process of transforming
the lives of our students. In Romans
12:2 we are told that we are
transformed by the renewing of
our minds. It is my belief that CIU
Global will be used by God in the
transforming of our students' minds
as we faithfully adhere to the tenants
of Scripture and the legacy of CIU. ■

Meet the Dean of CIU Global

CIU Global

CONGRATULATIONS RAMS V



National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship, defeating Mid-America University (Okla.) in straight sets.

Coach Amber Haver was rewarded for leading her team to unprecedented success as the fourth-year coach was named the NCCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year and the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Coach of the Year.

"I couldn't be prouder of this group," Haver said after the championship game. "When I recruited each of them, I told them, the plan was to win a National Championship before they graduated. I am glad they trusted me and trusted the process. The hard work and discipline paid off."

The national championship is CIU athletics second in just seven months as CIU baseball

Championship in May. ■



Men's Soccer Has Winningest Season in Program History

with a record of 19-4, an Appalachian Athletics Conference (AAC) championship, but falling just short of a national championship. As the No. 2 seed in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) D1 Men's Soccer Championships, the Rams took on No. 3 seed Judson University (Ill.) in the

After the tough loss, Head Coach Bill Brindley, the AAC Coach of the Year, said he was proud of his team.

"I know they are disappointed about losing after coming this far," Brindley said. "But it's because we believed in each other so intensely. Because of those qualities, this group will come back better." ■

I stand among roughly 50 other people, stretching our voices as high as we can, down to as low as we are able. The effect is like some sort of odd siren. But to us, it's ordinary. After all, we do this three times each week, as we warm up for another Ambassador Choir rehearsal.

I've been singing in the choir since

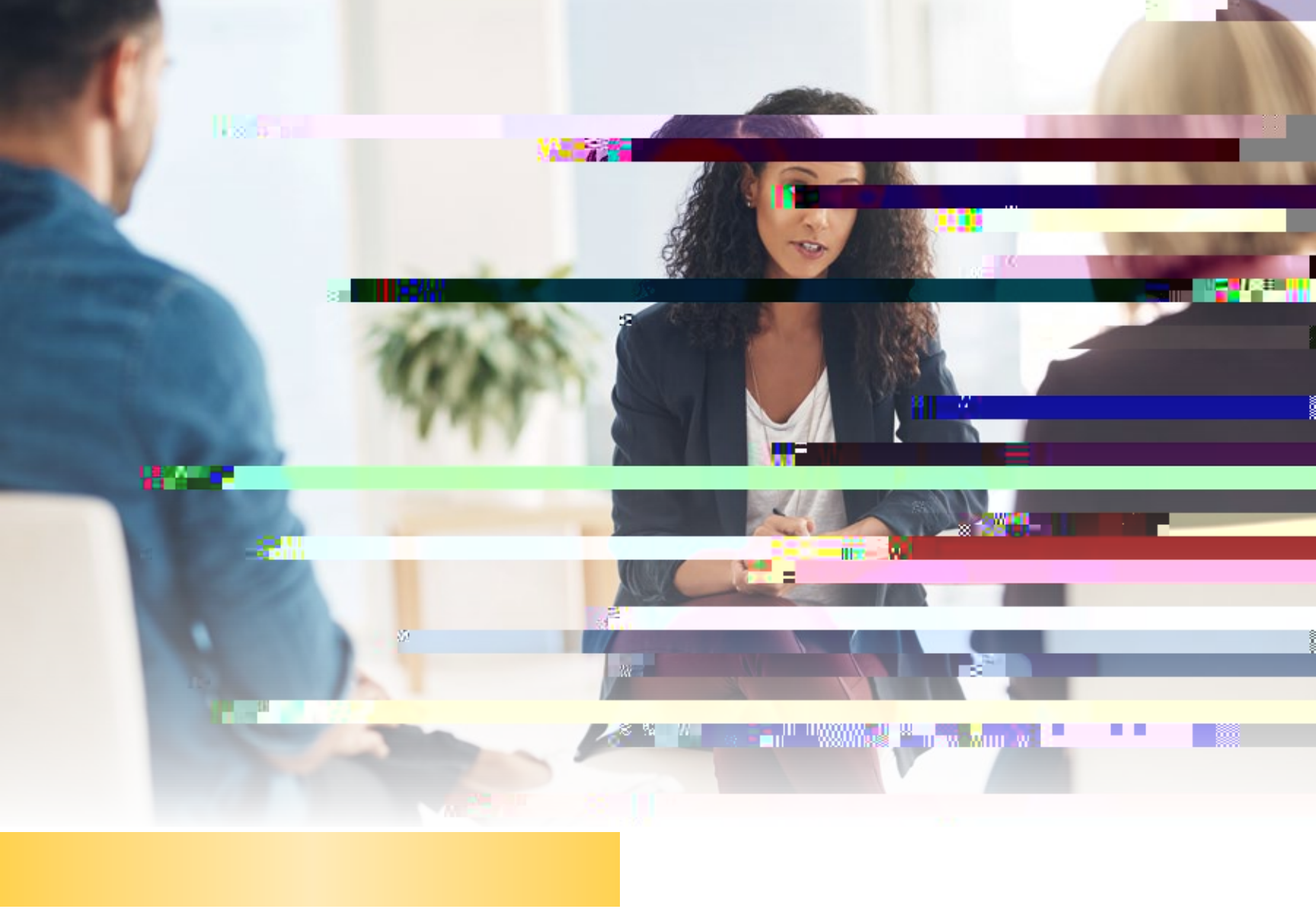
graduating in 2017, I decided to keep singing for fun. In 2019, however, a new initiative was implemented for the choir, and a new director was brought in — Professor Bryce Thompson.

Thompson would shape the choir into the administration's vision of 100

years. How were dozens of college students, from all levels of musical

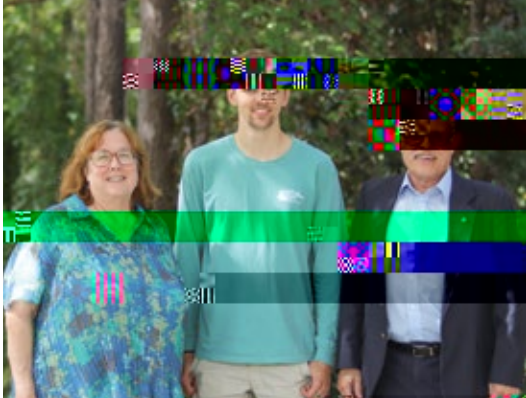
expectations?

But as Professor Thompson explained to the new choir what he was looking for, voices began to



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Early in their missionary work, South Koreans “Joshua” and “Joy” (not their real names) found an unusual way to connect with the people of a former Soviet bloc country they were trying to reach with the gospel. Local broadcasters unwittingly opened the door.

“During prime time, between seven and nine at night, a popular Korean drama was shown,” explains Joshua, a 2012 CIU alumnus who graduated with a master of arts degree in Intercultural Studies. “Korean dramas and movies were quite popular ... so (the people) wanted to learn Korean.”

Realizing Joshua and Joy were Korean, they became celebrities of sort, and were asked by some local girls if Joshua and Joy would teach them the language. Joy obliged, and doors to Muslim homes were literally opened.

“They loved us,” Joy said with a laugh. “They wanted Joshua’s autograph.”

During an interview on the back porch of the CIU Alumni Center, the couple said their ultimate goal was to plant churches in the predominately Muslim nation. They have learned the best way to do that, is through developing relationships, not with one person, but with an entire family, what Joshua calls “household ministry.”

“In the Muslim culture, our approach is that we want to reach out to the whole family,” Joshua explained. “They consider guests are a gift

from heaven, their hospitality is respectful. So, when we visited, grandma, grandpa, auntie — they all came to receive us.”

In that context the family would ask Joshua and Joy what they believed, including “Are you Muslim?”

“No, we are followers of Jesus Christ, followers of Messiah,” was Joshua’s response as he then explained the meaning of Messiah.

“Then we slowly explained the message of the gospel,” Joshua said.

Finally, the whole family came to the

church,” said Joy. “Every Sunday we visited their house, or they came to our house, and we worshipped together.”

Soon other extended family members were attending the house

the nation, the family moved to the Siberia area of Russia where Joshua and Joy have information that the church still thrives there.

These days, Joshua and Joy are assigned to leadership ministry overseeing about 200 church planters and member care, and Joshua

consults at a local Bible college that is administrated by local Christians.

Joshua and Joy came to CIU in 2009 after serving in Central Asia since 2004, learning church planting from the late CIU Intercultural Studies Professor Dr. Mike Barnett as Joy audited the course.

“That course was very helpful in preparing us to go back to our really impacted both of us.”

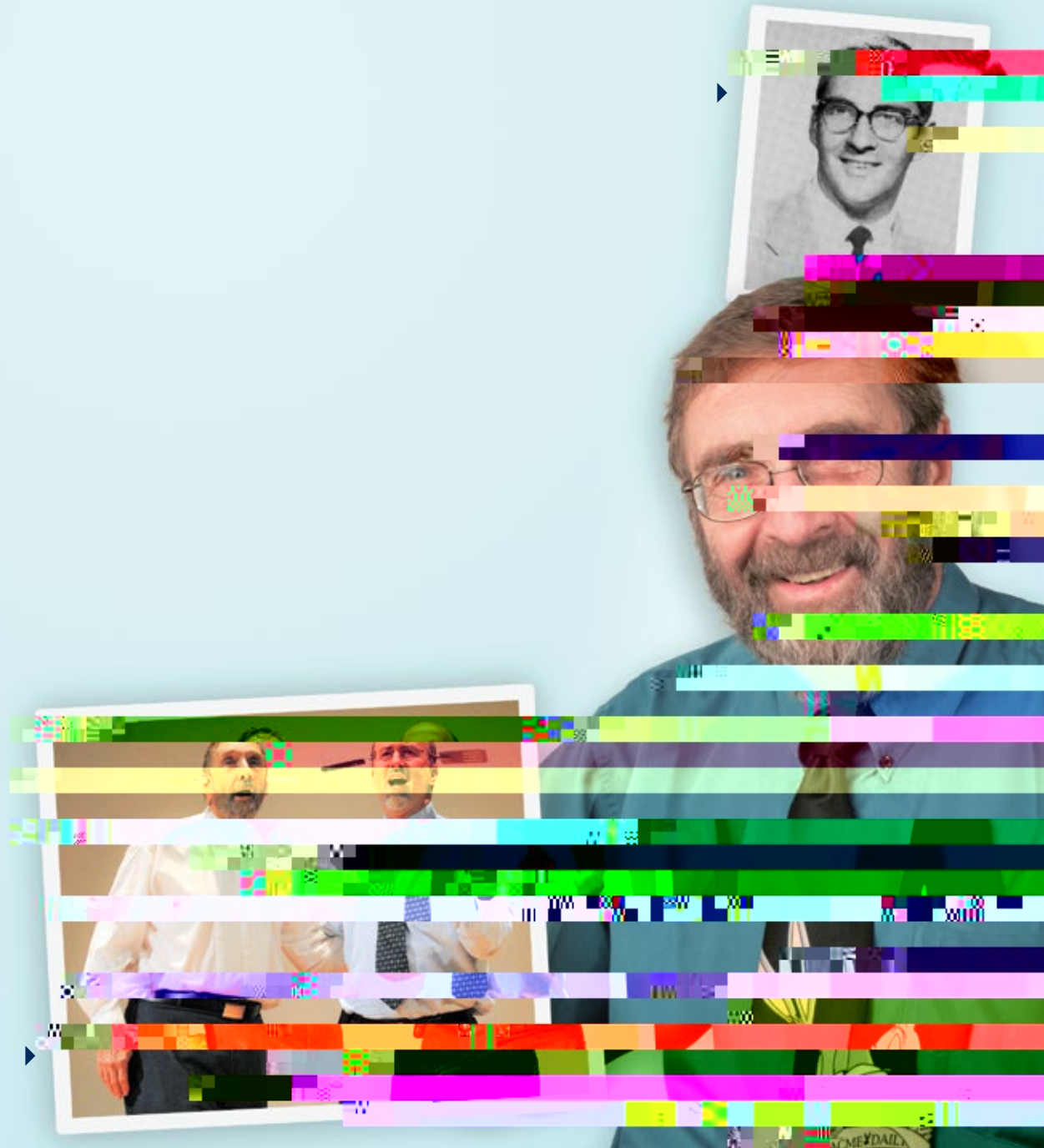
Joshua says the other positive impact came from CIU’s Christ-centered community, especially living in “The Village,” a mobile home park that has since been replaced by the Pine View Apartments.

United States” Joshua said. “I got to know many students in The Village, developing close relationships.” He also noted Intercultural Studies Professor Dr. David Cashin and the late Seminary Professor Dr. Bill Larkin QVd%AsD\$rSrrawaAVIbQ-Hy.0gZÁ

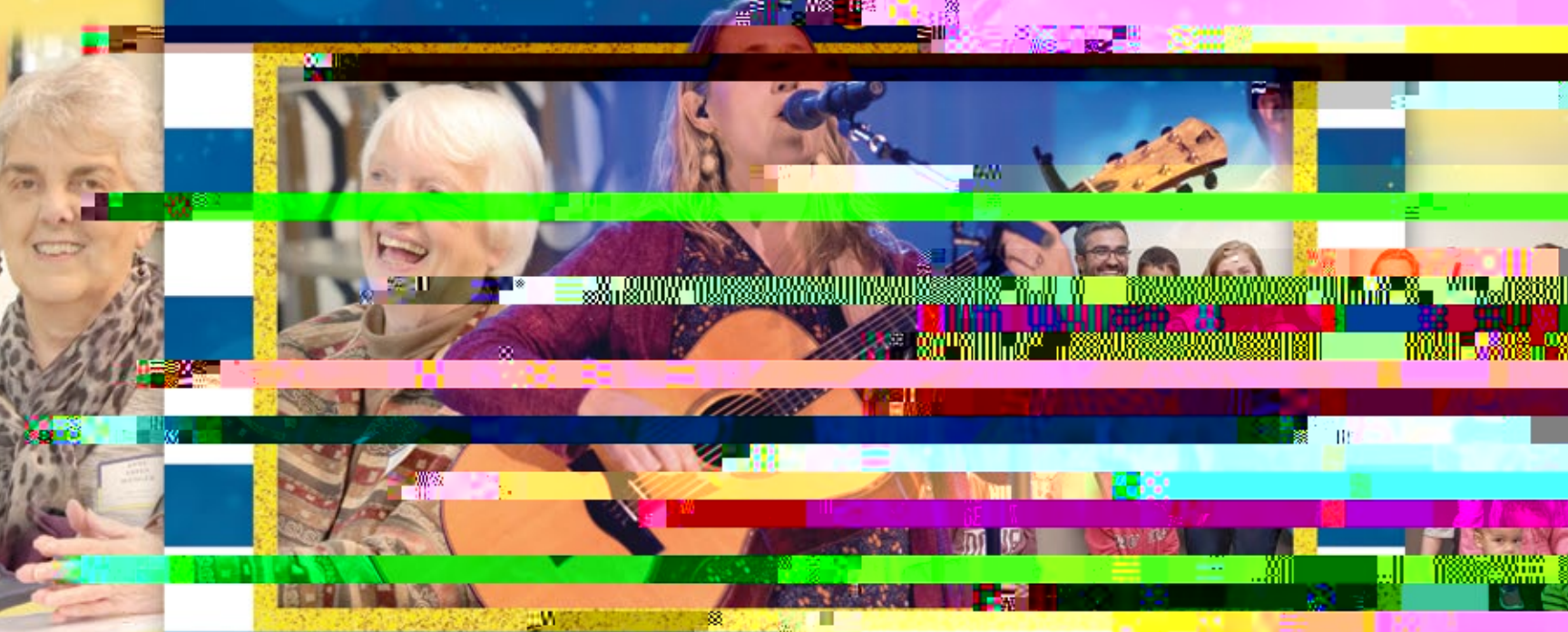
Remembering Dr. Jack Layman

By Anne Buck

In Dec. 4, 2021, popular CIU Professor Dr. Jack Layman passed away after nearly



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ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Joseph ('65) and Nancy Wallis live in Dunn, North Carolina. Joseph is a retired pastor and Bible college professor. They have four children who are all serving the Lord; one son is a missionary in Kenya.
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John ('66) and Bonnie Newman had the joy of working with Duruma Christians (1987-92) to translate the Duruma New Testament. They rejoice that at Thanksgiving 2021, Duruma Christians dedicated the completed whole Duruma Bible for the 400,000 Duruma speakers of Southeastern Kenya. ✉ john.foyd.newman@gmail.com

Walter and Lois Zigrang ('69) Lois published their story, "Who, Me? Following God's Missionary Call to the book for those who desire a deeper walk with Jesus, and an excellent book for those seeking God's future plan.
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Bob ('71) and Amber ('69) Leland live in Presque Isle, Maine where they are deeply involved in local church ministry and outreach, while teaching extension courses in Bangor. Bob has published a new book, "Unexpected! Transformation – Being Conformed to the Image of Christ." ✉ Baleland66@gmail.com

Ted ('71) and Gail McKinney are now retired after serving with World Team in Suriname, South America for several years. Ted also worked for U.S. Steel in Pennsylvania for three years, pastored several churches, and served as the housing director at Campbell University. ✉ teddymckinney@msn.com

David Gillespie ('76) has retired from healthcare chaplaincy. He is now teaching in Furman University's OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program.
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Robert J. Morgan ('74) Rob's new book "The Jordan River Rules" reminds us that the same God who led you out of trouble will lead you on to triumph! Rob will be a keynote speaker at CIU Homecoming in November.
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H. Stuart Atkins ('83) published a new book, "Is God Silent When We Hurt?" He challenges skeptics and encourages believers, tackling big questions from a secular and biblical perspective.
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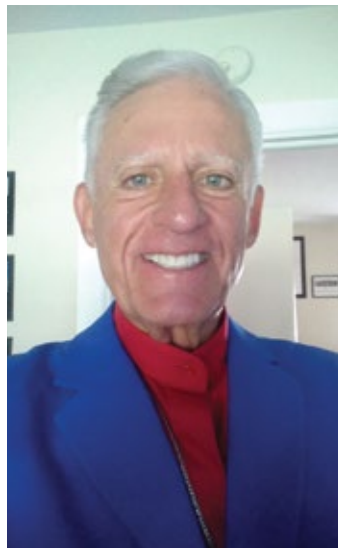
Jerry ('83) and Debbie Kotyuk are retired and enjoying life in their new home in Canton, Georgia.
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Christopher ('84) and Beryl Bryan are enjoying semi-retirement living near children and grandchildren. Christopher does chapel services at an inner-city school in Milwaukee and umpires high school and youth baseball.
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Roy ('85) and Pandora King made the move to

Mike and Caroline Kirchner ('85) serve with Mercy Ships in the Canary Islands getting ready to sail to West Africa. Carokirch@aol.com

Scott ('85) and Leslie ('78) Powell - After 26 years in Taiwan, Scott and Leslie are caring for their aging mothers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They also lead a SEND International team serving the refugee and immigrant groups in the Lancaster region. Two of the Powells' four



In Memoriam

Stanley Barlow Jr. ('42) - January 2021

Lydia Stanford Bowman ('42) - November 2021

Margaret "Peggy" Marsh Stoddard ('43)

- January 2022

Muriel Yates Taylor ('46) - May 2021

Margie Vail Parker ('47) - March 2020

Sarah Kennedy Johnson ('48) - December 2021

Henry "Hank" Musick ('48) - November 2021

Verna Camp Querner ('48) - January 2021

Douglas Butler ('50) - September 2021

Frieda Paul Atkinson ('50) - November 2021

Hubert Addleton ('51) - March 2022

June Heidlauf Gray ('51) - September 2021

Caroline Kreimann Sapsford ('51) - November 2021

J. Frank Sanders ('51) - August 2021

H. Edward Sanders ('51) - January 2022

Verne Scott ('51) - July 2021

Norma Jean West ('51) - July 2021

Hazel Campbell Lohr ('52) - March 2020

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From Monticello Road to the world: “sound biblical theological training”

We're just a year away from celebrating Columbia International University's 100th anniversary. While some Christian institutions of higher education have drifted from their biblical foundations, CIU has not wavered in our mission to “educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.”

That was very evident to me when I met The Rev. Eliazar Daila Baba of Jos, Nigeria, who graduated at our December commencement with a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies. Dr. Baba is the assistant general secretary of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) and currently serves as a lecturer at the Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS). His testimony is one of living by CIU's core values of Prayer & Faith, the Authority of Scripture, and World Evangelization.



