Principles for an Effective Ministry—Part 1
by John MacArthur, President

One of the richest learning experiences the Spirit of God has for us is found in the tenth chapter of Matthew, where our Lord sends out His disciples for the first time. We, who have twenty centuries later been sent to reach our world, can learn deep and profound truths from what He said to them.

The scene is introduced in Matthew 9:36-38. “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’ As Jesus stood on the edge of a hill and surveyed the crowd beneath Him, He was moved with compassion. He was wrenched internally because they were weary. They were literally beaten and bruised. They had been ripped from limb to limb by their own leaders who had imposed upon them a false legalistic system of religion that denied the truth and grace of God. They were scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd. Jesus saw the vastness, the lostness of the multitude and said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.’ As you know from studying the text, what He means by the harvest is the judgment when God puns in the sickle and reaps. He could see this mass of lost, disoriented, wearied people moving as if they were some great group of criminals toward an inevitable judgment. He realized the people to go and warn them are so few, and that He had to enlist others to assist Him. So He asked the disciples to pray, and made them the answer to their own prayers.

I like to think of the twelve Jesus sent forth as the original missionaries. Paul saw the same inevitability of judgment when he wrote to the Corinthians, ‘Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men.’ Jesus saw the judgment harvest and called for laborers to go and warn men of that inevitable and final wrath.

The instruction for their mission is given in Matthew 10:5-15. ‘These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. Now wherever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.’

While the passage goes on to say that these twelve would not be able to cast out demons and that they were not sent to pronounce judgment, they were to be prepared for what was coming. The twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them. They were not volunteers, although they were willing to go. Christ did not act over against their will. In great measure as Jeremiah of whom the Lord said, ‘Before you were formed, I called you,’ they were called sovereignly by God.

He sent them two by two for companionship and encouragement in times of despondency and persecution. They could also relieve each other in the continual efforts of preaching and healing. It was well known to them that the testimony of anyone was confirmed in the mouth of another.

They were apostles of Christ uniquely called and sent. With believers today it’s less direct, but the task is the same—evangelism. I’m often asked by young people going into the ministry, ‘How do you know you’re called to the ministry?’ I believe three criteria help us to understand that. First of all is a strong desire. If I delight in the Lord, He’ll give me the desires of mine heart. ‘If any man desires the office of a bishop, he desires a good thing,’ and I think the implication of Paul’s word to Timothy is that men will desire this. Second is the confirmation of the church. You may believe you’re called to preach,

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Dear Friends:

One of the key distinctions of The Master's College is our commitment to the principles that every believer is a missionary; and every corner of the world is a mission field.

Those principles are interwoven in the very fabric of our institution. A heart for the world beats in the classroom, in chapel, and in conversations among students and staff. The believer's responsibility to pursue the vocation of missionary, as described in the Scriptures, is a message communicated often on this campus in a clearly compelling manner.

Our mission statement concludes with this phrase: "...and lasting contribution to the kingdom of God." That phrase gets us to the point. All that we do in every aspect of our task is designed to prepare young men and women for a life that in the end is lived to the glory of God by advancing His kingdom in the world.

This issue of The Master's College focuses on this aspect of our mission. We will expose you to key individuals and the strategies they have developed to fulfill our commitment to this task. In addition, we will introduce you to some people who are a living illustration of the impact The Master's College had on their thinking and lives.

In so doing, we desire to communicate to you what it is that makes The Master's College a most distinct place.

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When Jesus spoke about how men ought to love their neighbors, He used a Samaritan as an illustration. If the Lord loved Gentiles and Samaritans, why did He tell the disciples not to go to them? Three reasons provide an answer.

1. The special place of the Jews.

They were God’s chosen people. They were the ones to whom the covenants, the promises, and the law were given. In the word of God’s plan it was that the Kingdom was to be first offered to them. They were approached by John the Baptist saying, “Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Offer them the Kingdom God promised to them by the acceptance of the Lordship of Christ. The Kingdom is theirs to enter if they repent and believe in Him.

2. The special problem of the twelve.

The disciples were hardly up to this task, reaching their own people, to say nothing of trying to reach the Gentiles and the Samaritans whose culture they did not understand that well, whose biases and prejudices they could not have overcome easily. They were not equipped for that. No one, until Paul, opened the Gentile world, with the exception of Peter’s confrontation of one God fearing man named Cornelius. Paul, born of the tribe of Benjamin, an Israelite of Israelites, zealous for the law, trained underGamaliel, a true Jew in every way, but educated and instructed in Gentile culture and from a Gentile area, was able to make the bridge to reach those Gentile people. They didn’t have the technique, nor ground to build the bridges. If they had started there, they may never have been able to come back to the Jews — the Jews would have just written them off as those who brought about a Gentile and Samaritan religion.

3. The special point of attack.

Jesus gives them specific targets — go to Galilee, and go to the Jews who are the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He saw the multitude and they were sheep without a shepherd. They’ve been disconnected from the shepherd, and are wandering hopeless and helpless.

Our Lord Himself reflects to them what was His own specific ministry. The Lord Himself never went to the Gentiles — His ministry was almost exclusively to the Jews. He says, “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep unto the house of Israel.” (Matt. 15:24) That was His focus. The Gentile world would come later.

Jesus had an amazing amount of effort and a tremendous clarity of objective. I think one of the things that frustrates people in ministry is that they don’t have a clear objective. Part of an effective ministry is to have a clear objective. Know your gifts; what God has equipped you to do. Know the needs and the callings, the opportunities and the desires of your heart.

My grandfather taught my dad and my dad used to tell me — most people in the world never do anything well, so just do one thing well and you’ll be way ahead of most people. If I take care of the defeat of it, He’ll take care of the breadth of it.

The Lord said, “I do only that which the Father has given me to do, my meet is to do His will. I am not come but for the lost sheep of the house of Israel...” I am not come to do the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” That’s a narrow perspective, but precision in ministry — do one thing and do it well.

Effective missionary work involves not only a central objective but a clear message. “And as you go, preach and as you preach will you say the Kingdom of heavens is at hand?” The Kingdom of heaven is a big enough subject to cover the whole story of redemption — preach the Kingdom, salvation and the rule of God. Jesus taught His disciples nothing but that, all the principles of God’s rule. He is Lord, men are to submit, men are to obey, God rules. Even after His resurrection, for forty days, He taught them truth pertaining to the Kingdom (Acts 1).

That’s our message.

There’s a sense of urgency in that statement. I know that, and you know that. It wasn’t long after this until the Lord turned away from Israel because they didn’t take the message offered to them. There’s urgency and imminency in this world, too. I don’t know how long we have before the Lord comes, and we need to proclaim the Kingdom with urgency.

Principles for an Effective Ministry — Part II to conclude in the next issue of The Master’s Current.

Educaing for Missions

by Dr. Mark Tatlock, V.P. for Student Life

Religious pluralism has become a universal phenomenon and is becoming an accepted pattern of life.” — George Peters

Peter’s, a missions theologian, correctly directs our attention to the most dangerous trend facing the church and missions. While the church sits idle, it loses ground due to the language of tolerance that is becoming so prevalent in our political and educational pulpits. With hesitation, I suggest we are in the midst of a great revolution in missionary activity. The idea of revolution conjures images of rebellion, casualties, heroes, and a rallying cause. This is the rage which characterizes contemporary missionary activity. You might ask, “What is there to revolt against?” It is time to confront the accidental approach most churches, colleges, seminaries, and mission agencies have taken towards missions. The storm of discontent has been brewing, flared recently by enormous advances such as summer and short-term missions, church training centers, maturation of historical mission fields, and a more serious missionology among evangelicals. These are the positive influences.

What are the contemporary threats to missions? One such threat is the wide-band acceptance of religious pluralism in the West. The rapid acceptance of the diversity dialogue while attempting to solve the right problems, instead tries to satisfy the growing cultural demand for equality without realizing the undercurrent that moves us toward normalization of every false faith system tied to a culture’s history. Unfortunately, churches and schools have not responded from a Scriptural position. Christians must be loving, celibate, and service-oriented. The Church should not have to be compartmentalized or separated by secular agendas for diversity, tolerance, and inclusivity. Their expression of God’s low should eliminate the need for such agendas.

This prevalent theme coupled with the rush of the evangelical church toward ecumenicism only increases the alarm. Serious missiologists, those with a high view of Scripture, are awakening to the need to revolt against this dangerous trend. Complementing the trend towards pluralism is the current worldview of post-modernism. Simply stated the post-modernists insist there is no knowable or absolute truth. Religion becomes a psychological crutch much like Marx suggested. The spin of post-modernism is not the real Servant of the lord. This affirmation is conditioned upon its being personalized and offensive.

For the missiologist, this dynamic is exaggerated by the proliferation of national training schools in reached mission fields. Realizing the legitimate need to equip manuring national church leaders, training centers are springing up around the world, in every country. Unfortunately, many of the curriculums of these schools are informed by a liberal theological presupposition of the written word of God. Embracing the extremes of contextualization, culture is elevated over Scripture as the authority.

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in hermeneutics. Once this is accepted purveyed centers from such centers can completely miss the centrality of Christ to the Gospel. Why is the church mostly unaware of the power of the people? It is a systemic problem rooted in the formal training of its pastors. Absent from western college and seminary curricula is a clear theology of reformation. While our systematic approach to theology addresses key components within its composition such as Christology, soteriology, and ecclesiology, a vacuum exists for curriculum which presents the relationship of the church and its faithful throughout the history for the peoples of all nations. Beginning in the Garden at the Fall, and threaded through Scripture until the final judgments, the clear picture is revealed of God attempting to reconcile man to Himself.

Without this framework in place, pastors go about individual categories of ministry and teaching without recognizing the presence of God’s redemptive scheme. Therefore, pastors can spend their entire ministries mistaking that their church’s role is limited to one aspect of the community. This is the same mistake that Israel made, believing that the god they were imaging would work a miracle on their behalf alone. They were repeatedly confronted on this limited view by the judges, the prophets and Christ himself, calling them out on their blindness. They were to function, as the church is today in a priestly role (1 Peter 2:9). Paul calls us spiritual priests (1 Peter 2:5) and we are brokers of peace between the kingdom of God and those of the earthly kingdom. This demands an informed theological understanding of God’s intent for the church.

Causalities abound in this revolution, Jonathan Lewis cites the attrition problem which plagues modern evangelical missions. Citing the optimistic worldview of the current missionary population in the book *Too Valuable to Lose*, it is suggested that between 10-30% of career missionaries do not return for a second term of service. Looking at this from a purely financial perspective, the cost of operating, training, and sending a missionary family of four multiplied by the number of current North American missionaries is astounding. The cost incurred is estimated at several billions of dollars. One is forced to ask, “Is the North American church practicing good stewardship in the area of missions?” The study cited above reduces its conclusions to two priorities for the church: selection and training. This study also suggests the missionary battle in the revolution. Those who take responsibility for educating and commissioning the missionary must be held accountable. Specifically, churches, Christian educational institutions, and mission agencies. Several national conversations are emerging to confront this issue.

Who are the heroes? Those who will claim the truth to a biblical Gospel, defending it against the less offensive, socially correct creeds. Career missionary conversations focus on their fields, mission agency executives, college and seminary professors, and pastors. This is the cause: an uncompromising, unashamed biblical message. We must to teach new missions and train the students in practical evangelism. These teams focused primarily on ethnic communities throughout Los Angeles.

**Strategy #3: Summer Mission Trips**

Becoming a distinctive program of the college, our summer mission trip is committed to confronting the abuse of short term missions. Believing that the primary motivation for participation in missions is not poverty relief, but sacrificial service, emphases is placed on intensive training. This enables students to offer something of value to the field in terms of practical ministry. This last summer, we saw 150 students sent out by their home churches to work on teams in 18 countries. It is the college’s desire that every student have the opportunity to participate. It is critical to not to allow students to perceive missions as limited to those declared as mission majors, but view missions through the lens of their own liberal arts discipline. Currently, we see the potential for the majority of students participate during their four years, many more than once.

The future of the program is tied to the uniqueness of our being a Christian liberal arts college. We intend to design teams around specific fields of study, allowing students to practice their academic discipline in a cross-cultural context. The value of being a computer or business major and intern in overseas missions provides a way for the student to more seriously examine how their vocation can impact the mission field. The new approach will allow faculty to participate in mission teams functioning as mentors to students, while offering training to nationals.

**Strategy #4: Teaching English to Speaker of Other Languages (TESOL)**

The college has just implemented a new field of study in the area of English as a second language. Our design not only allows a student not major in this field, but offers a certificate in ESL to any student who wants to complete a more diverse cultural backgrounds because God loves the nations. We hope in the future to increase the educational opportunities of the college to students in those ethnic communities. By building a two-way bridge into these communities we will see the college become more cross-culturally in practice.

**Strategy #5: Mission Major**

We believe the laboratory experience required by many physical and social science disciplines is critical to effectively preparing students for future success in their field. Therefore, we are adapting this strategy in the design of a new major in missions. This major will require students to complete one semester of coursework on the mission field. This semester will build upon a strong theology emphasis. Working with missionary mentors, students will transfer field-based courses principles and theory directly into ministry. Offering courses such as church planting, language acquisition, anthropology and cross-cultural communication, and evangelism and discipleship in context allows the student to master theory in the same way a medical student must learn the practice of medicine in a residency program. Many institutions offer internships, but few offer majors without offering academic courses on field which are integrated with hands-on experience. This unique design will enable the college to address the criticisms of many career missionaries regarding their undergraduate missions education.

The future is alive with possibilities. For instance, distance education and international educational partnerships would provide the college with a global platform. Allowing students to sit under professors in multiple regions of the world could extend the international student population exponentially. It is possible we will be able to offer courses within ethnic populations throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Strategic partnerships with mission agencies, currently being negotiated, would allow the number of pre-field candidates to study at the Master’s College to complete their Bible education. These are just a few hints at the programs under construction at the college. The point is, we are looking at giving The Master’s College a new face. The battle lines are being drawn. We hope to be one of those heroes in this exciting revolution.

For further reading:
- *A Biblical Theology of Mission*, George Peters
- *The Biblical Basis for Missions*, Roger Hedlund
- *The Bible Basis of Missions*, Robert Glover
- *Yes, God of the Centurion*, Daniel Fuller
- *Let the Nations Be Glad*, John Piper
Teaching English: A New Academic Program Targeted at the Nations

By Lisa LaClair, Adjunct Professor

The desperate call for qualified English language teachers has come from many countries where traditional missionaries are no longer able to acquire visas. One ministry which has over 400 ESL teachers working in “Creative Access” countries in Central Asia wrote to the college recently asking for prayer that the Lord would provide an additional 300 teachers to be sent out in the Fall of 2000. Other opportunities available include teaching English in a Business Center in Albania, teaching English classes through the medium of Black Gospel Music in Japan, and tutoring students in Russian high schools. In the past 5 years, over 200 students from The Master’s College have been involved teaching English during the summer in such countries as India, Mongolia, Croatia, Jordan, China, and Ethiopia, and all have recognized their need for further training.

Inasmuch as the mission of The Master’s College is to cultivate in students an enduring commitment to Christ, the Word of God, Moral Integrity, Intellectual Growth, and a Life of Lasting Contribution to the Kingdom of God,” the Biblical Studies Department would like to introduce a new emphasis and Certificate program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Beginning in Fall 2000, students are being trained to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to adult learners both in the United States and abroad.

Graduates of this program will have the skills needed to establish solid relationships with ESL students and the general community within the context of a recognized professional skill. Both programs allow students to take classes in TESOL, missions, and Biblical Studies and are ideal for students who are seeking to pair ESL ministry with the fields of business, education, and computer science. The emphasis and the certificate provide a solid foundation for cross-cultural communication in church planting, evangelism and discipleship.

The proximity of The Master’s College to large immigrant communities in the Santa Clarita Valley and the greater Los Angeles Area makes this a prime location for the training of English teachers. Our students-in-training are able to participate weekly with veteran ESL teachers in community-based classes in local high schools, community colleges, and civic organizations.

Perhaps the most exciting opportunity for our ESL teachers-in-training is available in cooperation with the Student Life Department’s ethnic church ministries program. This format facilitates the students’ ability to make an ethnic church in the LA area their home-church during their time at the college. A teacher-in-training who has an interest in ministering to Central Asia may choose to attend a Russian church to learn from and minister to the people there through ESL classes, Sunday School music or maintenance as part of their training for future ministry.

We look forward to seeing our students develop their cross-cultural skills while they learn to love the body of Christ. Please be in prayer with us as we train students for a Life of Lasting Contribution to the Kingdom of God through the field of cross-cultural ministry.

The Nations Come to The Master’s College

By Gayle Byrd, Coordinator of International Student Programs

“A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome...”

These lines from the 1833 poem by Emma Lazarus are seen by tourists who come to see the Statue of Liberty. Although the statue and the poem speak to many who came to America’s shores in search of liberty, these lines just as well welcome the many students who come each year from all around the world seeking an education.

This year, The Master’s College has welcomed the largest number of foreign students than ever before. We have 37 internationals from 22 different countries including Albania, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Myanmar (Burma), the Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda.

We have various activities during the year that help to develop a sense of belonging and responsibility for one another. One of our favorite events is a “progressive dinner” to which we invite the international students from a local college to join us. What a blessing that activity has been as the Gospel is going out through relationships built during the dinner! We also hold yard sales where students get to interact with folks from the community surrounding the college. At any of these events, students can meet new people, maybe share their faith, and learn about specific points about this culture. Profits from such events assist to meet scholarship needs and physical needs such as medical and dental care.

Being a part of an American family, even for just a weekend, is a special treat for our students. Many of our students have been fortunate enough to be invited to live with families here in the area. Students and adults alike can touch the hearts of those who represent the world to us in a special way. Only God knows how they may eventually influence their own countries for His glory and open doors of ministry.

For the past two years, our campus has been the site of a summer Intensive English Program. The students live together on campus, study English and computers in the classroom, and experience a vast number of cultural activities during the afternoon and evenings. The students spend several weekends with host families near the coast during the 4-week program.

One of the biggest highlights of this past summer’s program was a two-week road trip. We drove them up the coast of California, then to central Oregon, and up to the Seattle area and back. All along the way, we were hosted by gracious Christian friends. As we traveled, the students studied the history of California, particularly California’s Gold Rush. They formed lasting friendships, developed their English skills, and were ready for their college classes, when the program ended in August.

All of these internationals are generally very dedicated students whose families have sacrificed greatly to help make these educational experiences possible. The college community has been enriched by the influence of the international students, and we are so very thankful for the opportunity to interact with the nations who have come to The Master’s College.
The Master's College receives Schonborn bequest

Initiatives to provide the resources which will allow The Master's College to continually improve, received a big boost in January with a significant gift from the estate of Helen Schonborn. Helen, who has been a long-time friend of the college, departed to be with the Lord on January 1, 2001 at age 92. One friend was quoted as saying, "Helen had the best possible beginning to the new year."

Dr. John Dunkin, President Emeritus of The Master's College, was introduced to Robert and Helen Schonborn approximately twenty-five years ago. Through their relationship with John and Jane Dunkin, they soon became interested in the advancement of The Master's College. Not too many years later Mr. Steve Dixon, a development officer at The Master's College would accompany Dr. Dunkin on some of his trips to the Schonborns and all soon became good friends.

The Schonborns met when they were members of the Sierra Club. For most of their forty years together they traveled widely and climbed several of the best known mountains of the world. Bob went home to heaven in 1995. Helen continued to be a most gracious hostess to the many visits of her close friends, John and Steve. They both commented often about Helen’s cheerful and godly spirit. Their conversations would usually center around the Lord, The Master's College, travel, missionary activity, and Sērē chocolates! They will surely miss the blessings of her fellowship.

Helen Schonborn supported various Christian ministries, but especially The Master's College. She provided resources for student scholarships, faculty training, and the Quest 75 Capital Campaign. Helen is a wonderful example for believers who should plan to continue laying up treasures in heaven beyond their life here on earth. She went to heaven on January 1 but will continue to give to build God's Kingdom through her planned gift to The Master's College.

International Student Testimony:

Hazel Corscadden

Hazel Corscadden is an International Student who has come from Northern Ireland to The Master's College to study the Scriptures and Computer Science. In the five year span before her arrival at TMC, Hazel struggled with a debilitating illness. During those years, though at times she could neither walk not take care of herself, she continued to write poetry to express her dependence upon the steady hand of God. In the preface to a recently published work of poems, Hazel wrote, "My long period of illness, along with my grief, brought me to realize that sometimes the only thing left to do is to praise God for being there with us. I found that the Lord helped me to remember that even when things seem at their darkest, He can still give us hope, for although we can't always see the reason why things are happening, we know that God is with us through it all."

Following is a poem from her collection Through a Glass Darkly.

His Grace

Your awe inspiring grace has saved me,
Your wondrous grace has set me free,
To live my life for my King,
To give my Lord everything.

It is His grace that's kept me until this day,
Because of this I'll walk always in His way,
Since I first believed, His grace has been shown to me,
And I can say, this grace is all I need.

I have had troubles, I'll admit,
These have been times when I'd have liked to quit.
But through my problems I have had a friend,
Jesus' love and grace will never end.

My Lord has been so good to me,
And my shield, He will always be,
Against all things that try to pull me down.
So that on that day I will receive my crown.

But when my life on this earth shall cease,
And I shall live a life of eternal peace,
I will go to the place my Lord has prepared,
To live not for me, but to praise Him instead.
Salena McDaniel, a junior at The Master's College, has been selected from more than 62,000 individuals as a Gates Millennium Scholar. The Gates Millennium Scholars' initiative is aimed at increasing the number of low-income, high-achieving, African Americans, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Pacific Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Head baseball coach, Monte Brooks, has been selected as the ABCA/Diamond Sports Company NAIA Region II Coach of the Year. He was honored at the ABCA National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 4-7, 2001. The banquet was held at the Opryland Hotel the evening of Friday, January 5.

Dr. Patricia Ennis, chair of the Home Economics Department, has been given several honors. The International Biographical Centre, located in Cambridge, England, has included her in the prestigious publication of 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century. She has also been invited to submit her biographical information for the next edition, 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century. In addition to these two impressive publications, Lexington's Who's Who has approved her candidacy in their upcoming 2000/2001 Millennium Edition of the Registry. Who's Who Among America's Teachers has also invited her to be included in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000. Most recently, the International Biographical Centre has granted her their 21st Century Award for Achievement, in recognition for her outstanding contribution. She is one of the first individuals to be honored with this award.

I Believe in Jesus. Leading Your Child to Christ, by Dr. John MacArthur, has won the Children's Product of the Year in the third annual 2000 Inspirational Life Awards. This book tells of God's plan of salvation from creation through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. By helping children see God's plan for their lives, it is a wonderful tool to assist parents in leading their child to accept Christ. Included are a salvation prayer and a place for the child and parent to sign and date regarding their decision. The 2000 Inspirational Life Awards is a viewer's choice awards show produced by The Inspiration Network, created to provide an opportunity for people to let their voice be heard by honoring the books, music, and videos that have been a particular inspiration during the past year.

The U.S. News & World Report 2001 edition of America's Best Colleges is out and The Master's College is ranked in the Top Tier of Western Regional Liberal Arts Colleges. Each year, U.S. News & World Report evaluates a wide range of data supplied by colleges and universities all across the United States. The schools were grouped into categories based on whether they are colleges or universities, public or private, and serve a national or regional population of students. Within each category, the institutions are compared with one another based on their academic reputation (weighted 25%), graduation and retention rates (25%), faculty resources (20%), student selectivity (15%), financial resources (10%), and alumni giving (5%). The Master's College is one of 61 liberal arts colleges located in our country's 15 western states. These colleges were divided into four tiers with The Master's College ranking 14th out of the 17 top tier colleges. Over the past three years, the college was ranked at the tier 2 level in 2000, and at the tier 1 level in 1999 and 2001.

For application information contact the Office of Enrollment at (800) 568-6248, extension 3363.

Musical Notes

Dr. Carolyn Simons attended a joint conference of 15 music educators in Toronto, Canada, on November 1-5, 2000. The conference, "Musical Intersections-Toronto 2000," featured more than 100 sessions which included papers, joint sessions by the various societies, and concerts by internationally known performers along with representatives and displays from numerous publishers. Dr. Simons is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Musical Instrument Society, one of the participants in the conference.

The new Women's Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Simons, gave its first performance on November 19, 2000. Nearly 200 people attended the joint concert with the bell choir of The Master's College at Valley Bible Community Church in Simi Valley, CA. The choir, which specializes in early music, performed selections from the 15th-20th centuries. The groups combined for "What Child Is This," arranged for women's choir and bells.

The Carson City Symphony in Nevada presented a seven-minute piece composed by Dr. Larry Mumford, music faculty, on December 10, as part of their monthly concert series. Entitled A Western Christmas, it is scored for full orchestra, and consists of several original themes as well as parts of the Christmas carols "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Also, some of the original music currently plays daily on over 50 radio stations nationwide as themes for The Heating and Home Hour ministry. The performance of these themes included members of The Master's Orchestra.

Dr. Ken Maya, music faculty, was privileged to be one of twelve hundred piano teachers and performers from over 40 countries who enjoyed four intensive days of music sessions at the 9th Annual World Piano Pedagogy Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 22-25, 2000. He was thrilled to be able to hear three full-length piano recitals by some of the greatest pianists of our time. He was also enriched by attending masterful teaching demonstrations by world-class teacher-performers, as well as interesting informal presentations of topics such as "The Sonata as Drama," "Beethoven - Slow Movements," "Giving the Gift of Musicianship," and "Musical Imagination." Most helpful from a pedagogical standpoint were the various music publishers exhibiting and explaining the best in piano teaching materials. Dr. Maya is certain that what he learned during this venture will spill over into his students and music colleagues for many months to come.

The Master's Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Paul Plew, will be touring Israel this May. They will be leaving campus on May 13 by way of Madrid, where they will be assisting Larry and Roseanne Thornburg in their ministry, flying into London, and then on to Tel Aviv. The purpose of the tour is three-fold, including being the guests of the Ministry of Tourism to Israeli people, ministering to Christian congregations, and touring the land under the direction of Doug Bookman. During the tour there will be wonderful times of worship led by The Master's Chorale at the Garden Tomb, Mount Carmel, the Mount of Olives, and others. Majesty, also under the direction of Dr. Paul Plew, will be working with Dr. Bob Proctor and the Slavic Gospel Association in Russia this summer.

The Master's Chorale had the privilege of recording with John MacArthur, Jon Eareckson Tada, and Robert and Bobbie Widgemuth, a devotional hymn story CD/book, O Worship the King. It is put out by Crossway Books and may be purchased at your local bookstore. They will be recording a second volume in February of 2001.

Steve Stuck, a December 1999 graduate of TMC, has signed with Fred Bock Publishing Company to have his choral composition Romans Doxology published. The Master's College Collegiate Singers performed this piece in the spring of 2000 for their annual Forest Lawn Easter Concert series. After looking at the music and hearing the CD of the Collegiate Singers performing it, the editorial staff at Fred Bock saw great potential in "Romans Doxology." Steve and those in the music department here at the college are greatly anticipating the publication and distribution of this composition.
Brad '94 & Monica '92 (Religion) Harst have settled in Byron, CA. Brad has spent the past five years developing his own landscape business. He is also a part-time firefighter. Monica is homeschooing Joseph (6), Samuel (4), and Gideon (2) and is expecting their fourth child soon.

Dave & Laurie '95 (Tackler) Belmond are now located in Oceanside, CA. They have two children, Elle and Sarah, and are attending New Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

Ruth Ann (Young) Oksloff '97 is currently located in Seattle, WA. She works at the University of Washington Medical Center and will be starting an MA in Humanities in spring of 2001. She has just completed her writing program at the University of Washington and has also finished a book of poetry to be published next year.

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Gretchen (Cordes) Sandeen '90 is now located in Palmdale, CA, and is applying to the Los Angeles Police Department.

Kurt & Danielle '93 (Friend) Andres are residing in Vancouver, WA. They have had their hands full since the arrival of their twin boys, Nathan and Benjamin, born August 18, 2000. Danielle just loves being home with the boys.

Scott Efitting '93 is living in Salinas, CA. He is serving his fourth year as Athletic Director & Physical Education teacher at Pacific Coast Christian Academy.

Brian '94 and Chandra '95 (Fleming) Howard are currently located in Huntington Beach, CA. They have one son, Andrew (1). Brian is the Executive Pastor at Beach Cities Community Church and Chandra is on staff with the music ministry at the church.

Rick '94 and T.L. (Tam) Boring are living in Shelton, WA. Rick is a Systems Consultant with CCI in Olympia, WA. He enjoys audio, video, lighting, and multimedia systems primarily for churches. T.L. is staying home with daughter Elizabeth Joy (3) and son Timothy (20 mos.). She is also busy helping start the first MOPS group in town.

Matt '95 and Karen '93 (Gilliland) Sherwood are now living in Corona, CA. They both teach at a great Christian school, where Karen teaches fourth grade and Matt teaches third.

Paul & Karen '94 (Morrow) Roberts are now located in Lakewood, CO. They own two candy stores in the Denver area and are having a blast! They have one son, Zachary (2) who does not mind being in the candy store business.

Ken & Kerry Brown '94 are presently living in Chico, CA. They have one child, Konnor, and one on the way.

Steve & Stephanie (Brenson) Barthag '94 are now residing in Santa Clarita, CA. They have three children. Steve works in Valencia and Stephanie works at home.

Larry & Debbie '95 (Stegeman) Walters are living in Houston, TX. They have two children, Kate (2) and Coby (1).

Matt '94 & Kimberly '95 Davis are currently located in Modesto, CA. They are the proud parents of Tyler Michael Davis. Kimberly is the Director of Special Services and Matt is the Assistant Principal at Modesto Christian School.

Edward Willis '96 is residing in Jacksonville, FL. Edward and his wife are enjoying being part of the music ministry at Grace Community Church of Mandarin.

Chris V. Lin '06 is located in Tainan, Taiwan. Chris is currently teaching English at a language school and is planning to stay in Taiwan for at least a year.

David & Melissa (Rose) Fry '96 just moved to Greensboro, TN. Dave is the Associate Pastor at Calvary Bible Church. Their daughter Madison Ann was born on May 4, 2000, and is a bundle of joy.

Kevin '96 & Janell '96 (Blais) Neuman have been in Covelle, WA for four years. Kevin is the Youth Pastor at First Baptist Covelle. They have one son, Jacob Donovan (1), and another on the way.

Steven & Eden (Carlson) Poltratz '97 are currently residing in San Luis Obispo, CA. The newest addition to their family, Jenna, joined their big brother, Connor (3) on May 25th.

Scott & Sandi (Scofield) Floyd '97 are presently living in Jackson, CA. They would like to announce the newest member of the Floyd family, Ethan Scott, born May 27th.

Brian McLimans '97 is located in Manteca, CA. He is a reporter for the Tri-Valley Herald newspaper in Pleasanton. His stories also appear in other ANG newspapers, including the Oakland Tribune, Fremont Argus, Hayward Daily Review, and San Ramon Valley Herald. He says, "It's a lot of fun and I am hoping to one day become a reporter in Israel!"

Mare '92 and Jill '97 (Floyd) Wing are currently living in Canyon Country, CA, while Mare works his way through seminary. Jill counts it a privilege to stay at home with their beautiful nine-month-old daughter, Sarah. Mare also works at Grace to You in Computer Networking.

Brad & Sandy '89 (Samuel) Ayres are now located in Tuson, CA. Sandy is in her third year of teaching at a private Christian school. Brad is working for a software company in LA.

Nicole Sjolander '99 is now overseas in Pune, INDIA. She is serving under the Williams family, who are missionaries through Grace Community Church.

Chip & Amber '96 (Boyd) Davis just got married and are currently living in Canyon Country, CA.

Dave McMuller '99 is located in Mounet Vernon, WA. He is currently working in his home church, Emmanuel Baptist Church as a Junior High Youth Director alongside Dave Miller '91. They both absolutely love youth Ministries!
Buescher Sparkles In Only Season at TMC

Those who were acquainted with Erin Buescher's on-court ability knew she would have an immediate impact on the women's basketball program at The Master's College. True to form, the All-American transfer from UC Santa Barbara has led the Lady Mustangs to a school record 22-game winning streak, a 24-2 record, a No. 7 national ranking, and an almost-certain high seeding in the NAIA National Tournament in March.

Through 22 games, the 6-3 Buescher paces the Lady Mustangs in six statistical categories including scoring, rebounding, and steals. She has collected nine double-doubles thus far and was voted Most Outstanding Player at the GSAC Women's Challenge in late December where the Mustangs upset the nation's top-ranked squad, Oklahoma City University.

While at UCSB, Buescher was a three-time Big West Conference Player of the Year and earned NCAA All-American honors by leading the Lady Gauchos to three consecutive Big West Conference regular season and tournament titles and a trio of NCAA Tournament appearances. She left UC Santa Barbara as the school's second all-time leading scorer with 1,697 points.

Of her transfer, Buescher said, "Living in Santa Barbara these past three years has been a bag of mixed emotions. I have no complaints about the university, the community, the basketball program, the team, or the coaching staff. On the contrary, there is a special place inside of me that will always be reserved for my time spent in Santa Barbara.

“My decision to leave is a direct result of my desire to please God first above all else and pursue, on a deeper level, my commitment to Him. Coach French (Mark, UCSB women's coach) truly is an amazing person. When I came to him with my decision, his support was so encouraging, and although he admitted to not necessarily agreeing with my decision at the time, he made sure I knew that he supported me and was even proud of me. Coach French saw that this was a life decision for me; he knows that basketball is just a game and falls quite a bit lower on my priority list.

"Just as I believe that attending The Master's College is God's will for me, I also believe God put me in Santa Barbara for the past three years and am grateful for the growth that Santa Barbara and the women's basketball program provided."

Although Erin's priority was not basketball, she was pleasantly surprised to find the Lady Mustangs to be a seasoned team. They are just as competitive as she is which makes for a perfect match.

Don't think others haven't taken notice of her abilities – Coach of the LA Sparks, Michae Cooper, came to visit during practice, and "Jeanie Brown, the WNBA's vice president of player personnel attended a game.

Is Erin interested in playing pro ball? For right now, she's content to be where God has placed her. "I'm excited for what God has in store for me here at Master's. I'm shocked daily as my professors open class up with prayer, as I study the Bible in my Old Testament class, and as basketball practice is opened and closed with prayer. I've enjoyed the team, the atmosphere, and the focus that I've experienced in the short time I've been here. This is a unique place and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity."

Erin Buescher stats:
Average: 17.6 points per game
9.6 rebounds per game
3.9 steals per game
2.1 blocked shots per game

Once a Dream, Now a Reality

Mike Penberthy, the all time leading scorer in the history of men's basketball at The Master's College, was signed as a free agent by the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers in October.

A 1997 alumnus of the college, Penberthy scored 2,616 points in his four-year career, was a two-time First-Team NAIA All-American, and set ten other records. He holds the record for both the most three-point field goals attempted and the most three-point goals made, having made 444 of his 1,017 three-point shots. He also made 516 free throws during his college career. Following graduation, the 6’3” guard spent time in the Continental Basketball Association and a professional league in Germany before gaining a tryout with the Lakers.

Signed for his outside shooting prowess, Penberthy has become an accomplished student of Coach Phil Jackson's difficult-to-learn triangle offense. Through his first sixteen games as a Laker, Penberthy is playing 17.9 minutes a game, averaging 5.9 points per game, and has the second-best three-point percentage on the squad.

Mike has a long history with The Master's College. His grandfather, Dr. John R. Dunkin, served as president of the college from 1959 to 1985. His parents, Mark and Marilyn, are graduates of the college as are two of his younger brothers, Aaron and Joey. He and his wife Wendy, a fellow 1997 alum, live in Newhall.

Mike has had many great memories over his four seasons at The Master's College and he has given us some of those great memories. It was a real privilege to watch him play. He played hard and with a purpose. He made everyone on the team a better player. He did it all for the glory of God. Once again, he renews our excitement and He continues to bring honor and glory to God.
March
3 Maren Grimm Senior Recital
3-4 MBG Regional Tournament  
8 ASB Lion King Event  
10-18 Spring Break  
12 CPS Convocation  
14-20 MBG National Tournament  
20 ASB Worship Night  
22 Kellie Cunningham Piano Recital  
22-24 Spring Play  
24 ASB Community Service Day  
29-31 Spring Play  
31 ASB Golf Day  

April
2 Fall Registration begins for all students  
5 Stephen McAuland Piano Recital  
5-7 College View Weekend  
6 ASB Spring Sing  
7 Jacob Schwarzi/Todd Faris Voice Recital  
11-12 Forest Lawn Concerts  
18 All School Test Day  
18 Nellie Meredith Recital  
20 ASB Elections  
20 Spring Banquet  
23 TMC Annual Golf Tournament  
26 Ryan Dierski Recital  
27 Meghan Habersack Piano Recital  
27-28 ASB Planning Retreat  
28 Leah Sapko Senior Recital  
29 Women's Chamber Choir/Spring Ensemble Concert  

May
1 Reading Day  
1 Master Class with Christopher Parkening  
2 Year End Show  
3 Chilvers Faculty Flute Recital  
4 Last Day of Classes  
4 Jazz Ensemble  
4 Chorale Concert  
5 Matthew Godshall Senior Recital  
7-11 Final Exams  
10 Donor Dinner  
11 Spring Concert  
12 Graduation  
14 First Post-session begins  
27 Memorial Day  
June 1 End of First Post-session  

Majesty and Chorale Spring Schedule 2001
4 Sunday 10:00 A.M. (Majesty)  
New Joy Community Church  
7450 Downey Ave.  
Bellaflower, CA 90706  
Dick Horn (562) 634-2910  
7 Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (Chorale)  
Wayzata Community Church  
2564 Felgate Ave.  
Rosemead, CA 91770  
Michael Bohr (661) 258-9222  
22 Thursday 8:30 A.M. (Majesty)  
Santa Clarita Christian School  
27249 Luther Dr.  
Canyon Country, CA 91351  
Dave Duran (661) 252-7371  
25 Sunday 9: 10:45 A.M. (Majesty)  
Faith Community Church  
21704 Golden Triangle- Ste. 410  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350  
Milo East (661) 259-1741  
8 Sunday A.M. (Majesty)  
Leona Valley Comm. Church  
9306 Leona Ave.  
Leona Valley, CA 93551  
Steve Bright (661) 270-1357  
8 Sunday A.M. (Majesty)  
Community Baptist Church  
2153 Twin Crest Ave.  
Palmbale, CA 93551  
Steve Borders  
22 Sunday A.M. (Majesty)  
Grace Baptist  
121 W. Avila Ave.  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Ron Hendro (805) 925-2671  
28 Sunday, A.M. (Majesty)  
1st Baptist of West LA  
1609 S. Barrington Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025  
(310) 674-8374  
6 Sunday P.M. (Chorale)  
Santa Clarita Baptist Church  
27249 Luther Dr.  
Canyon Country, CA 91351  
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