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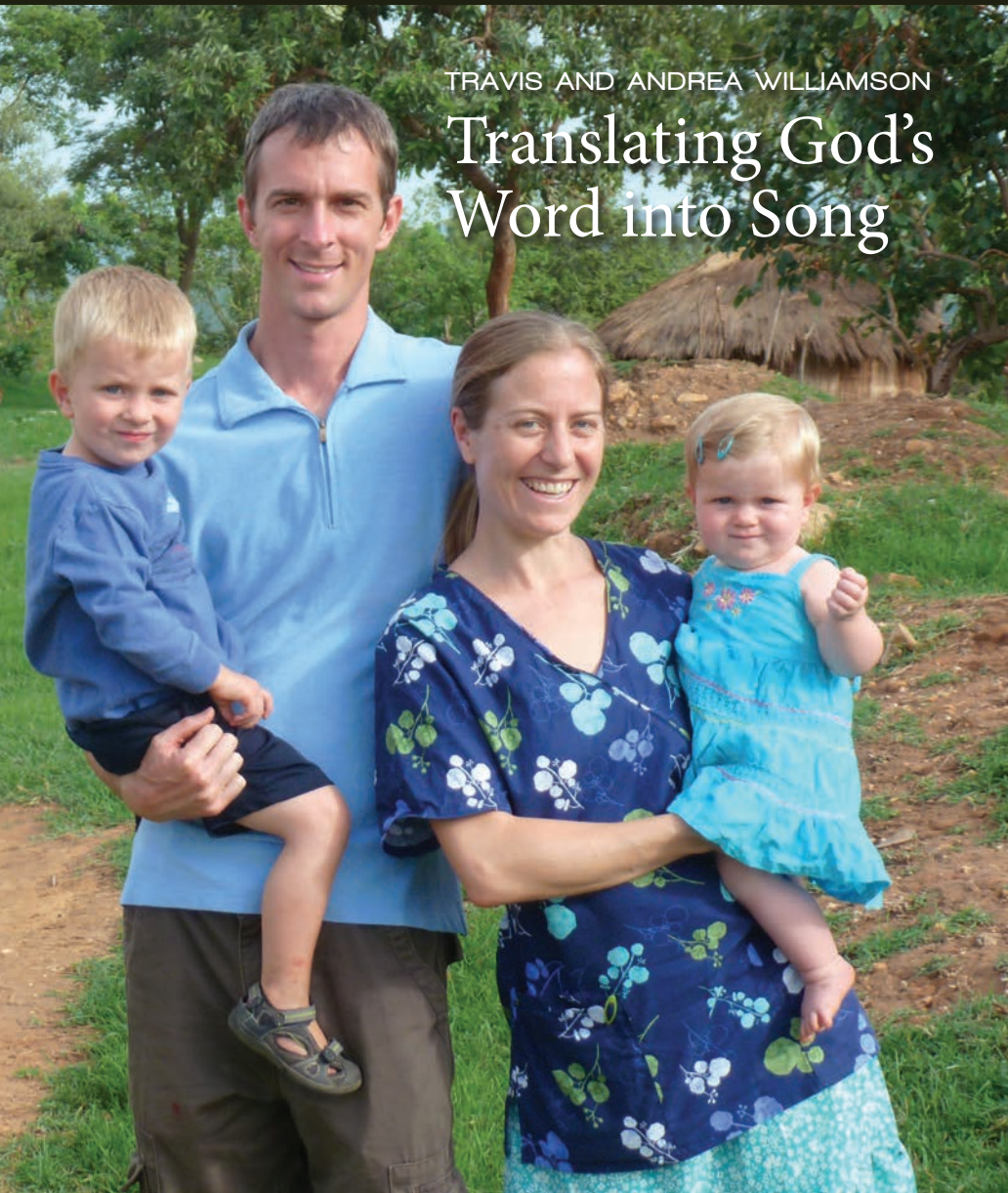
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# Alumni News

Class Notes from Alumni of **Moody Bible Institute**

TRAVIS AND ANDREA WILLIAMSON

## Translating God's Word into Song



## From the Executive Director



*Now in our 128th year, Moody is still equipping students to impact the world for Christ.*

Dear friends,

With a new academic school year in full swing, it's always exciting to see the enthusiasm and passion of students, faculty, and staff at Moody. As each of you know, Moody is an amazing place to prepare for ministry. Now in our 128th year, Moody is still equipping students to impact the world for Christ.

In this issue, we feature Travis and Andrea Williamson, a couple who met at Moody and discovered their life's calling to serve as Bible translators in Ethiopia. You'll also read about three of Moody Bible Institute's music ensembles who recently traveled to three continents to share Christ through music. And in response to our invitation to share a Moody legacy story, alumnus Joia (Smith) Lucht gave a fascinating account of how God answered a relative's prayer and led several generations of her family to train at Moody for global ministry.

In addition to students and alumni, Moody's media ministries are also involved in global outreach. In June, a team from Moody Radio held a Global Partners Training conference in Ghana, West Africa, training African broadcasters in media ministry. The conference was very well received and fits Moody's strategic direction to equip people with the truth of God's Word across the globe, cultures, and generations.

Whether you live in Chicago or halfway around the world, I'd love to hear how God has been leading you to minister for His glory. You can email the Alumni Association at [moodyalum@moody.edu](mailto:moodyalum@moody.edu). I'd also be overjoyed to have you join us for The Land and the Book tour in Israel next June. What an amazing setting to connect with other alumni and friends! See page 21 for details.

In Him,

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings  
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

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## Board of Trustees Elects Two New Members

Dr. Julianna Slattery and Dr. Manuel Gutierrez are the newest members of Moody Bible Institute's Board of Trustees.

"We're thrilled to add to our ranks two such gifted professionals," said board chairman **Jerry B. Jenkins '67-'68**. "Drs. Slattery and Gutierrez bring not only outstanding skills in their respective areas of expertise but also deep spiritual lives and a love for Moody that can only benefit the Institute."



Dr. Slattery is a clinical psychologist, author, speaker, and broadcast media professional. She is also the co-founder and president of Authentic Intimacy, a ministry devoted

to helping women find intimacy in marriage and with God. Dr. Slattery holds a Master of Science and Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology from Florida Institute of Technology.

She also holds degrees in psychology from Biola University and Wheaton College and is the author of five books. Dr. Slattery and her husband, Michael, have three children. They live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Dr. Gutierrez is dean of the Language School of Rio Grande Bible Institute in McAllen, Texas, where he has served for over 30 years. He holds a Doctor of Educational

Leadership degree from the University of Texas-Pan American. He attended Moody Bible Institute from 1969 to 1970. Dr. Gutierrez has served on the boards of the Association for Biblical Higher Education and Crusader Ministries, as well as World Radio Network, CrossGlobal Link, and the International Congress on Language Learning. He and his wife, Jane, have two children. They live in McAllen, Texas.

## Remembering Dr. Donald Hustad, 1918–2013



A memorial service that included singing by Moody Chorale alumni, directed by **Gerald Edmonds '57** was held to honor the life of Donald Hustad.

He died June 22 at age 94. His wife, Ruth, died July 18, just three weeks later. As director of Moody's Music Department from 1950 until 1963, he left an enduring legacy, including founding the Women's Glee Club (now Women's Concert Choir) and introducing the annual performances of Handel's *Messiah* and Candlelight Carols.

Dr. Hustad was a church organist, composer/arranger, hymnal editor, educator, and author of several books, including *Jubilate!*, which presents his philosophy of church music.

"His effort to bring about a high standard of undergraduate training for musical excellence has provided a rich heritage from which we benefit every day," wrote Moody Music Department chair Cynthia Uitermarkt in a program for Dr. Hustad's memorial service on July 27. "Since he left Moody, thousands of musicians have graduated under the profound influence of what he began."

## New Moody Degrees and Emphases

To stay innovative in equipping students to reach across cultures with the truth of God's Word, Moody Theological Seminary (MTS) is offering several new or redesigned accredited master's degree programs and certificates at its campuses in Chicago and Michigan. And Moody Distance Learning has a new extension site!

### Moody Extension Site (Dallas, Texas)

This new site opened on the campus of Southern Bible Institute (SBI), enabling students with an Associate of Science degree from SBI to earn a Bachelor of Science in Ministry Leadership degree from Moody Bible Institute. Cost-effective evening courses in ministry leadership, congregational dynamics, and ministry practice are taught by Moody adjunct professors in a traditional classroom, allowing qualified students to complete the degree in two years.

The extension site renews historic ties between the two institutes dating back to D. L. Moody's days. In 1888 Moody preached a sermon heard by 8,000 people, including then 12-year-old Harry Ironside. Ironside grew up to become chairman of the newly founded Southern Bible Institute in 1927 and pastor of The Moody Church two years later.

### MACP Degree with Marriage and Family Certification (both campuses)

The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology is now available not only at MTS-Michigan but also at MTS in Chicago. In addition, a 13-hour marriage and family certification program is being offered at both campuses, thanks to The Gary D. Chapman Chair for Marriage and Family. Available to current students and anyone who has graduated with a

MACP degree, the certificate helps meet the academic criteria for licensure as a marriage and family counselor in Michigan, Illinois, or any state the student chooses.

### Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship (both campuses)

New at MTS-Michigan, this degree equips students to serve effectively in various servant leadership roles, such as director of small groups or discipleship, pastor, women's ministry director, church planter, or missionary. Through Bible, systematic theology, and spiritual formation courses, students sharpen their own spiritual disciplines and learn to shepherd, exhort, and guide others to grow in Christ.

### Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (both campuses)

New at MTS-Michigan, this degree provides students with biblical knowledge to effectively interpret and apply the Word of God. Students enhance research and communication skills, while learning to integrate faith and ministry strategies to impact others for Christ. This multifaceted degree, which includes an internship under guided supervision, prepares students to serve as a missionary, Christian curriculum director, Christian school or camp administrator, pastor, or in other capacities.

### Master of Arts [Intercultural and Urban Studies] (Chicago campus)

This redesigned degree is student-driven, equipping students to serve churches, parachurch ministries, and mission organizations through intercultural ministry research. Along with biblical and theological study and

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reflection, students focus on a specialization such as urban ministry, ministry in contexts of violence and human exploitation, church planting, congregational research, or intercultural pastoral ministry.

### Vocational Stewardship Certificate (Chicago campus)

Combined with a Master of Divinity or a Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership degree, this new emphasis focuses on

the integration of faith, work, and economics. Students study missions-based ministry programs and social entrepreneurial ventures that address global poverty and foster economic growth. The certificate includes a hands-on immersion and innovation project designed to transform the community. Scholarships are available.

To apply or for more information, contact Admissions at 800-588-8344 or visit [www.moody.edu](http://www.moody.edu).

### Dr. Chapman to Lead Pastors' Workshop at MTS–Michigan



**Dr. Gary Chapman '58**, bestselling author of *The 5 Love Languages*, will lead a free Pastors' Workshop on marriage and family counseling at Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan

on November 15. MTS–Michigan provides workshops periodically to

resource and support local pastors. A pastors' workshop last May drew more than 100 local pastors to the seminary in Plymouth to receive leadership training from **Dr. Gene Getz '52**, former Board of Trustees member and former professor at Moody. To register for the workshop in November or for more information, visit [www.moody.edu/pastorsworkshop](http://www.moody.edu/pastorsworkshop) or call 888-MTS-2737.

### Moody Launches New Education Website

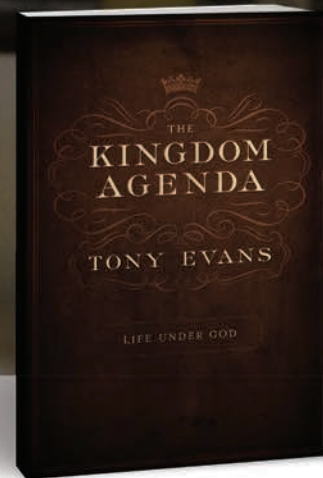


Explore Moody's new education website at [www.moody.edu](http://www.moody.edu). Launched July 1, it features a fresh look and uncluttered, user-friendly navigation for current and

prospective Moody students, alumni, and parents. What you'll find:

- **Top-menu navigation** helps users navigate easily through relevant topics.
- **Academic Program Finder** tool allows prospective students to find the program of their choice according to school, campus, level, and categories of interest.
- **Academic calendar** provides a new way for students, parents, and visitors to find events at Moody, from important academic dates and music ensembles to sports events and more.

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### Christmas Concerts at Moody

Celebrate the joyous Christmas season with Moody by attending two annual musical events.

**Handel's *Messiah***, Sunday, November 17, 3:30 p.m., Torrey-Gray Auditorium; sung by Moody's Oratorio Chorus. Tickets are available for \$13 each beginning October 7. Visit [www.moody.edu/concerts](http://www.moody.edu/concerts).

**Candlelight Carols**, Friday, December 6, 8 p.m., and Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., The Moody Church.

We invite you to celebrate this Christmas music/drama event with other alumni on December 6, at 6:30 p.m., during a pre-performance reception on Moody's Chicago campus. Mingle with friends, then ride a free shuttle bus to the concert. Alumni can receive up to four discounted tickets at \$10 each for the Friday night performance only. For more information or to request tickets at the discounted price, call the Alumni Association office at 312-329-4412.



### Save the Date! Founder's Week, February 3–7, 2014

Make plans to join us for Founder's Week, February 3–7, 2014, and enjoy reconnecting with your former classmates. Alumni events on Moody's Chicago campus will include reunion dinners for the classes of 1964, 1974, 1989, and 2004, and the Alumni Banquet. On Alumni Day, February 4, the Faculty Citation Award will be presented, and during the evening session at The Moody Church, the Alumnus of the Year will be named.

Throughout Founder's Week, you'll be strengthened in your Christian faith as

you hear excellent Bible teaching from **Leith Anderson '65**, **Gary Chapman '58**, Jim Cymbala, Crawford Loritts, Erwin Lutzer, Priscilla Shirer, Colin Smith, **Wess Stafford '70**, and Paul Nyquist. Worship will be led by the All Chicago Choir directed by **Charles Butler '81**, Chicago Tabernacle Choir, Aaron Shust, and Moody's music ensembles, along with the sanctuary choir of The Moody Church, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/foundersweek](http://www.facebook.com/foundersweek).

### Send Your Pastor to Pastors' Conference

Make plans to honor your pastor during Pastor Appreciation Month in October by sponsoring him to attend next year's re|Focus Pastors' Conference at Moody Bible Institute, May 19–22, 2014.

Each year, more than 1,000 pastors from around the world meet on the Chicago campus to enjoy fellowship with other pastors, challenging Bible teaching from respected Christian leaders, and

soul-stirring worship. Real-time Spanish translation of sessions is included.

Speakers for Pastors' Conference 2014 will include H. B. Charles, Bryan Loritts, Luis Mendez, Larry Moyer, Paul Nyquist, Don Sunukjian, Tullian Tchividjian, and many others. Pastors can choose from approximately 100 workshops on a range of ministry topics and browse the exhibit hall for ministry-related vendors and resources.

Here's what pastors have said about re|Focus Pastors' Conference:

"This was my first Pastors' Conference, and it was a great time to interact with and listen to a lot of godly men. Someday I would like to replicate the conference in India."

—*Pastor Viju Thomas M.Div. '10, Lamon Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois (future church planter in his native India)*

"All the speakers are great, but the thing I like best are the relationships I build here. The camaraderie is a special thing."

—*Pastor Dave Georgeff, Grace Community Baptist Church, Jerseyville, Illinois*

"I'm glad I came because not only did I get refocused but I got revived. It's been great."

—*Ron Nelson, director of evangelism and missions, Oakland Bible Fellowship, Dallas, Texas*

"Pastors' Conference gives us an opportunity to be among peers, to take the time to share and reflect, and like the theme suggests, to refocus."

—*Pastor Jesus Velasquez M.Div. '09, Brickyard Bible Church, Chicago, Illinois*

"Pastors' Conference rejuvenates you. You listen to the different speakers and it gives you something extra to go home with."

—*Pastor John Snell, St. John Baptist Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio (He has not missed Pastors' Conference since he started attending in 1984.)*

**For more information or to register your pastor for next year's conference, please visit [www.moodyconferences.com/pastorsconference](http://www.moodyconferences.com/pastorsconference).**

## INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOTS FROM MOODY'S MUSIC ENSEMBLES

# Singing God's Praises Around the World



The Women's Concert Choir at the Vatican and the Men's Collegiate Choir in Sydney, Australia.

In late May, three of Moody's four music ensembles traveled to foreign destinations to minister internationally through music and God's Word.

**The Moody Men's Collegiate Choir**, conducted by **Dr. H. E. Singley '71**, traveled in New Zealand and Australia from May 21 to June 9, presenting about two dozen concerts in churches and schools. Along the way, they recorded five songs for a Christian TV network reaching New Zealand and sang at Bear Cottage, a hospice facility for terminally ill children in Manley, New South Wales. "This was a particularly moving time for all of us, as we got to interact with these children and see how beautiful but transitory life really is," says Vince Schiller '14, Men's Choir president and composition major.

Dr. Singley, who has conducted the Men's Choir for 17 years, was "gratified and humbled by the response of people," including that of Moody alumni **Jim '62** and **Grace (Unkefer '60) Vine**, who heard the young men sing in Brisbane, Australia. Jim had sung in the Men's Choir back when it was the Moody Men's Glee Club. In a note to Dr. Singley, Grace wrote, "Thank you for a wonderful evening with the Men's Choir. We told a couple of the guys that when they get older they will realize that this choir experience has been one of the high points of their lives."

**The Women's Concert Choir**, conducted by Dr. Betty-Ann Lynerd, traveled in Italy from May 19 to June 5. They performed in schools, a nursing home, community theaters, churches, and a piazza in Venice.

The choir ministered at several church plants, including one run by alumnus **Frank King '71** in a gypsy compound. They also sang at Rome Baptist Church. They spent four nights in San Lorenzo, Italy, at Saints Bible Institute, run by alum **Samuel Spatola '89**. Missionaries challenged the students to consider the 60 million Italians and 32,000 cities and towns without an evangelical church.

Christiana Galeai, a junior music major who turned 20 in Italy, got the message. "Earthly kingdoms come and pass away, but heavenly citizenship remains eternal," she wrote on her blog. "I invite you to live a life that will outlast the ruins; a life grounded in the gospel."

Women's Choir accompanist Rebekah Agin '14 was touched by the people she met on tour, including a castle tour guide who attended their concert in Valvasone and showed interest in the gospel. "We began to see how important our presence there was," says Rebekah, a music major with a piano emphasis.



The Moody Chorale in Brazil

**The Moody Chorale**, led by Dr. Xiangtang Hong, ministered to about 20,000 people in Brazil from May 19 to June 11, singing in churches, schools, and public venues in São Paulo and other cities. Several concerts were streamed live. Chorale president Steven Thomson '13, who has served with the Chorale for four years, enjoyed singing in the diverse ethnic churches of Brazil, including Chinese, Korean, German, and, of course, Brazilian. "At every church we visited, we were met by brothers and sisters in Christ eager to receive us," he says.

Lauren Allinger '14, Chorale member and fifth-year music voice major, adds, "Many people were moved to decisions, were taught truth, and were encouraged by our words."



## Moody Expands Media Ministry Training to Africa

In response to a growing plea for Christian media training around the world, Moody Radio collaborated with international media ministries to hold their second Global Partners Training conference.

More than 200 Christian ministry and broadcast leaders from 13 African countries as well as the U.S. and Britain attended the event, held June 18–21 at the Hephzibah Christian Center in Peduase, Ghana, West Africa.

Theovision International, a Christian media organization in Ghana, hosted the conference, while Africa by Radio promoted it to its radio network. Training was provided by a team of Moody Radio professionals (**Bruce Everhart '88**, Collin Lambert, Jennifer Epperson, **Pierre Chestang '79**, **Jon Gauger '80**, Brian Dahlen, **Stephen Asare '08**, and **Chris Burdick '12**) as well as Moody Bible Institute professor of Pastoral Studies Dr. Winfred Neely, Board member Dr. Thomas Fortson, and HCJB Global. Four Moody Radio student interns also traveled with the team.

Morning and afternoon sessions focused on radio production, biblical programming, social media, writing, leadership, fundraising, and other topics. In the evenings, lively worship was followed by Dr. Neely's powerful teaching from the Old Testament book of Ruth.

"Our purpose was to focus on our main thrust at Moody, and that's Bible and media training," says **Bruce Everhart '88**, vice president of Donor Development



Jon Gauger '80 teaches a session at the Global Partners Training conference.

and Channel Strategy at Moody Bible Institute. "I think we accomplished that very well during this conference, and it ended up being one of the largest media training conferences in Theovision International's history."

For Ghana native and Moody alumnus **Stephen Asare '08**, who helped coordinate the training, the conference was a dream come true. Back in 2007, as a junior at Moody, he had arranged for one of his communications professors to conduct a small training conference in Ghana organized by Theovision International, which was founded by his father, Rev. Theodore Asare. "It was so impactful that I wanted to do it again on a larger scale," explains Stephen, who worked for Moody Radio after graduation, then returned home to establish three FM radio stations and one Internet station in Ghana.

Now project coordinator for Moody's Donor Development, Stephen was excited to see 215 enthusiastic participants receive certificates from the organizers at the end of the conference.

"They are going back to their radio stations and ministries equipped to prepare, research, and think biblically about radio," says Stephen, who rejoices that they have "the same mission as Moody to reach the globe for Christ."

One of the participants, Kwame Nkrumah, is a language consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Seed Company in Ghana. "Spiritually, I've



Stephen Asare '08 helped coordinate the conference in Ghana.



Peter Awane '03 and Bruce Everhart '88

been blessed through the devotionals and the discussions," says Kwame, who appreciated the leadership training that taught him to view fundraising from a biblical perspective. "I used to think of fundraising as going there to ask, but today, I have learned the principle of fundraising being ministry."

Because of the partnership of Moody Radio listeners who gave to Share 2013, Moody was able to invest \$50,000 to fund the Global Training Conference, making the cost affordable so more Africans could attend.

Moody Radio's **Jon Gauger '80**, who taught radio production topics, was "blown away" by the participants' vision for reaching Africa for Christ. "They have big hearts, big dreams, big visions, and a big capacity to do big work. They're concerned about the world that doesn't know Jesus, and that puts a smile on my face."

The first Global Partners Training conference was held in Sophia, Bulgaria, in November 2012. Moody is prayerfully considering invitations for future Global Partners Training conferences in the Balkans, Africa, and other locations.

*To read more about the conference in Ghana, including daily recaps, visit [www.moodyradio.org/globalpartners](http://www.moodyradio.org/globalpartners).*

### The Power of Christian Radio

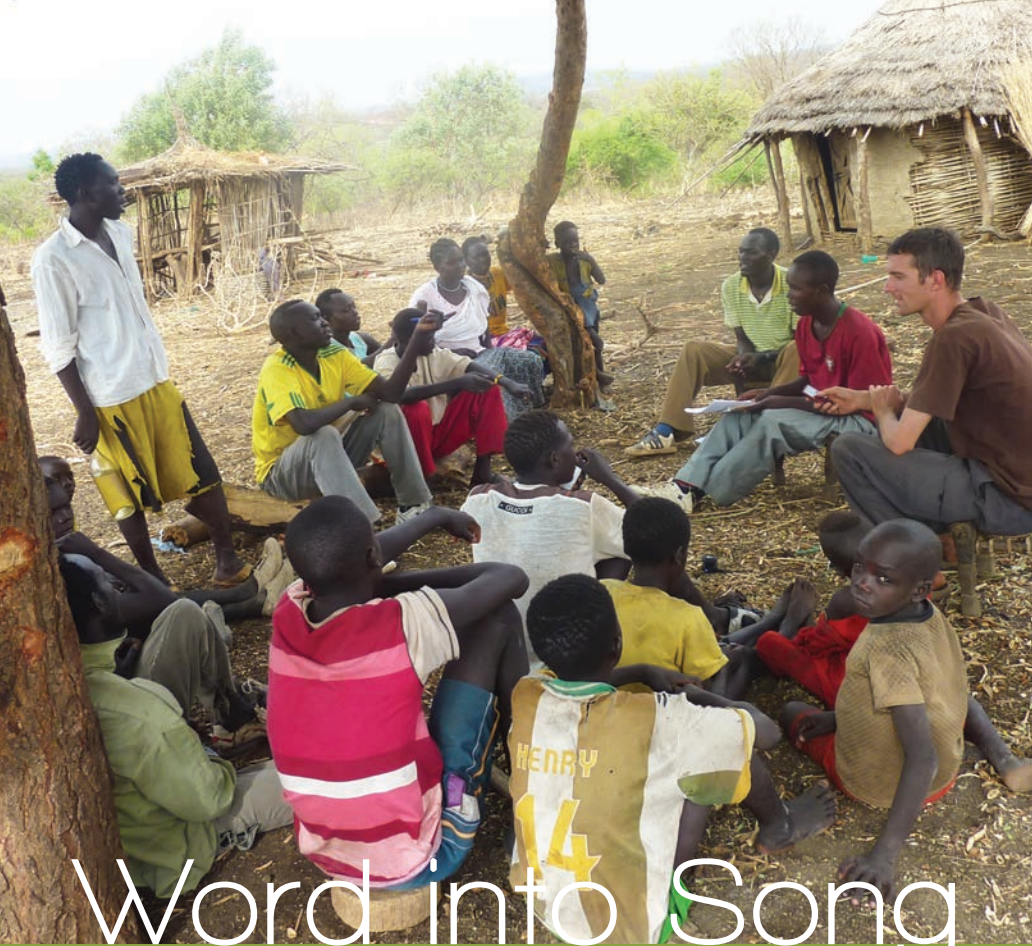
One of the attendees at the Global Partners Training conference was Moody alumnus **Peter Awane '03**, a Ghana native and Moody alumnus who credits Christian radio with helping him solidify his faith in Christ. Raised in a pagan village, he had heard the gospel from missionaries as a teenager. After he tuned in to Christian programming on his dad's radio, the gospel made sense and awakened a desire to start his own station. "I just thought I should have a radio station that will also let me talk about this Jesus to many people," he explains.

First, God burdened Peter to do Bible translation work for 20 years in his native frafra language. As he desired more Bible training, the door opened to receive a Bible education by correspondence through Moody Bible Institute. In 2003 Peter was able to graduate in person on Moody's Chicago campus. "I'd never ridden in a big bus, let alone a plane going to America," he says. "It was like a dream."

Peter has put his training to good use. He manages a school in northern Ghana with 17 staff and 300 children, of which 150 are orphans. He also runs a Christian radio station, Word FM, with 18 staff members.

Peter was spiritually energized by the Global Partners Training conference and hopes many African broadcasters who attended will not only make "Christ the center of all that they do," but will also pursue a Moody education.





# Word into Song

## ALUMNI HELP ETHIOPIANS TRANSLATE AND SING SCRIPTURE

In a mud-walled church on Gesas mountain in Ethiopia, the Gumuz congregation stood around a big African drum, but instead of singing and stepping to the steady drumbeat, they were frustrated and bickering. Wycliffe Bible translators Travis '02 and Andrea (Rockey '03) Williamson watched in dismay as Habtamu, one of their team of local Bible translators, attempted for the third time to teach the congregation a new song about creation he'd helped write in the traditional Gumuz style. Music is a prominent part of the Gumuz identity, and Travis had hoped the new song, based on their draft of Genesis 1, would help the oral Gumuz culture learn God's Word. "After five or so painful minutes, I was ready to pull the plug and admit defeat," Travis recalls.

But Habtamu persevered. He repeated the song again and again until the women began experimenting with their traditional harmonization and the song hit its stride. After almost 30 minutes, the last word of the chorus finally completed its echo off the tin roof above their heads. "The air was electric as the Gumuz believers applauded their new song," Travis says. "God's Word in song was reaching down to the depths of Gumuz hearts, not only in the Gumuz language, but in their musical style, translated, composed, and performed by Gumuz believers."

The Williamsons, who moved to Ethiopia in 2009, feel privileged to assist the Gumuz team in translating God's Word and making sure new Gumuz songs accurately reflect Scripture.

Ironically, Travis never planned to become a Bible translator when he arrived at Moody Bible Institute in 1998. He recalls telling God he'd be willing to do anything in missions except Bible translation, which he perceived as a boring desk job. That perception changed during Founder's Week 1999 when he heard Marilyn Laszlo, a Wycliffe Bible translator, share riveting stories of working hand-in-hand with a team of speakers in their mother tongue. Her description of a typical Bible translator—a Christian who is academic yet creative and works well with people—resonated with Travis, who went on to graduate with a B.A. in Applied Linguistics.

Travis enjoyed studying linguistics under Moody professors Steve Clark and Andrew Minch '78, especially "cracking the code of another culture's perception of the world," he says. "It was in the classrooms at Moody that God's call on my life to serve Him in Bible translation became crystal clear."



Travis works with Habtamu, translator and songwriter.

Meanwhile, Andrea, whose father and grandfather were pilots, had chosen to pursue aviation at Moody. Despite becoming a licensed airplane mechanic after three years of training, she struggled to complete the rigorous program and finally chose a new major, graduating in 2003 with a B.A. in International Ministries.

"Moody's faculty modeled their faith and helped me develop a consistent relationship with Christ," she says.

After Travis and Andrea married in 2005, they pursued more theological and linguistic training in Dallas, Texas. To help pay bills, Andrea stopped at an airport and asked whether they needed an airplane mechanic. She recognized God's leading when the maintenance supervisor who met her turned out to be a former Moody classmate, Nate Killoren '03. "He hired me on the spot!" says Andrea, who renewed her confidence in doing airplane maintenance and in trusting God to open doors.

Both Andrea and Travis, who now have two young children, refer to Moody's tuition-paid education as a "huge blessing" that got them to the field without debt. In partnership with the Bible Society of Ethiopia and the Gumuz team, they hope to complete a translation of the Gospel of Luke by the end of 2013 and the whole New Testament by 2020.



Jack '46 and Margaret "Peggy" (Crossman '43) Maxson



Jimmie and Willine (McKinney '45) Maxson



Wesley '69 and Patty (Price '67) Smith



Randall and Ruth (Price '73) Smith



Joshua '92-'93 and Joia Noel (Smith '91-'93) Lucht



Ethan Lucht, class of 2017

# 100-Year-Old Prayer Leads to Moody Legacy



Elvin Maxson

**It was** October 19, 1917, and Sgt. Elvin Maxson lay in the trenches praying. As the Germans shelled the area, Elvin offered God everything he could think of—even his future children—if God would spare his life. “I wasn’t even married, not even engaged or had anyone in mind, but I promised,” he recalled in 1985. The Lord delivered Elvin from World War I and gave him four children who served in full-time ministry, including **Jack Maxson '46**, a Moody alumnus and missionary. Two grandchildren also attended Moody and served in full-time ministry.

The latest is fourth-generation Moody student Ethan Lucht, Elvin “Papa” Maxson’s great-great-grandson, who

gave up a 105 percent scholarship to Missouri state schools so he could attend Moody this fall. Ethan feels called to serve God overseas after he graduates in 2017. “We believe this is evidence of the continued fulfillment of Papa’s vow, 100 years before, and we praise God for His continued faithfulness in claiming our children as His own,” says **Joia Noel (Smith '91-'93) Lucht**, Ethan’s mother, whose family tree is marked by four generations of Moody students and alumni. Ethan’s father’s side also includes several generations trained at Moody.

## Maternal Side

**1st Generation:** **Jack Maxson '46** served in World War II, then met his wife, **Margaret “Peggy” (Crossman '43)**, at Moody. They served as missionaries to Muslims in Aden, Arabian Peninsula, (now in Yemen), until Peggy contracted polio while pregnant. She was kept alive

in an iron lung until she could travel to England, where she gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Despite being told she would never walk again, she endured painful physical therapy and learned to walk with braces. Jack and Peggy returned to the mission field, serving for many more years.

Jack Maxson’s brother Jimmie served in the Navy during WWII, then married a Moody alum, **Willine McKinney '45**. They served together in pastoral ministry for 50 years.

**2nd Generation:** **William “Wesley” Smith '69** and **Mary “Patty” (Price '67) Smith** are Moody graduates and Ethan’s grandparents. They served in Mexico and Costa Rica as missionaries with CAM International (now Camino Global), but became seriously ill from drinking contaminated water. The

Smiths had to return to the states for treatment but continued to serve the Lord. Patty is now a therapist for children with learning disabilities.

Ethan’s great aunt, **Ruth (Price '73) Smith**, a music major, was known around campus as an inveterate prankster. She married Randall Smith (unrelated to Wesley), and went on to teach and direct church music. She now serves at Dallas Theological Seminary.

**3rd Generation:** Ethan’s parents, **Joshua Lucht '92-'93** and **Joia Noel (Smith '91-'93) Lucht** met at Moody. Both have worked in media, Joshua as a news producer and Joia as a concert producer. They used their platforms and connections to share the gospel.

**4th Generation:** Ethan Lucht, class of 2017.

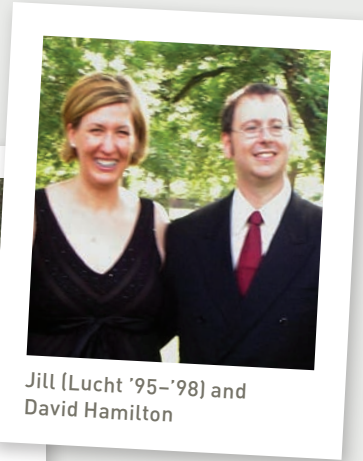
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Ivan and Alice (Gustafson '37) Olsen



Christy Chappell  
Belkin '95



Jill (Lucht '95-'98) and  
David Hamilton

## Paternal Side

**1st Generation:** Ethan's great grandmother **Alice (Gustafson) Olsen '37** attended Moody. She married Ivan Olsen, who founded the Berean denomination in the Midwest. Alice served as a mentor to the women of the denomination, especially the pastors' wives. Four of Alice's siblings (**Cliff '48**, **Lorraine '47**, **Dorothy Mae '44**, and **Oliver '48**) attended Moody as well. Lorraine married Moody alumnus **Irving Booth '47**.

A first cousin to the Gustafson siblings, **Norma Westerbek Stoffl '39-'40** spent many years as a single missionary to Cuba. Her name is on a plaque behind Torrey-Gray Auditorium.

**2nd Generation:** The Gustafsons' children did not attend Moody, however some of their descendants did. **Christy Chappell Belkin '95**, granddaughter of Lorraine (Gustafson) and Irving Booth,

now works with Intervarsity and helps organize the Urbana missions conference.

**3rd Generation:** Ethan's aunt, **Jill (Lucht '95-'98) Hamilton**, Alice Olsen's granddaughter, also attended Moody.

This extended family includes missionaries, pastors, music leaders, military members, media professionals, therapists, teachers, and more. The legacy spans the globe, and Ethan Lucht desires to take it even further. As Joia Smith shared in an email, the family has quoted D. L. Moody for years as they "strove to see 'what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him.' By God's grace, our family members have always tried to be such men and women."

*Are you part of a Moody legacy family with multiple generations of graduates? If you'd like to share your story, please call Nancy Hastings, Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association, at 312-329-4490. Or email [mbialum@moody.edu](mailto:mbialum@moody.edu).*



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Undergraduate School

2000s

**Alex '10 and Roshelle (Murray '10) Giardina** currently live in Wisconsin. Alex owns his own business doing nonprofit and ministry video production services.



James Backing

**James Backing '09** is a Biblical Studies graduate and has since been named the vice president of Corporate Services for the Healthcare division of the Thyssen-Meinhoff Group, an economic and business intelligence consulting conglomerate.

James states, "My time at Moody taught me that the gospel infuses everything. I have the privilege now of strategically growing a client's organization while showing policymakers why healthcare is about helping hurting people made in God's image. God has called us to do more than make money. We are to demonstrate mercy in ministry—not building bigger barns to store wealth for ourselves, but having bigger burdens for others. I like to think I'm good at growing revenue streams, but I hope I'm better at opening up the river of redemption in my life and the lives around me."

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- www.thyssenmeinhoffgroup.com



Tristan and Sara McIntire

**Tristan McIntire '07** is a staff sergeant in the Air Force and is working as a broadcaster at Ramstein Air Base. He and his wife, **Sara (Leszczynski '06)**, moved to Germany on January 14, 2013, and will live there for the next three years.

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**Jay Friesen '02** is the producer of Red Futon Films and has worked in broadcast programming and production for the last 14 years. His passion is creating documentary films, and he has produced several short films for nonprofits. His international production experience spans Africa to Southeast Asia, as well as Cuba.

His latest documentary film is *Half Devil Half Child*, which shows how Christians' best intentions in building the kingdom of God can lead to unintentional consequences.

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**Scott Griffin '02** and **Alan Tripp '07** performed at Grace United Methodist Church on March 22. Both are talented pianists and have been playing together as a team since 2007.

The therapy of music has played a huge role in Alan's personal life, and he is

very open about sharing his journey with Tourette Syndrome.

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**Derek '00 and Sarah (Adams '95) Murray** have four children: Sumner, Annabelle, Lucy, and Marcus.

Derek received his Master of Divinity degree from Moody in 2002 and joined the Army in 2003 as a chaplain. He is currently assigned to Belvoir, Virginia.

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Derek and Sarah Murray and family

1990s

**Ron August Allchin '97** is currently on the production team of the documentary film *Land of Kim*.

Ron and his wife **Dolores '96**, as well as his father **Ronald '73** and sister **Christina (Allchin '95) Oser** are all Moody alumni.

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**Brian Mackey '96** lives in Littleton, Colorado, and is working on his Master of Divinity degree at Denver Seminary.

He is also interning at Calvary Church in Englewood, which is an Acts 29 church with a vision to plant a Calvary presence in all the neighborhoods in Denver. Their first church plant will be in the fall of 2013 in Littleton. One of Brian's jobs at the church is to develop the internship program and work with a team to develop a biblical counseling center that can be utilized by all the church plants. It will be based on the teaching and vision of CCEF out of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Brian and his wife, Christine, have five children: Tait (10), Zoe (8), Micah (7), Molly (6), and Landon (4).

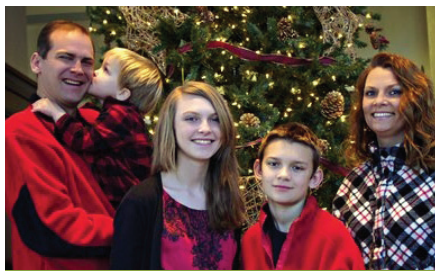
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**Kevin Flierl '99** lives in Portland, Oregon, and is raising support to go to Zurich, Switzerland, with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). Kevin was commissioned with GEM in November 2012.

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**Chad '95 and Beth (Gilbert '93) Hovind** have three children: Sierra, Javan, and Quinn. In October 2012, Chad and Beth had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Israel with Ray Vanderlaan. They both realized how much it helps to have a visual background and physical context when interpreting Scripture.

Chad is the lead pastor of Horizon Community Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Horizon has three services, each designed to equip a specific demographic of the church. The Equipping Service is designed for those wanting to study the Scriptures verse by verse and includes



Chad and Beth Hovind and family

worship and communion. The two Exploring Services are designed to present in-depth biblical teaching with the unbeliever in mind. They challenge attendees to explore at their own pace, but encourage them to view things from a different perspective.

Horizon has grown rapidly since opening its new facility in January 2011. A recent survey revealed that 60% of those attendees are new believers or nonbelievers. Chad's messages can be found on the church website, under media downloads ([horizoncc.com](http://horizoncc.com)).

Chad will be celebrating his 10-year anniversary this summer at Horizon, his 40th birthday, his 19th wedding anniversary with Beth, his first trade book published by Random House called *Godonomics*, and his first all-church video and curriculum guide called *Fast Track* published by LifeWay.

Beth is a stay-at-home mother for their adopted son Quinn, who has special needs. She sings with the band and vocal team at Horizon and helps lead a women's Bible study.

 [www.horizoncc.com](http://www.horizoncc.com)

1980s

**James Daughtry '88** wrote a Bible study called *When I Became a Man*. The study,

published this year by Abidan Books, leads men through the Bible on the subject of manhood.

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 [www.abidanbooks.com](http://www.abidanbooks.com)

**Matthew Garth '87** and his wife Sally have served 24 years in Western Australia. They recently moved to Sydney in Eastern Australia.

Matthew has enjoyed flying the BK117 as a training captain, mainly from Varanus Island off the midwest coast.

Sally has been busy as a school P&F president along with her home chiropractic business, a ladies' Bible study, Alpha courses, and the school parents' prayer group.

Matthew and Sally have four children: Kristen, Rachel, Warwick, and Adam.

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**Joel Wrobbel '86** was honored with a national award, the Leading Age Public Trust Award, on October 22, 2012.

He and his wife Laurel live in Gahanna, Ohio. Joel is the marketing director at Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services in Columbus. He also hosts the *Journey Through Aging* radio program, which airs on Saturday mornings throughout Ohio on 880AM WRFD, 1220AM WHKW, and 1440AM WHKZ. On the program, Joel talks with listeners and shares expert advice and solutions to help people live a more fulfilled life and age successfully.

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 [www.journeythroughtheages.org](http://www.journeythroughtheages.org)

1970s

**Donald Shire '78** is an international

recording artist and trumpeter, playing classical, jazz, and gospel tunes. He recently performed at First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin.

Don and his wife, **Kathy (Johnson '74)**, are supporters of missions and are the founders of Don Shire Ministries. Their daughter and son-in-law, **Katherine Joy '01** and **Jason True '00**, are also alumni of Moody.

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**John Hooper '72** and his wife have a close connection to Moody. He was a student while she was working at Moody full time in the early 1970s.

After graduating, he and his wife went on to raise four children. John would like to share with the alumni a portion of a poem about D. L. Moody written by their daughter Rebecca, age 16.

"Chicago Avenue Church is where he belonged, but lately his missions were very prolonged. Traveling everywhere between there and here, he had his partner whom he always kept near. Ira Sankey would tag along and before Moody's sermons, he'd open with a song.

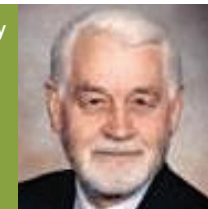
"Through his life and ministry, he learned to take the Bible literally. His 'consecrated common sense' made his knowledge even more intense. He was honest and abrupt with an effective style. His personal illusion drew people in for miles.

"Finally, Moody Bible Institute came around, so students could see God's love abound. The school was established in 1886 and now it's definitely an option for me."

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1960s

Harold Parsley



**Harold Parsley '62** is the oldest member of his graduating class. He gave his life to Christ at age 29 and came to Moody as an established real estate professional from the San Francisco Bay area. Upon graduation, he returned to California and began pastoring the First Baptist Church in Half Moon Bay. From there, he moved to the city of San Francisco and began a seven-year pastorate at Valley Baptist Church.

In 1971, he married Lydia Elam. They moved to Portland, Oregon, where he continued his real estate career and worked as a bi-vocational pastor until moving to Illinois in 1974. Harold's Illinois pastorates included Frankfort Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Morris.

He and Lydia have two grown children and seven grandchildren. Although Harold officially retired in 1992 from the pastorate, he has served several churches in northern Illinois as interim pastor. In 2008, he became the bi-vocational pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tinley Park, in the south suburbs of Chicago. He also works as a full-time RE/MAX realtor and has seen much fruit in a Bible study he teaches each Wednesday morning at his real estate office.

The couple has had the opportunity to travel and be involved in many diverse ministries, participating in several

missions trips, both in North America and overseas. They have walked on every continent on earth and enjoyed a life of walking together following God's plan for their lives.

It is Harold's goal to continue using his gifts of evangelism and service for as long as the Lord continues to give him good health and the ability to live a life pleasing to God.

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1950s

**Paul Hollinger '58** researched and wrote, while his wife, **Sylvia (Ruoss '58)**, edited his new book, *A History of Calvary Independent Church: The Torrey Era, 1936–1963*. It took them six years of writing and researching 43 cartons of material to complete the manuscript.

Editing is nothing new to Sylvia. She has been editing everything for Paul since their days at Moody where they learned about the heart of missions. Missionaries fill the pages of Paul's book, accompanied by more than 700 photographs and illustrations.

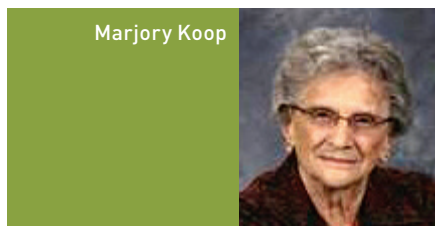
The book can be purchased through Calvary Church; all proceeds will benefit the church.

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1940s

**Marjory Koop '46** has had a year of stark contrast: the death of her only sister in Michigan and the wedding of a granddaughter. She has rejoiced and prayed with those who share their burdens with her, asking the Lord to make her an encourager.

The day after returning from a trip to Victoria, British Columbia, she received



Marjory Koop

word that her friend's brother, age 95, went to be with the Lord, so she packed her suitcase again and flew to Manitoba for his memorial service. While there she had the opportunity to visit other family members.

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### Weddings

**Jonathan '10 and Alison (Hollis '00) Doenier** married on January 4, 2013, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Alison is employed at Forest Hills Foods where she has been a cashier for 11 years.

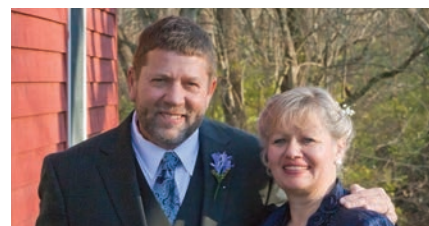
Jonathan graduated from Moody with a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Pre-Seminary. He is employed at Starbucks and at Primerica, where he assists families in becoming financially secure.

The couple honeymooned in Traverse City for one week before returning to Grand Rapids where they plan to reside.

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Dr. John and **Nancy (Holmes '77) Voorhies** married on November 18, 2011.

Nancy has been working for Cedarville University in Ohio for five years as a gift officer and regional representative for the states west of the Mississippi and Canada. She focuses on building relationships and encouraging people



John and Nancy Voorhies

to support and invest in Cedarville students through prayer and giving.

Since they both travel extensively for their jobs, John and Nancy keep their marriage fresh by talking every day on the phone and ending with devotions together at night. They also spend five days out of every 14 together somewhere in the US. They cherish the time they set aside to spend with each other.

Alumni in the wedding party included Joyce and **Bob Irvin '55** and Tom and **Ferree (Hastings '77) Hardy**. During Nancy's travels for Cedarville, she has been able to meet with many Moody alums and enjoy renewed fellowship.

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### Anniversaries



(l to r): Debbie Murphy '88, Wendy (Rink '00) Murphy, Judy Murphy '87, Dan Murphy '00, Edith (Newman '68) Murphy, Clyde Murphy '68, Karen Jean (Macewicz '88, '90, '91) Murphy, David Murphy '91

**Clyde '68 and Edith (Newman '68) Murphy** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their four adult children. They have served in Guatemala with Camino Global, formerly CAM International, for many years.

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Gwen and Roger Kirk

Roger and **Gwen (Carpenter '61) Kirk** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, 2013.

Roger and Gwen spent 21 years as missionaries in Brazil and now live in Stevensville, Montana. Gwen continues to translate for their missionary publishing house, Editora Fiel, and serves as librarian at Lone Rock Bible Church.

Roger took up sculpting after his retirement. He has done busts of Calvin, Edwards, Spurgeon, Lloyd-Jones, Schaeffer, and many others. He is currently working in bronze.

### Births

Ivan and **Jenny (Brown '07) Davis** welcomed a daughter, Heidi Lynn Davis, on November 8, 2012.

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Ivan, Jenny, and Heidi Davis

John and **Karyn (Olson '95) Feuling** are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Audra Joy, on February 20, 2011. Audra joins her three sisters: Keira, Rebecca, and Alicia.

Karyn loves being at home with the girls and enjoys homeschooling their preschooler, Keira. John works for Johnson Controls as a project manager, installing fire alarm systems in the Chicago division. They live in Lombard, Illinois, and attend Parkview Community Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

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**Travis '05** and Heidi **Gingerich** were blessed with the arrival of their daughter, Adeleid Ruby, on August 18, 2012.

Travis has been working as a hospital



Travis, Adeleid, and Heidi Gingerich

chaplain at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio, since January 2012.

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**Victor '65** and Val **Hess** announce the birth of their grandson, Wendell Jefferson, on January 7, 2013, in Waxhaw, North Carolina, to their daughter Michelle and husband Jason. Wendell weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches at birth. He joins his brother, Jackson.

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**Ernesto '02** and Angie **Alaniz** announce the birth of their son, Ernesto Robert, born in August, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces and has a full head of black hair, just like his dad. Ernesto Robert joins his sister, Lina.

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### Gatherings



Gathering of alumni at Brainerd United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 10, 2013.



Nine Moody alumni met together in Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil at the Wycliffe/SIL administrative meetings in November 2012. (l to r): Bob Schoonveld '92, Bill Carrera '92, Lois Schoonveld, Joy (Rast '95) Carrera, Jim Roberts '86, Priscilla (Asher '85) Smith, Kelly Smith '89, Shannon (Everett '93) Russell, Craig Russell '98.



Gathering of alumni at Wycliffe Bible Translators in Orlando, Florida, March 13, 2013.



Alumni gathering in Tucson, Arizona.

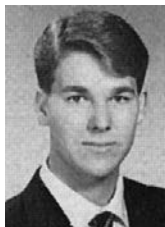
1990s

**Tage Toll '92**, age 40, March 30, 2013, Talkeetna, Alaska.

Tage grew up on a family farm near Clifton, Kansas, and attended Concordia High School. He served with the Kansas State Highway for two years before joining the Alaska State Troopers. He received his flight training at Kansas State University in Salina, Kansas.

On March 30, 2013, Tage boarded a Helio-1 search-and-rescue helicopter. After rescuing an injured man from a snowmobile accident, his helicopter crashed killing all the occupants. He will be remembered as a faithful husband, son, and friend.

He is survived by his wife, **Nikki Toll '94**, three sons, his parents, three sisters, and his maternal grandmother.



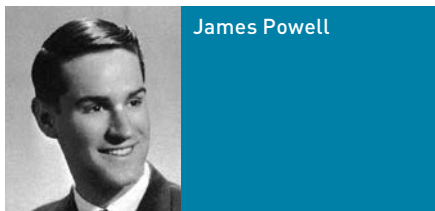
Tage Toll

1960s

**James "Jim" Powell '65**, age 68, November 19, 2012, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

Jim was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on May 27, 1944. He met his wife, **Peggy [Baker '65]**, at Moody and they married after graduation.

Jim started his career in Christian publishing with *Moody Monthly* and *Campus Life*, and then worked for Thomas Nelson Publishers. Later he served as president of the International



James Powell

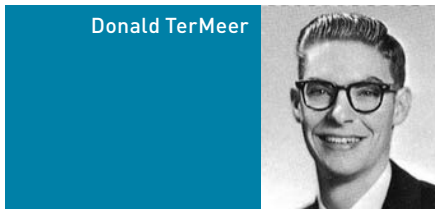
Bible Society (now Biblica) in New York. He traveled extensively throughout Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America before founding Christian Trade Association International, which promotes Christian book industries worldwide.

In 2011, Jim retired, and he and his wife moved to Papua New Guinea to volunteer as guesthouse managers for an SIL International (Wycliffe) mission station. They returned for a second season, but only for a month. Jim was flown by medivac to Australia after a dizzy spell and was diagnosed with extensive cancer. His health declined quickly, and within weeks he passed away surrounded by family.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and their four children: Pamela Doron, **Stephen '85**, Nathan, and Jennifer Dilger.

**Donald Albert TerMeer '60**, age 74, December 2, 2012, Sebring, Florida.

Donald met his wife **Jean [Busscher '61]** at Moody and they married after graduation. They spent 17 years serving at the SIM retirement village in Sebring, Florida. Donald served as a manager of assisted living and then in the



Donald TerMeer

maintenance department before ending a seven-month battle with brain cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, his children Jeffrey and his wife Heidi, **Stephen '93**, and **Christine [TerMeer '93] Hagen**, and four grandchildren.

1950s



Maurice Bingham

**Dr. Maurice D. Bingham '56**, age 79, October 31, 2012, Pearl, Mississippi.

Bishop Bingham was a strong advocate for education. He attended Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi, and went on to earn Specialist and Doctor of Education degrees in counseling and guidance from the University of Southern Mississippi. He then completed the Pastors' course at Moody.

Maurice was a pastor and Senior Bishop. He also served on several education boards, was a member of various education and counseling associations, and served as a professor at Wesley Biblical Seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, and six children.

**Janette [Fry '55] Latchaw**, age 80, January 15, 2013, Pella, Iowa.

Janette was born on February 19, 1932 in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. In May 1949, Janette and several friends attended a Billy Graham Youth for Christ rally in downtown Baltimore, and there she put her trust in Christ

Janette Latchaw



as her personal Savior. Immediately after high school, she began making plans to attend Moody. She enrolled in December 1951 and graduated with a double major in Missions and Christian Education.

Janette met her husband **Boyd '55** at Moody, and they married on June 18, 1955. In 1960, they moved to Kagora, Nigeria, in West Africa where Janette taught art, Bible, and directed various events for students. They later moved to Amarillo, Texas, where Janette served as a director of children's education. After their children moved out of their home, Janette and Boyd accepted a job visiting donors and supporters of Moody.

Janette is survived by her husband, sons Alan and his wife Christine, and **Bryan '80** and his wife Betty Ann, and four grandchildren.

**Ruth [Binger '54] Colletta**, age 92, September 2011, Dallas, Texas.

Upon graduating from Moody, Ruth became secretary and Christian education director at Calvary Baptist Church in Niagara Falls, New York. In the 1960s, she moved to Chicago to work at Moody as a secretary in the

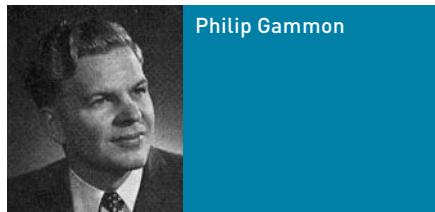
Ruth Colletta





Evening School office, then as a secretary in the Alumni office. A few years later, she moved back to Niagara Falls. She retired in 1991, and moved to Dallas, Texas, where she served in the offices of Wycliffe Bible Translators for ten years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1987.



**Philip Gammon '53**, age 84, October 22, 2010, Littleton, Colorado.

Philip was born on November 19, 1925, to missionary parents. He spent his early school years in Africa and England, and then graduated from Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, and New York University. He also studied at Northwestern University and the London School of Medicine.

He met his wife, **Elizabeth "Libby" Meigs '53**, also known as the "singing lady," while producing radio broadcasts at radio station WMBI. Philip and Libby ministered together at churches in Illinois, New York City, New Jersey, Minnesota, and Cape Cod. Along with pastoring churches, Philip served as the executive director of the American Tract Society and director of the African Evangelical Fellowship. He served on several mission boards and touched lives around the world.

Philip's retirement years also included travel and ministry to the poor, the sick, and the hurting. Even after a massive stroke in 1999, he continued to exude

Christ's love. The stroke caused him to lose his sight, but he continued to bring joy into the lives of old and new friends.

He is survived by his wife, Libby, two daughters, Heather and Robyn, two sons-in-law, Bob and Remy, and two grandchildren, Kate and Steve.

**Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" J. Stricker '53**, age 78, August 24, 2012, University City, Texas.

Dick was born on April 20, 1934 in Saginaw, Michigan. He and his wife, Iris, were married for 57 years.

Dick served for 20 years as a pilot in the Air Force. During a tour in Vietnam, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Later, he spent 13 years working for USAA and 12 years for Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union.

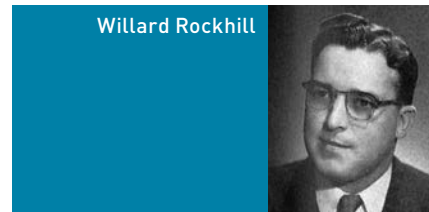
Dick served as deacon chairman and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in University City. He was also a member of the Order of Daedalians and volunteered in various organizations. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, and biking.

Dick is survived by his wife, Iris, three children, and ten grandchildren.

**Willard H. Rockhill '52**, age 87, December 2, 2012, Hudsonville, Michigan.

Rev. Willard "Bill" Rockhill was born on September 4, 1925. Bill was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 106th division in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, Bill attended Moody, along with his wife, **Oletha '52**.

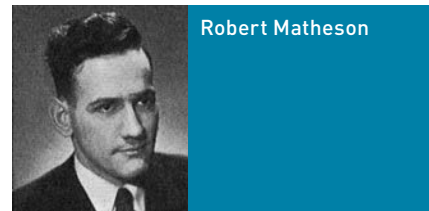
As a graduate of the Pastors' course, Bill went on to minister for 30 years serving as senior pastor at six different evangelical churches. Because of Bill's health issues, he and Oletha moved to Green Valley, Arizona, where he



guest-preached and worked as a carpenter and painter. He and his wife opened a clothing store in Green Valley, which they operated for 14 years. In 2007, they moved to Hudsonville, Michigan, to be near family.

Bill died in his sleep after a lengthy period of pain and discomfort. He was a loving husband, father, and grandpa, and will be dearly missed.

Bill is survived by his children, **Brian '75**, **Lorraine (Rockhill '74) Litts**, and **Dennis Rockhill '77**.



**Robert "Bob" Matheson '51**, age 93, December 23, 2013, Geneva, Illinois.

Bob was born on February 2, 1920, near Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, Canada. He attended church regularly as a child and accepted Christ as his Savior at age 13. As an adult, he helped co-found The Peoples Church of Truro, Nova Scotia. His heart for missions grew, leading him to Moody. After graduation, Bob married **Dorothy (Doore '47)** in April 1951.

He served as a missionary in Japan from 1952 to 1963 under Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, now known as Send International. Bob was ordained on

August 20, 1965, then joined the administrative staff at Moody. He worked in the Accounting Department and as a special instructor for the Missions Department.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dorothy, Jon and his wife Julie, Roy and **Joan (Matheson '76) Points**, James and his wife Debra, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Doris Maxine (Patterson '50) Zinn**, age 85, January 13, 2013, Greenwood, Indiana.

Doris was born on September 16, 1927, in Shannondale, Indiana. During her time at Moody, she completed a Norman Rockwell art correspondence course and married fellow student, **George Zinn '48**, in August 1948. George and Doris were married for almost 63 years and had seven children.

Doris was an accomplished artist and wrote articles for the Sunday school paper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on July 2, 2012, at age 88.

George and Doris are survived by their seven children, John and Jennifer (Zinn) McDowell, Jeff and Sonya (Zinn) Eschelmann, Bob and Debbie Zinn, **Jeffrey '78** and Christine Zinn, George and Kathy (Zinn) Ely, Phil and Mary (Zinn) Sowl, and Jim and Jaretta (Zinn) Hissom, four grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

1940s

**Frederick Donald Carlson '49**, age 87, December 19, 2012, North Palm Beach, Florida.

Fred was saved as a five-year-old boy in his hometown of Chicago, Illinois, through the efforts of a caring Sunday

Frederick Carlson



school teacher at Lake View Mission Covenant Church.

Fred served in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended Moody Bible Institute, preparing to go to China as a missionary. As a student, he served at the West Madison Street Rescue Mission and learned many valuable life lessons through preaching and serving as a “skid row” missionary.

When China fell to the communists and became closed to Western missionaries, God called Fred to home missionary work. In 1950, he was led to the mountain folks in Coon Creek in Leslie County, Kentucky. He taught Bible lessons in the public schools there, ministered in many country churches as a pulpit supply preacher, and developed a Scripture memory program. He met Mary Wirt from Pennsylvania there who would become his wife.

After a Kentucky wedding at Camp Nathanael in Emmalena, Kentucky, both Fred and Mary served together, ministering to the mountain people.

In 1962, the Carlson family moved to Taylorsville, North Carolina, to serve the Lord at Grace and Truth Bible Camp (now Hickory Cove Bible Camp). In 1966, the family moved to Lake Worth, Florida, where Fred made his home for the remainder of his life. In 1969, he visited the Turks and Caicos Islands, which was the beginning of many years of ministry in the local church there.

This ministry expanded to hundreds of government and private schools throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

In 1989, Fred made his first of many trips to Pakistan and then also to India, all for the purpose of distributing God’s Word to boys and girls, men and women.

Fred passed away early in the morning on December 19, 2012, in the Veterans Administration Hospital, North Palm Beach, Florida, where he served as a volunteer chaplain for 15 years.

Fred is survived by his children, Roy and Susan (Carlson) Allem, Fred and Corinne Carlson, and Dean and Cindy Carlson, as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 2010.

**Overton Brown ‘48**, age 96, January 7, 2013, Dover, Ohio.

Overton was born on March 21, 1916, in Triangle, New York. After graduation, he served honorably in the Pacific Theatre of Operations with the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. Following his military service, he attended Moody and later worked at Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in California where he met his wife, Selma Bauman. They married on October 10, 1952, in Inglewood, California.

Overton and Selma were missionaries with MAF for 20 years in Mexico and Honduras. Later, they worked with the Bible Club Movement in the local elementary schools of Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Overton is survived by his wife, Selma, Kenneth and **Patrice (Brown ‘85)**

**Bocnuk**, grandson Nikolai, and sister Analinda Felt.

He was preceded in death by three siblings: Dorian Dunlavey, Betty Winters, and Thomas Brown.

**Loa Ruth Arnold ‘47**, age 95, March 12, 2013, Creston, Iowa.

Loa was born on April 5, 1917, in Clarke County, Iowa. In 1935, she graduated from Creston High School, and 12 years later she graduated from Moody.



Helen Phillip

**Helen Louis (Kaaz ‘42) Phillip**, age 100, March 10, 2013, Lakewood, Colorado.

Helen was born in 1912 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She graduated from Moody with a focus on Christian education and music. She met her husband, **Hiram Phillip ‘39**, at Moody, and they married the year of her graduation.

After several years of serving as the choir director at Bible Baptist Church, she and Hiram moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, and later to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Helen is survived by Neil and Carol (Phillip) Kesselman, Art and Sharon (Phillip) Guenter, Jenny Phillip, and John and Evelyn (Phillip) Evans, as well as nine grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her sisters, Esther and Ruth, brother Sam, husband Hiram, and grandson Philip Ludwigson.

James Lower



**Dr. James M. Lower ‘41**, age 92, February 10, 2013, Wheaton, Illinois.

Dr. Lower was born on October 23, 1920, in Clearsprings Township, LaGrange County, Indiana. In 1937, he graduated from Topeka High School and then attended Moody. On January 28, 1942, he married Mildred Ann Hoffman.

After pastoring churches in Iowa, Dr. Lower received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Iowa State Teachers College (ISTC) in 1953. He went on to become a junior high teacher and later a principal of an elementary school in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

In 1958, he received a Master of Arts degree in Education from ISTC, and then moved to Illinois to serve as the Assistant Dean of Men at Moody from 1959 to 1962.

In 1967, he completed a Doctor of Education degree from Northern Illinois University, then finished his career as a professor at Wheaton College and chair of the Social Science Division.

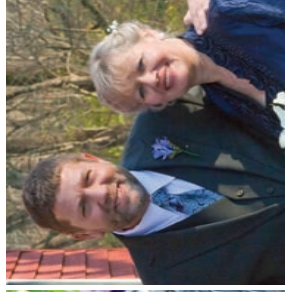
Dr. Lower is survived by James and Ruth Ann Lauer, John and Ruth (Lower) Willis, James and Rhoda (Lower) Engstrom, Jonathan and Cathleen Lauer, and Daniel and Susan Lauer, as well as 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Milly, in 2008.



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