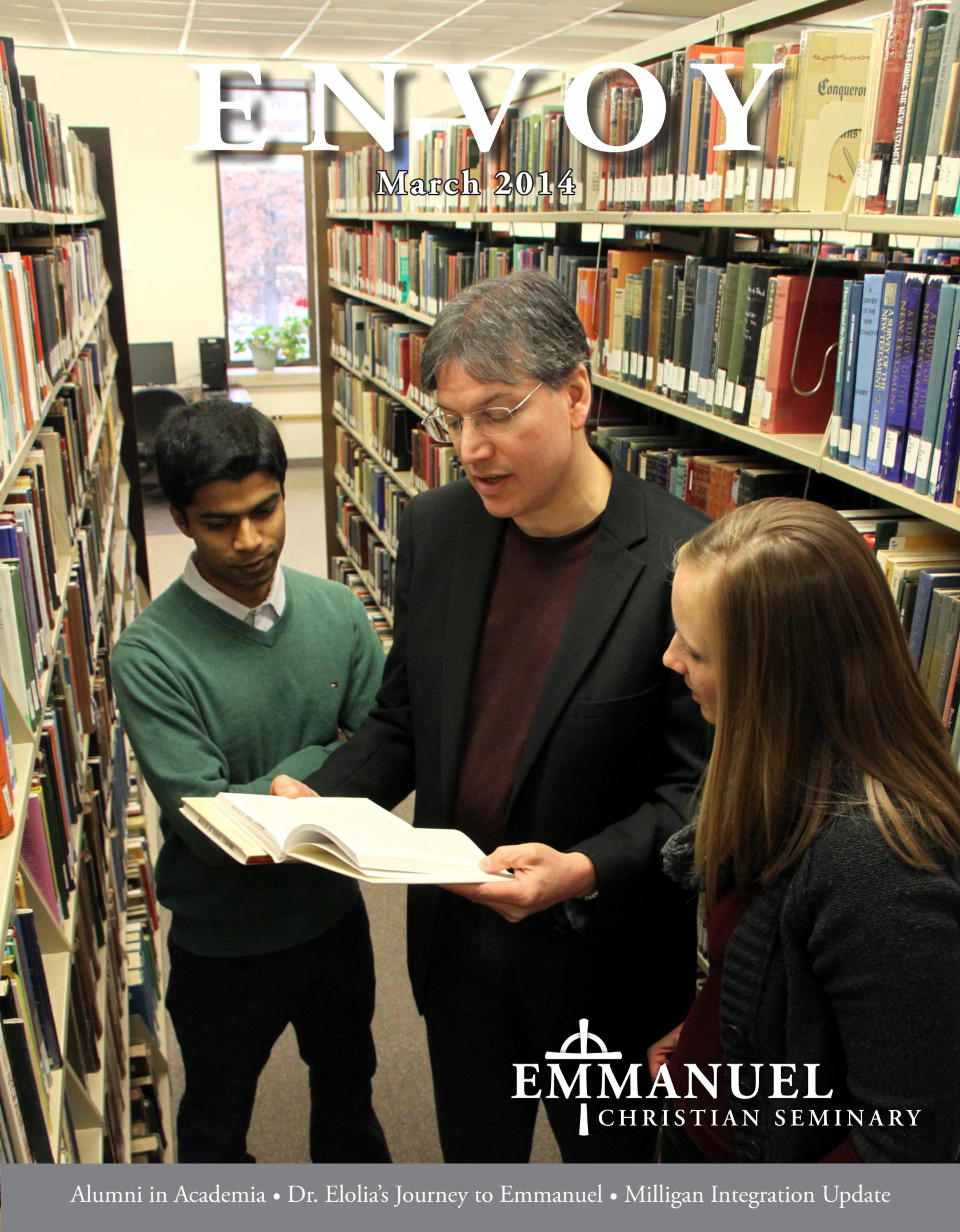


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Jesus told the lawyer in Matthew 22:35-39 that the greatest commandment in the law is to "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And the second greatest commandment is to "...love your neighbor as yourself." It is on these two commandments that the alumni of Emmanuel who have been featured over the last year base their lives and work. The two featured alumni in this issue have the same convictions and serve as professors in colleges.

Cara Snyder



*Dr. Cara Snyder
Dallas, Texas*

Dr. Cara Snyder (M.R.E '82) has been a professor of English and Literature at Dallas Christian College (DCC) in Dallas, Texas, for 42 years. When asked which classes are her favorite to teach, she replied, "All of them—I love my job!" Teaching at a collegiate level was

not something Dr. Snyder had on her radar when she attended Emmanuel. Actually, Emmanuel was not part of her plan either until an Emmanuel alum, who was the preacher at her home church, suggested she go to Emmanuel and get a Master of Religious Education degree. She took his advice and believes Emmanuel "set my life on course, in spite of myself." She continues, "Emmanuel turned me into a Christian whose faith has heart in it, not just brain."

After Emmanuel Dr. Snyder went on to pursue her Ph.D. in English from the University of North Texas. At DCC Dr. Snyder teaches English, but she also gets to bring issues of faith into her classroom. The mission of the college is "educating and mentoring students to be people of influence under God's influence, for a life of influence," and Dr. Snyder is excited and honored to be part of that sharing of influence. She has kept her connection to Emmanuel since she graduated by serving with the Associates in Christian Education from 1992-1995

and serving on the Board of Trustees since 1996.

Dr. Snyder believes that teaching is essential in the world. "When we're not well taught, within a generation we're relying on violence and revenge. We're all teachers, in one way or another, and the more we know, the greater our obligation to share it." She remarks that Jesus' compassion for and teaching of the crowds in Mark 6:34 is a major guide in her life. Dr. Snyder's compassion goes beyond DCC students and serving on the Board of Trustees at Emmanuel to the nations of the world. Since 2000, she has been able to spend six summers at various sites in Asia as a team leader for an agency that conducts summer English programs.

Teaching has been a blessing for Dr. Snyder. She comments, "God has shown me over the years what a tiny school can accomplish and how important it is that He be included on the campus and in the curriculum. What a difference good education makes!" ✝

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Academia

K.C. Richardson

Dr. K.C. Richardson (M.Div. '96) serves as Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Hope International University in Fullerton, California, and is in his seventh year. Dr. Richardson comes from a long line of educators and recalls being drawn to teaching as early as high school. His father, Dr. Stephen Richardson, also an Emmanuel alum (M.Div. '77) teaches in the Bible Department at Hope. Dr. K.C. Richardson's late grandfather, Dr. William J. Richardson, was a professor of Church History at Emmanuel from 1978-1988. Both of these family role models have been extremely influential in his life, and it is no wonder that Dr. K.C. Richardson only seriously considered Emmanuel for seminary. However, he says, "Once I arrived, my experience was even better than I could have imagined. My four years at Emmanuel were some of the most rewarding and intellectually stimulating of my life. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything, and both my wife and I look back on that time with a great deal of fondness and as being extremely formative."

While at Emmanuel, Dr. Richardson also saw an appealing model of Christian scholarship demonstrated.

He comments, "The faculty at Emmanuel were not only excellent scholars but also warm and approachable, excellent communicators, and committed servants of the Church. It is an example that I hope to emulate in some small way." Dr. Richardson also served at Westside Church of Christ in Jonesborough, Tennessee, while he was in seminary. He views this as helpful preparation for teaching at Hope, where ministry and Christian servant leadership are central to their mission. Emmanuel's integration of faith and learning helped him "think critically about theology and biblical interpretation within a community of deep faith and spirituality."

Dr. Richardson's Ph.D. studies were completed at UCLA in the field of Early Christian History with minor fields in Roman History, Roman Late Antiquity, and Second Temple Judaism. At Hope, Dr. Richardson is most excited about the many capable and mission-minded students. Teaching for Dr. Richardson is important, because



*Dr. K.C. Richardson
Los Angeles, California*

he views the work of helping students develop skills as Bible interpreters as fundamental for preparing Christian servant leaders for the Church and society. When students feel empowered to become lifelong learners and teachers in their own lives, Dr. Richardson believes true education has occurred. ✚

Mission of the Church Lectureship

Since 1978 Fig Tree Fellowship has been sponsoring the biennial Mission of the Church Lectureship. This spring the lecturer is Dr. Doug Priest, Executive Director of Christian Missionary Fellowship International (CMFI). He grew up on the mission field in Ethiopia and subsequently has served in Kenya, Tanzania, and Singapore before coming back to Indianapolis to work with CMFI in 1995.

Dr. Priest's lecture series is titled, "Short-Term Missions: What, Why and

How?" He will focus on the new trends in missions and how our churches can evaluate their effect on missions worldwide. Dr. Priest will guide us through the positive and negative features of short-term missions in relation to the older model of long-term missions.

The lectures will take place April 1-3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. each day in the Mildred Welshimer Phillips Memorial Chapel on Emmanuel's campus. ✚

Right: Dr. Priest in Turkana, Kenya



Dr. Elolia's Journey to Emmanuel

Dr. Samuel "Kip" Elolia was born in the small village of Smbalat, Keiyo-Marakwet County, Kenya. At the age of seven, he was introduced to the Gospel in Sunday school classes at Liter Mission Station. It was not until high school, though, that he understood what the Gospel meant and made a formal personal commitment to follow Christ. After making this commitment Dr. Elolia had a strong desire to do Christian ministry. He spoke to the missionary couple who baptized him and taught him in Sunday school, and they encouraged him to attend Scott's Theological College, near Nairobi, Kenya.

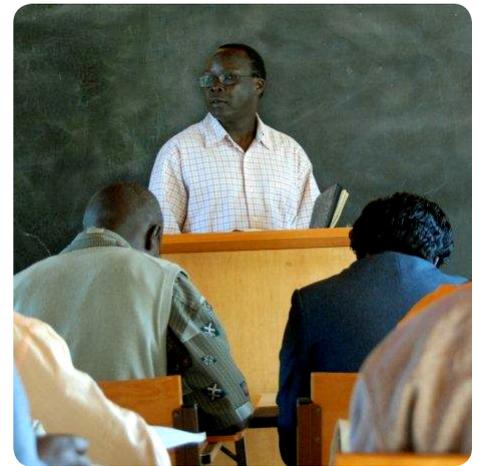
Dr. Elolia describes his decision to go as a "pull of the Holy Spirit." This decision to follow the Spirit was not an easy one, because his family was not supportive. They were not Christians and wanted him to pursue a more lucrative career. Dr. Elolia went by faith, because he did not

have the money to pay for his fees, but once he arrived he found that the missionary couple had paid his bill. After four years of study he received his diploma from Scott's Theological College.

Following this he went back to his home village to preach and teach. He did this for some time without pay, but then moved to a church where he got a stipend. Dr. Elolia desired to further his studies, so he contacted professors from Scott's and through conversations decided on Tynedale College and Seminary, Toronto, Canada, where he received his B.Th. He went on from there to Acadia University, Nova Scotia, where he was awarded his M.A. in Theology. While studying in Nova Scotia, he worked and preached in Black Canadian churches. To complete his Ph.D. in Theology he returned to Toronto to study at Trinity College and finished in 1992.

Now with his Ph.D. Dr. Elolia taught at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin. Shortly after taking this position he married his wife, Robin, in 1993. They stayed in Wisconsin until 1998 and then moved their family to Johnson City, Tennessee, to be on the Emmanuel faculty. Dr. Fred Norris, Professor of World Mission, Emeritus greatly encouraged Dr. Elolia to come join Emmanuel's faculty. He always wanted to teach in a seminary, so it was a dream come true.

In addition to serving as the Professor of Theology and World Christianity at Emmanuel, Dr. Elolia and his family



Dr. Kip Elolia teaching in Kenya

are active members at Grandview Christian Church, where he teaches Sunday school on occasion. The ministry outside of Emmanuel that Dr. Elolia feels greatest pleasure in is traveling in the summers to teach pastors and evangelists at Kao L'Amani College, Kenya. He has been doing this since 2000, and other faculty have joined him, such as Dr. Paul Blowers and Dr. Bruce Shields of Emmanuel and Dr. Philip Kenneson of Milligan College.

For Dr. Elolia, teaching is a way he seeks to join God in proclaiming the closeness of God. He says, "I teach because I feel God has given me gifts to share with the Church, and so I encourage students to think seriously about the implications of the Gospel in a broken world." ✚



Dr. Kip Elolia with his father

People in the News



Emily Hand (M.Div. '12), *Development Communications Coordinator* at Emmanuel, spent this past summer as an internship coach for Pioneer Bible Translators in South Asia. The focus was on ethnomusicology and compassion ministry. While there they visited three Pioneer Bible

Translators' language projects in different areas of the country.



Dr. Timothy L. Ross (M.Div. '87, D.Min. '08), minister at Hopwood Memorial Christian Church of Johnson City, TN, since 1996, spent three weeks this past summer in Zimbabwe and Namibia. During this trip he taught a course at Zimbabwe Christian College in Harare. He

also took a ten day retreat in the Namib Desert. He is Adjunct Professor of World Mission at Emmanuel and is teaching *Introduction to Christian World Mission* this spring.



Dr. Bruce E. Shields, *Russell F. and Marian J. Blowers Professor of Christian Ministries, Emeritus*, was recognized with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics Conference in Louisville, KY, in 2013. He has been an active member of this group since 1981 and has taught preach-

ing courses at Emmanuel since 1983.



Jacqui Steadman, *Vice President for Business and Finance* at Milligan College, has been serving as a consultant for Emmanuel in financial dealings since the management agreement between the institutions began in July 2013. Jacqui has worked with Milligan since 2006 and is

a certified public and global management accountant. She comments, "I am enjoying my time at Emmanuel as I get to know the faculty and staff and develop financial strategies to ensure good stewardship and future success for Emmanuel."



Jarrod Suits joined Emmanuel's staff as the *Director of Admissions* in November 2013. He has served eight years in student ministry and is excited to be part of Emmanuel's great academic and ministerial legacy as he works in recruitment.



Dr. Aaron J. Wymer (M.Div. '95), *Adjunct Professor of Preaching* at Emmanuel, is teaching *Biblical Preaching: Old Testament* this spring. His curriculum is enhanced by his senior minister position of fifteen years at Grandview Christian Church in Johnson City, TN. He has served on

Emmanuel's Board of Trustees since 2008. ✚

New Scholarships Established

Richard and Marcia McVay Scholarship



Richard and Marcia McVay are both descendants of families rooted in the Junction City, Kansas, area for four generations. However, they did not meet until they were young adults through their mutual love for music in a community singing group. After marrying in 1972 they settled in Dodge City,

Kansas, with their three daughters in 1979. While there Richard worked as an elementary principal and they joined First Christian Church, where they began growing closer to the Lord. Although their parents had them baptized as infants, they both desired as adults to be immersed into Jesus Christ on December 16, 1979.

While at First Christian Church, Richard became chairman of the mission committee and became acquainted with Emmanuel. Although neither Richard nor Marcia have personally visited Emmanuel, they have friends whose lives were impacted by the seminary's administration and staff. They have a great desire to come alongside Emmanuel in the work of equipping pastors, teachers, and missionaries to reach parts of the world that they would never know or experience personally.

Now the McVays live in Sun City, Arizona, and are members of Christ's Church of the Valley in Peoria, Arizona. Their desire to support scholarships began with an anonymous local family trust fund that enabled all three of their daughters to graduate from Manhattan Christian College. In making a Christian College education available to their daughters, God has brought profound blessings to Richard and Marcia, their daughters and respective husbands, and now to their nine grandchildren. Richard and Marcia are sharing their family's blessing through generously establishing this scholarship. ✠

Calvin L. Phillips Memorial Scholarship



The family of Dr. Calvin L. Phillips has generously established a scholarship in his name to carry on his great support of Emmanuel's mission of preparing men and women for effective ministry. Dr. Phillips passed away on September 11, 2013 after battling Parkinson's disease for many years. He served as Emmanuel's third president from 1984-1994. During his presidency great growth occurred through the establishment of the Supervised Ministerial Experience

(SME) and Doctor of Ministry Degree program as well as advancement in the seminary's library and endowment.

Dr. Phillips' ancestral roots run deep in the Restoration Movement with several family members going to school at Bethany under Alexander Campbell's presidency. In 1984 he came to Emmanuel from a 34-year ministry with South Side Christian Church in Munster, Indiana. This long term ministry nurtured a "pastor's heart" within Dr. Phillips, which greatly blessed the seminary.

There are many reminders of this great servant throughout Emmanuel. Upon his retirement the road that winds through the Emmanuel Village was named after him. One of the courts in the student housing complex also bears his name. The faculty established "The Calvin L. Phillips Award" for the Outstanding Doctor of Ministry Project. To highlight Dr. Phillips' financial generosity since Emmanuel's beginnings in the 1960s, his name is on the Founders Plaque and on Emmanuel's Wall of Honor, which recognizes donors who have contributed over \$100,000 in their lifetime.

Emmanuel is incredibly grateful for the life of service Dr. Phillips gave to God and the Church as well as to Emmanuel.

The family of Dr. Phillips invites all who are interested to contribute to the scholarship in honor of Dr. Phillips. ✠

Milligan Integration Update

by Dr. Bill Greer, President, Milligan College



Dr. Bill Greer

The past few months have brought good progress on several fronts to our integration efforts. Most significantly, we are blessed with another generous financial gift of \$1 million that helps reduce

Emmanuel's debt to a more manageable level. At the same time, the management

contract, where Milligan personnel are providing a range of administrative and support services to Emmanuel, is proving effective, with improved operational efficiency and results.

We remain hopeful that Emmanuel will become an embedded seminary within Milligan by Fall 2015, pending necessary approvals from our respective Boards of Trustees. That timeline is driven by many additional details and steps, and therefore one that requires flexibility. Our next major step is to begin putting together the documentation necessary to obtain accreditation approval for Em-

manuel to become part of Milligan College. We are also meeting regularly about the many academic, financial, physical, and operational decisions that must be made.

We are committed to continuing Emmanuel's legacy of educating men and women for lives of ministry through academically-sound, advanced degrees in Bible and ministry. As we work together, it is exciting to see the potential impact this integration will have on our students and the Kingdom. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers in this united mission. ✠

Three Brothers' Pursuit of Scholarship & Ministry

To the three Lawson brothers, academia is not solely an intellectual pursuit to increase their knowledge but is also an intentional act of discipline and discipleship to further the mission of the Church. Emmanuel has been privileged to help prepare and enhance the ministries of these three brothers: Stephen, Nathan, and TJ. Stephen graduated in 2013 with a M.Div. in Christian Theology. Nathan is currently pursuing a M.Div. in Historical Theology, while TJ is pursuing a Master of Christian Ministries (M.C.Min.) degree. Stephen, now at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, is working on a Ph.D. in Historical Theology and views Emmanuel as embodying a "vision to harmonize formation in both scholarship and ministry without prioritizing one over the other."

Stephen graduated, along with his brothers, from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri, where their parents are professors. Their father, Dr. Tom Lawson, teaches New Testament, history, and worship, while their mother, Linda Lawson, teaches Christian education and women's and children's ministries. Stephen knew while attending Ozark that he needed and wanted further academic theological education as well as ministerial preparation. After receiving the Alexander Campbell Scholarship, seminary education became financially possible. While at Emmanuel, Stephen found himself pursuing questions posed in class beyond what was expected for coursework. As professors took note of his passion, they encouraged him to cultivate it in service to the Church. This led Stephen to the decision to pursue a Ph.D. in order "to devote my life to helping the



The Lawson brothers: Stephen, TJ, and Nathan

Church think deeply and faithfully about what God has said to his creation in Jesus."

Nathan serves full time as the preaching minister at Woodruff Road Christian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, as he works on his M.Div. Nathan always wanted to continue his studies, and after he and his family served for several years in Zimbabwe as missionaries, he decided that he had further questions about ministry and the Bible. Stephen's experience at Emmanuel had been so spiritually transformative that Nathan knew this was the atmosphere he was looking for. Nathan comments, "I am constantly amazed how my classes can engage with modern scholars and ancient voices in the Church in ways that are directly applicable to my preaching and ministry."

TJ is serving as pastor at West Side Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas,

while he is enrolled in the distance M.C.Min. program. TJ comments, "This program has been a really great fit for me. It has been academically challenging and personally rewarding. I could not be more impressed with it." He also says that his seminary education has made him "a far better husband, father, and minister. Just the chance to interact with professors and students has been a catalyst for growth and change in myself."

Stephen is involved in preaching and teaching on a voluntary basis at an inner-city church plant in St. Louis while he pursues his Ph.D. He says, "The knowledge and skills that I gained at Emmanuel enrich my work and have prepared me to equip others to serve." Stephen hopes to one day teach future church leaders in a seminary or college. ☩

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