

Lifeline

Keeping the Sunset family connected



Going Beyond in this issue of Lifeline

-Tim Burow

*“So as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.”
(2 Corinthians 10:16 NASB)*

Most of us are familiar with Buzz Lightyear’s purpose-filled catchphrase, “To infinity and beyond!” He wants to always push the boundaries and accomplish still more. In the midst of Paul’s defense of his apostleship to the Corinthian church, he reminded them that they were the fruit of his preaching, but not they alone. If they lifted up their eyes and considered, they would find that he accomplished more than a sharing with them only. His work and faithful service to Christ took him to regions beyond.

For more than six decades we have been engaged in the kingdom work of training God’s people to share His precious message with a lost and dying world. One of the many challenges we have undertaken is to see 10,000 preachers trained on the African continent in the next decade. After all, training is what we do. However, ministry training meets only half the need. In order to continue in their ministries long-term, these preachers must have a vocation to support themselves and their families. For them, our efforts must go beyond the spiritual. They need an employable skill.

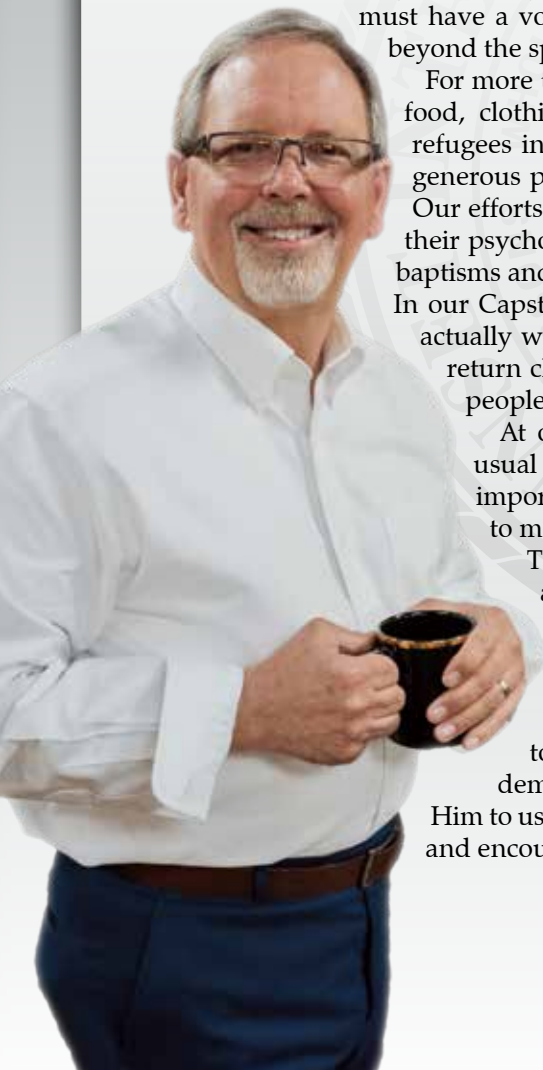
For more than eighteen months our Global Relief Ministry has been involved in providing food, clothing, medicine, clean drinking water, and temporary shelter to thousands of refugees in and outside of Ukraine due to the war with Russia. We give thanks for God’s generous people who have allowed us to do these things, but that is not all we are doing. Our efforts in the refugees’ regard must go beyond meeting their physical needs to meeting their psychological and especially their spiritual needs. The fruit of this is seen in the many baptisms and growing churches. Ultimately their souls are the most important thing to us.

In our Capstone Trip to Israel our graduates are able to go beyond classroom instruction to actually walk in the footsteps of Jesus in some key historical and archeological sites. They return changed and better equipped to bring the good news to life and edify the Lord’s people.

At our Graduate School’s Sermon Symposium our students journey beyond their usual instructors to hear from guest lecturers and even have the opportunity to present important ministry research. And preachers and Bible teachers join them to be inspired to move beyond their current abilities as they teach and exhort the Lord’s body.

Through SALT (Sunset Academy of Leadership Training) we are aiding churches and their leaders to envision a future beyond the status quo and move forward with a purpose in mind for God’s redeemed people.

All of this is possible because of the God who is able to do beyond anything we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). At SIBI we are praying and working so as not to be short-sighted and ineffective in the things that God has given us to do. Our plans and our vision are not too much for the God whose power was demonstrated in raising His Son from the dead, and it is our hope that your faith is in Him to use you mightily and one day receive you into the great beyond. May you be blessed and encouraged as you read this edition of Lifeline.



Tim Burow

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- The Cross – Shawn Gary (Lubbock, Texas)
- Identity of God's People – Dan Chambers (Nashville, Tennessee)
- Speak About It – Willie Williams (The Colonies, Texas)
- Disciples on Mission "Go" – Eli Hooper (Grass Valley, California)
- Living Transformed Lives – Dan Winkler (Nashville, Tennessee)
- A Call to All Nations – Chris Swinford (Wichita Falls, Texas)

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Pictured is the baptism in the Mediterranean Sea of one of the Ukrainian refugees who attended the Mediterranean Christian Conference. SIBI's Global Relief Fund sponsored 50 Ukrainians to attend the conference in Greece put on by Dino Russos and the Glyfada Church of Christ in Athens. Read more about what SIBI's GRM has been doing to meet Ukrainian refugees' spiritual needs.

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10,000 VOICES TO CARRY GOD'S WORD TO AFRICA

For the past few years SIBI has been engaged in an initiative called 10,000 Voices in an effort to increase the number of preachers in Africa. The focus of this project, in which SIBI partners with **World Bible School** and **Healing Hands International**, is both to recruit more preachers and to equip preachers with vocational skills. The largest hurdle to having more preachers is a lack of financial support. Though Africans are very generous, small rural churches do not have the means to fully support a preacher. A major part of 10,000 Voices is to provide vocational training to preachers to promote longevity in their ministry.

Esoh Aaron leads 10,000 Voices in Africa by working with churches and equipping schools with vocational training opportunities. He recently sent an update to share the progress in the work of training new preachers as well as new, creative opportunities for vocational training. Even as these men are training, they are already actively sharing the gospel and baptizing new souls into Christ.

September ended with great excitement and thanks to God Almighty through Jesus Christ, for He added eight souls in Buea, Cameroon. These came because of God's work through the evangelistic outreach of the students into the community. Buea

College of Biblical Studies also started a satellite campus in the neighboring Republic of Chad, a predominantly Muslim country with very few Christians. The result of the outreach of the school and the faculty shows how important and productive the time and effort spent can be. Brother Aaron is working in conjunction with SIBI and the Sunset Church of Christ to create a model program that can serve as the next step in preacher training in Africa. Vocational training is not a new concept for many of our partner schools in Africa, but what brother Aaron is working to accomplish is to share information and resources so the students are given the best

Pictured above are a few of the baptisms resulting from the evangelistic campaign by the students of the Buea College of Biblical Studies. The three pictures below show students learning basic electrical wiring as part of the vocational training at BCBS.





opportunities possible.

Each school provides different vocational training opportunities for the students to be equipped with skills by which they can support themselves. Students learn skills for agriculture, technology, or tailoring. In Buea, students are learning about electrical installation. They are taught the basics of electrical work and can wire a bungalow upon completion of their training. One school in Nigeria has been given different types of sewing machines, both electric and manual, so students can supplement their income through tailoring. Another school in Apata Ibadan, Nigeria, has chickens that they are learning to breed as both layers for eggs and broilers for meat. This not only provides training for the students, it also provides income for the school. The vocational school at the Shepherd Village in Ghana is progressing with fish farming, and the fingerlings are doing well. Special holding ponds with nets were constructed to help protect the growing fish from predators. The school in Ghana also teaches basic cell phone repair and has become the authorized Vodafone repair center in their region.



It is exciting to see the rate of growth and development of training schools in West Africa. SIBI is grateful for our partners for 10,000 Voices—Healing Hands International and World Bible School. Healing Hands has already helped to provide clean drinking water for the school in Buea, and World Bible School has developed SIBI courses for their app to help recruit and train more students for these schools.

As Esoh Aaron closed his report, he gave praise to God:

"We thank God for the new vocational training schools in West and Central Africa, and the Lord adding of ten souls in His vineyard during the month. Thank you, Sunset Church of Christ for the great work the Lord is using to carry out in Cameroon, Africa and the world at large. We give glory to God for you brethren, for your support to help us train those working in the vineyard of the Lord. We are thankful to God Almighty for the sacrifice you make as partners in the work of the Lord in this part of the world, particularly West/Central Africa."

-Jeff Rader

Pictured top right is the building of the water well in Buea, Cameroon, in cooperation with Healing Hands International. The pictures on the left are some of the vocational training opportunities from preacher training schools working with 10,000 Voices. From the top down are the sewing machines at IBS Lago, Nigeria; the poultry room of layers at Yeshua School of Preaching in Ibadan, Nigeria; and the fish holding pond at Shepherd Village in Ghana





Providing Beyond the Physical Needs

In 2022 SIBI's Global Relief Ministry started building a long-term strategy to provide humanitarian aid and kingdom expansion in Ukraine and to Ukrainians in European countries.

In Ukraine a network of 36 distribution centers was developed that included 18 churches and 18 humanitarian operations like hospitals, refugee centers, and centers for social orphan children. By partnering with two aid delivery and distribution teams, Poznayki church and Volunteer Brothers, SIBI has been able to deliver enough food and humanitarian aid to feed over 7,000 people a day across Ukraine. This level of aid distribution has continued throughout 2023.

Over the course of this year there have been some notable trends. Churches that have become local aid distribution points have formed a cooperative network and spirit of fellowship. Additional churches are joining the network, and the number of churches has increased from 18 to 24 from July to October. The amount of aid delivered across Ukraine has increased 20% to meet the needs left by other groups who ran out of aid. One of the participating churches has stated, "This program gave life to our church."

Throughout the year, donations to SIBI's GRM were able to meet ongoing needs. There was a strong response to the Kherson dam disaster. The delivery teams



delivered over 400 gallons of water a day to people in the Kherson area and provided other forms of aid such as fuel, boats, food, and megaphones. Donations also helped fund the drilling of a water well in the Kherson area on the property of the church. Food and other humanitarian aid were delivered to the military on the front line. Also, another container of Breedlove soup mix arrived in Ukraine during September, providing another 907,200 meals.

Beyond the Physical Needs

In addition to this aid distribution network in Ukraine, which provides enough food for over 7,000 people a day, SIBI's Global Relief Ministry is helping Ukrainian refugees in European countries. In 2022 SIBI began outreach efforts to Ukrainian refugees in European countries by establishing operations in Poland (Warsaw, Sopot, and Elblag), in the Netherlands (The Hague area), and with partners in Athens, Greece, and Zagreb, Croatia. SIBI has provided food and other types of humanitarian aid and has established a program called "Soul-Aid" to help Ukrainians overcome the trauma of the war.

May-June

Warsaw, Poland: Yura, graduate of Ukrainian Bible Institute (UBI), and Julia Turan organize outreach efforts for refugees in Warsaw, and 85 to 100 refugees attend the Wednesday weekly meetings. In these meetings food is provided, a Biblical lesson presented, and time is given for discussion with tea and cookies. Because of the strong response, they added a weekly Bible study and formed a youth group of Ukrainian children. Refugees were invited to the Sunday worship with the church, and a number of baptisms have added many souls to the church in Warsaw. They continue to receive spiritual food and fellowship along with the physical aid they were initially seeking.

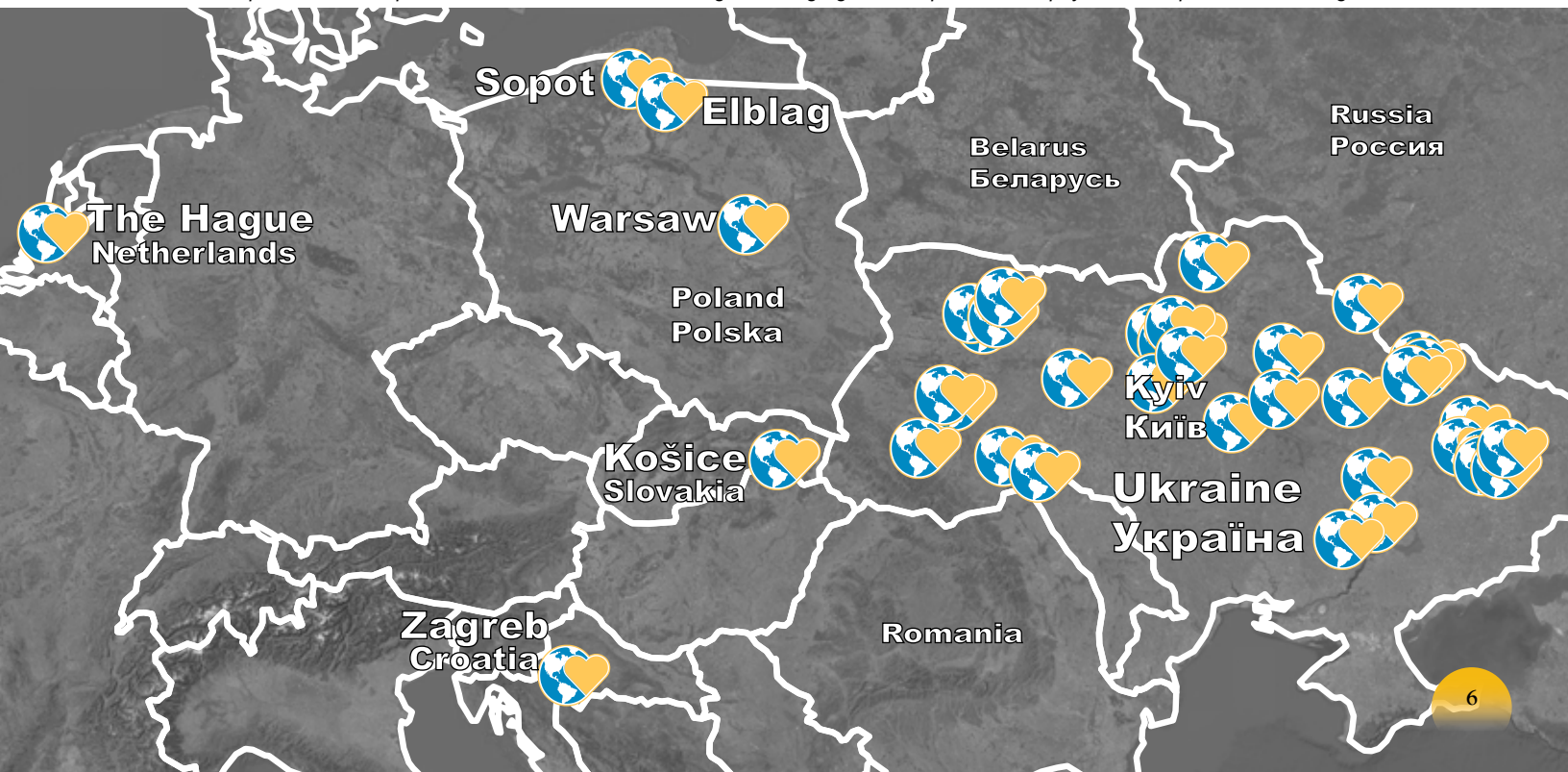
Sopot, Poland: The Sopot Church of Christ, through the efforts led by Molly and Annabelle Dawidaw, developed an effort to help many Ukrainian Christian refugees who made their way to Sopot. Sopot was one of the first places where SIBI provided funds to assist in this significant effort to provide food and other kinds of daily living needs. Molly and Annabelle also facilitate the purchase of food in Poland, which is then shipped to be distributed in Ukraine. They also assist



refugees by providing Polish language lessons to Ukrainian children. GRM is so blessed to have partners like Molly and Annabelle in helping refugees.

Elblag, Poland: Bogdan (Graduate of UBI) and Olga Bogasarova lead the humanitarian aid and church planting effort in Elblag. As they help people by providing food and aid, they build relationships that help bring people to faith. In just five weeks, the size of the newly planted church grew to fill every part of the building, even the outside area.

Pictured on the opposite page is three Ukrainians of the 50 refugees that attended the Mediterranean Christian Conference put on by Dino Russos and the Glyfada Church of Christ in Athens, Greece. At the top right is a group of children playing and eating in the yard of the church in Elblag, Poland. Below is a map of most of the places where SIBI's GRM is working with congregations to provide both physical and spiritual aid to refugees.



“Soul-Aid” Trauma Relief Seminars

To help Ukrainian refugees heal from the trauma caused by the war, SIBI's Global Relief Ministry developed the “Soul-Aid” program. As a part of this program, this past spring and summer we partnered with Thereasa Winnett from Teach One Reach One Ministries. GRM provided funding for travel and lodging expenses, translators' stipends, and a local facility. Thereasa Winnett presented a seminar to the parents and grandparents on how to help children who have experienced the trauma of war. While Thereasa presented to the adults, her team members ministered to the children. The seminars were three to four days. Additionally, Thereasa provided copies of her book in Ukrainian to attendees, which was very popular. SIBI was glad to pay for the translation, printing, and delivery of 4,000 copies of the book for these refugee families. The seminars helped the refugees and outreach leaders in each location. The first seminars in the spring helped so much that SIBI provided additional seminars in the summer. The trauma seminars were presented in four locations during April: The Hague and Rotterdam areas, Netherlands; Zagreb, Croatia; Warsaw, Poland; and Sopot, Poland.



Summer

Richard and Denise Baggett, SIBI's Global Relief Ministry coordinators for the Ukraine funds, visited each of the locations of Ukrainian refugee outreach efforts and participated in a joint outreach to Ukrainian refugees in Athens, Greece. During the trip they observed outreach efforts, participated in church planting activities in Elblag, Poland, and attended the second round of “Soul-Aid” trauma relief seminars presented by Thereasa Winnett in Warsaw, Sopot, Elblag, and The Hague. The seminar was also presented in Athens, Greece.

After the war started in Ukraine, many Ukrainians fled to Greece, particularly Athens. There is now a large population of Ukrainian refugees in the Athens area. Dino Roussos and the Glyfada congregation held a Mediterranean Christian

Pictured on the left is a group of refugee children who attended a Soul-Aid seminar to begin healing from the trauma of the past two years. To the right is a baptism of three Ukrainian refugees at the Sopot Church of Christ, which continues to feed and support hundreds of refugees.



SIBI's GRM worked with By Example Youth Ministry to bring a team to Warsaw, Poland, to operate a summer camp for Ukrainian refugee teens.

Conference during June. SIBI's Global Relief Ministry agreed to sponsor 50 Ukrainian refugees to come to the conference, 30 adults and 20 children. Out of the 30 Ukrainian adults who attended, there were six baptisms. Following the conference, Richard and Denise met with leaders of the Glyfada congregation to discuss plans for follow-up and expanded outreach to Ukrainian refugees in the area.

Camps for Refugee Children

Warsaw, Poland: The Baggetts connected Terry Kile, Director of BEYM (By Example Youth Missions), with Yura Turan from Warsaw. Terry and Yura developed a plan to hold a summer camp for Ukrainian refugee children in Poland. A team of Christians came from the United States and conducted a camp for the refugees. Eighty children and 40 adults from Warsaw, Sopot, and Elblag attended. It was very well received. The parents of the children pleaded, “Would you please do this again?” The impact of the camp is already helping the local



outreach and has opened many new doors.

The Hague, Netherlands: Alexander (Sasha) and Anastasia (Nastia) Nikolaienko (both graduates of UBI) lead outreach efforts to Ukrainian refugees in The Hague, Netherlands. They hold regular meetings and events to reach teenagers and are making contacts with refugees at refugee centers in the area. They hosted the "Soul-Aid" seminars and in August held a camp independently from the BEYM camp in Warsaw. The camp was two weeks in length, a week for older teens and a week for younger children. Thirty-two teens came the first week, and 30 younger children came the second week. There was a variety of activities and games mixed with devotionals, Bible lessons, and relationship building. The teens and children wanted to know when they could do it again. The parents, especially the mothers, also wanted their children to have this camp experience again. Having the camps was a good way to meet and interact with the parents.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, donors have generously supported the humanitarian and outreach efforts to Ukrainian refugees, both in Ukraine and across Europe. SIBI is committed to empowering churches to meet the needs of these refugees and is thankful to so many churches and individuals who have not stopped contributing to this ongoing need. Please share the video at the QR code below with your church and continue to help provide the much needed physical and spiritual aid to the glory of God.

-Richard Baggett & Jeff Rader

<https://www.sunset.bible/grm>



BY THE NUMBERS

7,000

Ukrainians fed each day

24

Churches distributing food & aid and growing each day

400

Gallons of clean drinking water delivered each day during the Kherson dam crisis

907,200

Breadlove soup meals delivered by container in September

1 BIG IMPACT

FOR THE KINGDOM IN UKRAINE



SIBI's Capstone Holy Land Experience



At SIBI we continue to train WHOLE persons to take the WHOLE gospel to the WHOLE world. As we look to the future, we believe that one of the ways we can more fully equip people for ministry is to enhance their studies with a trip to the land of the Holy One. This trip is intended to help the participants more fully understand and conceptualize the world in which Jesus lived and thus communicate God's word more accurately and vividly to the ones whom they serve. Some ministers go their whole lives without ever experiencing this kind of training opportunity. We want our students to begin their ministry ahead of that curve to the glory of God.

This past July, several members of the SIBI student body, faculty, and staff embarked on an inaugural tour of Israel. Our team of sixteen walked in the footsteps of Jesus for seven days. It was an awe-inspiring experience to witness the Bible come to life right before our eyes.

Our days were filled with touring the many historical sites of the region (listed in the itinerary). We had the privilege of sharing in times of worship and song at various locations, and our tour guide provided us a plethora of information at each stop. We enjoyed delicious Mediterranean-style food and were able to catch a glimpse of the culture as we journeyed throughout the cities.

As you can well imagine, this trip was an amazing experience and one that we hope leaves a lasting impression on our students as they minister to others. Due to the conflict in Israel, the 2024 trip has been cancelled with hopes to resume in 2025. We would love for you to join us and share in this life-changing experience. If you would like more information, please contact Tim Burow by email at tburow@sibi.cc or by phone at 806-788-3221.

2023 Tour Itinerary

Day 1

- Travel Day – Arrived in Tel Aviv and traveled by bus to Jerusalem

Day 2

- Temple Mount and Dome of the Rock
- Western Wall (aka Wailing Wall or Kotel)
- Southern Temple Wall
- King David's Palaces
- Gihon Water Shaft and Tower of Siloam
- Hezekiah's Tunnel to Pool of Siloam
- St. Anne's Church beside the Pool of Bethesda
- Ecce Homo Arch
- Israel Museum with a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem
- Shrine of the Book – Dead Sea Scrolls
- St. George's Cathedral
- Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center - Shroud of Turin



The Garden Tomb

Day 3

- Holocaust Museum – Yad Vashem
- Franciscan Church – Bethlehem
- Shepherd's Fields – Bethlehem
- Herodion of Herod the Great – West Bank
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- The Garden Tomb
- Jerusalem Prayer Center



Walks of Jericho

Day 4

- Mount of Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Church of All Nations
- Masada
- The Dead Sea

Day 5

- Jericho
- Beit She'an
- Jordan River
- "Jesus Boat" Museum
- Sea of Galilee Boat Ride

Day 6

- Golan Heights
- Tel Dan
- Banias – Caesarea Philippi – Gates of Hades
- Road to Damascus
- Capernaum – Peter's House
- Mount of Beatitudes

Day 7

- Herod's Aqueducts
- Caesarea Maritima
- Joppa/Jaffa
- Emmaus
- Depart for home



Dead Sea



Overlooking the Temple Mount



EUROPEAN VISION WORKSHOP

The European Vision Workshop is an annual event held during the first week of October. It takes place in various locations throughout central Europe in order to be easily accessible for attendees. The workshop is hosted jointly by Sunset International Bible Institute, Partners in Progress, World English Institute, and Healing Hands International. It is used as an opportunity to offer spiritual encouragement to our many European church leaders facing unique challenges and experiencing life-changing victories as they minister to congregations spread throughout Europe. The workshop consists of diverse speakers, discussion groups, devotionals, singing, food, and fellowship. All of these things combined offer a rich experience for all who attend.

The 2023 European Vision Workshop took place in Shëngjin, Lezhë, Albania. We had approximately 90 people in attendance representing 19 different countries. The focus of this year's event came from Hebrews 10:24-25:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

We spent two full days listening to encouraging messages from various speakers, enjoying wonderful singing, and fellowshiping with one another during our break times and meals. Our keynote speaker was Bruce McLarty, who currently serves as the Minister in Residence at Freed Hardeman University. His words were inspiring and brought about a sense of renewal to our spiritual energy.

The ability to network with fellow servants of God is powerful, and we often hear how beneficial it is for people to have this opportunity during the workshop. Our time together allows for cultural and language differences to be set aside so we can truly see that we all share a common faith and devotion to Christ. We discuss with one another the struggles of our ministry work while also celebrating the many successes. The relationships developed through this camaraderie extend far beyond our time together at the workshop and provide a constant source of encouragement. What a blessing it is to have brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

The next European Vision Workshop will be October 1–4, 2024. Follow the details on our website, <https://www.sunset.bible/european-vision-workshop>.

-Kristin Hagins, Director of Marketing



First Annual Graduate School Sermon Symposium

The Sermon Symposium is designed to serve preachers, Bible teachers, elders, and all those who instruct others in the Word of God. The Symposium features keynote sermons and classes on lesson development and delivery, practical ministry concerns, and related research topics.

For the convenience of those traveling, the three-day event was hosted at the Lewisville Church of Christ in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Graduate students from across the country were able to share their research and papers with each other and many other preachers. The two keynote speakers both encouraged and blessed preachers who are striving to grow and mature themselves and their churches. Based on the responses of the attendees, both the graduate students and preachers from around the country, we will host another Sermon Symposium in 2024. It will be held June 6–8, 2024, at the same location, Lewisville Church of Christ. Save this date and be looking for more information early next year.

-Jeff Rader

Pictured top right is Dr. Ralph Gilmore teaching on relevant preaching. The lower picture is a doctoral student, Bobby Price, presenting a class on returning to Gospel preaching.



92nd Graduating Class of Suns

The commencement ceremony of the 92nd graduating class from our resident school occurred on May 20, 2023. This is our 62nd year of operation since the school began in 1962. Each year for over half a century, men and women have walked across the stage to begin a life of fruitful ministry in the Lord's kingdom.

Twenty-five men and women graduated from the various departments at SIBI. Twelve earned the Bachelor of Theology Degree or the Bachelor of Biblical Studies Degree in residence here in Lubbock. Some completed their studies in December 2022; others finished in May. Seven earned their degrees through online courses. Six are receiving their Master of Biblical Studies Degree, having completed 36 hours of advanced education in our Graduate School. Some received their diplomas in person, but others, scattered across the USA and around the world, received theirs in the mail. Beyond all of these, there are hundreds who are graduating this year from our 81 international partner schools. Most of their names could not be listed, but you will find a representative list in this program.

Joining thousands of other graduates of various disciplines at SIBI, these go forth well equipped for the great task of preaching the whole gospel to the whole world, wholly to please God.

Our prayers for strength, our hope for the future, and our dream for the evangelization of the world accompany these graduates as they begin a new phase of their ministry lives.

-Tim Burrow

Bachelor of Theology



Sloan Curtis
Kileen, Texas



Nathan Fuentes
Baguio, Philippines



Aasta Watson
Atlanta, Georgia



Greg Watson
Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Biblical Studies



David Bible
Amarillo, Texas



Eric Bureson
Grayville, Illinois



Tyrus Galicia
Sierra Vista, Arizona



Garrett Morado
Ozona, Texas



Milo Rodriguez
Midland, Texas



Rut Rodriguez
Midland, Texas

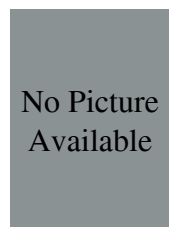


Tara Washburn
Shelby, North Carolina



Matthew Wilson
Lubbock, Texas

Bachelor of Biblical Studies earned Online



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James Beatty
Toledo, Ohio



Emilio Clergé
Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Karen Gentry
Cookeville, Tennessee



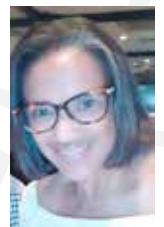
Matrida Phiri
Lusaka, Zambia



Christopher Tarter
Columbia, Kentucky



Jordan Woodruff
Fairview, Oregon



Kandra Dears
Warwick, Bermuda
(Associates)

Master of Biblical Studies

Congregational Ministry

Paul Ahrens - Queretaro, Mexico
Kelvin Briggs - Columbia, South Carolina
David Willis - American Samoa

Spiritual Leadership

Charlie Mills - Gonzales, Texas
Rodney Richard - Haiti

Congregational Ministry and Graduate Certificate in Church History

Bobby Price - Kokomo, Indiana

Sunset International Bible Institute

With graduates from 81 partner schools around the world, it would be impossible to list every name. Here is a list of graduates from nine of our schools as representatives of SIBI International graduates everywhere.

Athens International Bible Institute

Abigayl Berhe
Iftikhar Khan

Ukrainian Bible Institute

Alexander Kolosha
Ivan Maidan
Alina Musina

Heritage Bible College - Philippines

Eajay Estoche Albert
Dormeí Cafranca Arraz
Christian Wilfred Madarang Cunanan
Mary Jane Calipayan Dacuro
Ira Daniel Fuentes De Los Reyes
Tiffany Jane Fuentes De Los Reyes
John Felix Lino Felimon
Nethaneel Lopez Fuentes
Joseph Singian Gallardo
Laurence Jacob Fuentes Hilario
Aldrin San Andres Jaula
Johnny Kepes Payangdo Jr.
Patricia Betonio Sagun
Keziah Lois Fuentes Sargento

Seoul Bible Institute

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Kyongsook Kim
Jeongae Park

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De Los Santos Orta José Hilario
García González Raima
Herrera Rojas Neiger Marlene de Jesús
Jiménez Aguilar Luz Yenny Andreina
Rodríguez Chacón Natacha Elena Rojas

Figueredo Neida Cecilia
Vilchis Benhumea Luminosa

Escuela Quiteña de Estudios Bíblicos - Ecuador

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Reinaldo Jose Brito Brito
Hernández Mejía Juilissa
Llovay Utreras Ana del Carmen
Mena Robleto Betty Esther
Mena Robleto Meyri Odili
Olivares Fernández Lucker Jesús
Negrete Alvarado Edrehy Aldaiar
Quiñaluisa Allaica Andy Diego
Quiñonez Gonzalez Jerennis Yadira
Rioboo Escalona Luis David
Rodríguez Pacheco Milanyerla Nenmar
Rodríguez Sosa Beatriz Alexandra
Salcedo Campo Kevin David
Vásquez Rengifo Cesar Gabriel

Darrell Memorial Bible Institute - Nigeria

Akpan Etieneobong
Anthony Ekpong
Richard Edi
Anthocornel Monjok
Chidi Chibunna
Patrick Woshor
Festus Okwo
Agli Godwin
Henry Ukpong
Odohi Jenny Enyi
Otu Christopher Nyiam
Ogar Elizabeth Anya
Odoh Idongesit Sunday
Imbufe Pius Imbufe
Galadima Oscar

Udey Martha Agiounim
Osita Daniel Onuora
Osaka James
Njiekeng Cyprian

Institute of Practical Christian Ministry - Kenya

Cllennox Baraza
Anderson Mbura
Bernard Likoko
Jacob Mwanzia
Zacharia Ongera
Ziro Mlanda
Stephen Kai Gari
Sang Simon
John Kiptek
Abdullah Kalama Masha
Daniel Kimani
David Mudzomba
Peter Siele
Titus Mutunga
Kipng'eno Yegon
Benjamin Tonui
Victoria Mumbua Mutiso
Pascal B Murithi Njeru

Uganda College of Biblical Studies

Budaha Risper
Dadira Minabo Wonyando
Taabu Wilberforce
Ouma Rondals Mangeni
Makoha Margret
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DEPARTURES

Charles Cook ('81), 85, of Modesto, California, passed away on October 5, 2023. Charles and Tamara were missionaries in India with India City Evangelism and church planters in Hawaii for many years. Charles returned to Sunset School of Preaching in 1993 to work as an instructor and to help with Focus Northeast. In 2008 Charles and Tamara moved to Singapore to direct SIBI Singapore, which trained many preachers for Southeast Asia and China. In 2011 they returned to Lubbock and directed the Sunset School of Biblical Leadership. They retired to California to be closer to family. Charles battled Alzheimer's for many years before going to be with the Lord.



Jimmy "Jim" Stamatis ('73), 86, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, passed away on October 2, 2023. His desire to serve God in a full-time capacity led him to further his studies at Sunset, which changed the trajectory of his life's purpose. He preached for congregations in Shreveport, Louisiana; Dalhart, Texas; New York City, New York; and Danbury, Connecticut. He held training seminars throughout the Northeast and recruited preachers for the area through Focus Northeast at Sunset. Jim was excited to return to Sunset for several stints of co-directing Adventures in Missions, teaching in the residential program, and starting an international branch school in Athens, Greece. He loved teaching the Gospel. Jim led many evangelistic campaigns in the United States and Greece. He impacted thousands of people throughout his 40 years of ministry. His efforts continue to bear fruit in Africa, Europe, Asia, and North America through those whom he taught.



DEPARTURES

Ty Bannister, ('81) from Lubbock, Texas, passed away. No further information is available.

Maurice Charlton, 79, from Perth, Scotland, passed away on October 5, 2023. Maurice is the husband of **Polly** ('14). Maurice and Polly came from Scotland in 2011 to attend Sunset. For the past few years they have been taking SAIM classes both through Zoom and in person.



David Dennis ('67), 83, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on August 11, 2023. David attended Sunset School of Preaching and later served as a missionary in New Zealand. David was very active in the church, participated in missionary work all over the country, and taught through World Bible School. Ministry and preaching the word of God were his greatest passions.



Milton Langston Jr. ('74), 76, of San Angelo, Texas, passed away on September 22, 2023. Upon graduating from Sunset School of Preaching, Milton, Judy, and their family moved to Maseru, Lesotho, for eight years to serve as missionaries in southern Africa. Afterwards, Milton preached in Bangs, Texas, for eight years and Jal, New Mexico, for nine years. In 1999 Milton and Judy moved to San Angelo where Milton served as an Education Minister for 24 years for the Southgate Church of Christ. He retired in April 2023.



Doyle Mabry ('76), 77, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on October 30, 2023. There will be many who will miss him and his love for the Lord, for the church, and for the lost.



Dottie Mowery, 86, of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 31, 2023. Dottie was the wife of **Richard Mowery** ('74).

Judy Mulrooney, 73, of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, passed away on July 25, 2022. Judy was the wife of **Daniel Mulrooney** ('73). Her faith and positive outlook in all situations and toward all people were amazing and contagious. She was a most beautiful person inside and out and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lois Neill, 86, from Albion, Indiana, passed away on June 6, 2023. Lois was the wife of **Everett Neill** ('73). Together they were missionaries in New Zealand for many years.



Pedro Reyna ('65), 96, of Clovis, New Mexico, passed away on September 20, 2023. Pete regularly could be found reading his Bible and was often heavily involved in ministry work. Pete's strong Christian faith led him to attend Sunset School of Preaching in 1964, where he was a member of the first graduating class.



June Robinson ('16), 84, from Clarendon, Texas, passed away on July 12, 2023. June began taking classes at SIBI in 2012 and graduated in 2016. Her hobbies included reading, crocheting, quilting, and writing. She also spent time volunteering in Montezuma Creek, Utah, with her brother Ray.



Ricky Rogers ('89), 69, of Levelland, Texas, passed away on September 1, 2023. Rick attended Sunset School of Preaching and served as a missionary in Bulgaria after graduation. Rick was a very creative and gifted artist.



Loretta Samsill, 93, of North Richland Hills, Texas passed away on October 3, 2023. Loretta was well known for her faith in Christ, her warm hospitality, and her generous heart. She dedicated her life first to God and then to her family. Her favorite song was "Count Your Many Blessings" because, aside from her relationship with God, her family (especially her grandchildren) was her greatest joy and her biggest blessing. Loretta shared many of her blessings with SIBI through the years.



Phyllis Stewart, 77, of George West, Texas, passed away on April 29, 2023. Phyllis was the wife of **Sidney Stewart** ('79). Phyllis was a homemaker. She and Sid were blessed with a loving relationship and marriage. Phyllis enjoyed crocheting, paper angels, and oil painting.



Sylvia Stovall, 83, from Graham, Texas, passed away on October 19, 2023. Sylvia was the wife of **Dick Stovall** ('69). Sylvia spent her life in service to her Lord and family. There are many verses from the Bible that describe her dedication to God. Sylvia was the epitome of a Proverbs 31 woman. Sylvia lived scripture to influence all who came in contact with her.



Dace Whaite (AIM), 24, from Madera, California, passed away on October 6, 2022. Dace died suddenly from an ongoing medical condition while on his AIM field in Crosbyton, Texas. He would have graduated in March 2024.



Creighton Wilson Sr. ('78), 71, of Springhill, Louisiana, passed away on October 18, 2023. Creighton preached at various churches in Oklahoma, New York, Texas, and Louisiana.



Correction: In the previous edition of Lifeline we incorrectly stated that Glenn Boyd ('78) died in December 2022. We apologize. Dr. Glen Boyd who did medical missions in Nigeria and with Partners in Progress passed away. Glenn Boyd, preacher for the Tolar Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas, is still alive.

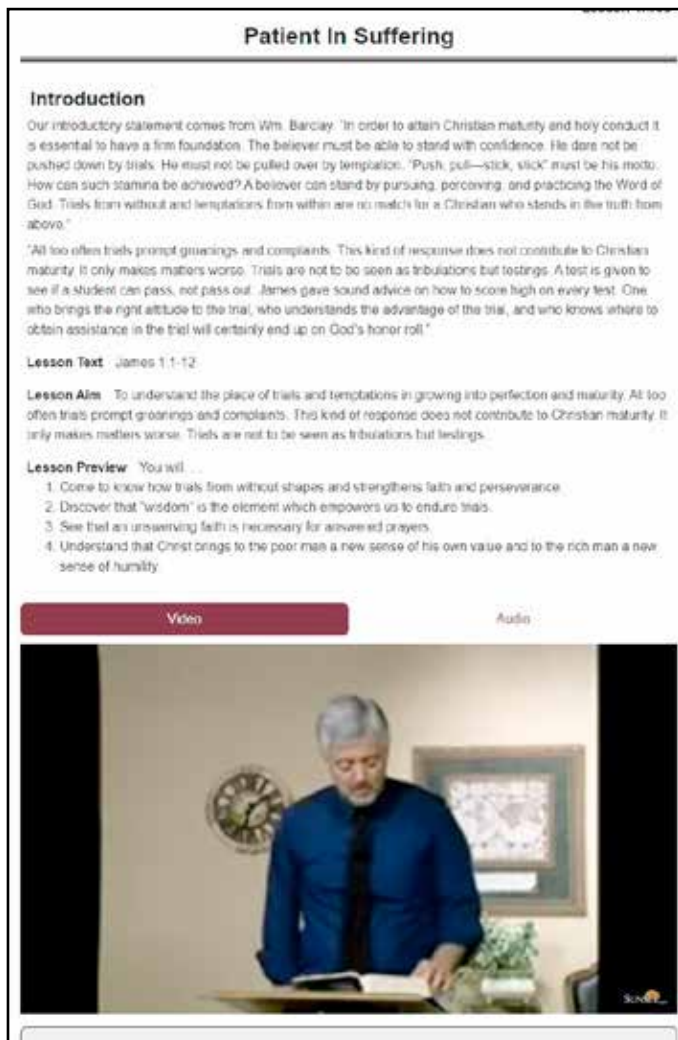
CHANGES IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

SUNSET.BIBLE

For almost three decades Sunset International Bible Institute has been using sibi.cc as our web address. While it was easy to remember, there were complications with this address. Over the past few years SIBI has been working to adopt sunset.bible as our new web address. In October our website officially transitioned to <https://www.sunset.bible> with a redesigned and optimized look. Email addresses and links to sibi.cc will continue to work for the foreseeable future. The new site is the product of many hours of work from our Advancement Operations staff including Kristin Hagins, Brandon Aaron, and Jeff Rader, with editing done by Pam Evans. The new site is much more succinct and will hopefully guide people to learn more about SIBI and how they can be involved. Please visit our new website and share it with others to learn more about the different ministries of Sunset International Bible Institute.

SUNSETONLINE.ORG

Sunset International Bible Institute began offering courses from the SIBI Extension School in 2006 at SunsetOnline.org. Since that time, hundreds have registered and taken classes, and quite a few have even completed a Bachelor of Biblical Studies



through those courses.

There are now three options to study online:

Reformatted Studio Courses: Throughout the life of SunsetOnline.org, the classes have had a standard lesson format with a small video alongside the study guide. This format worked well for many years but has not transitioned well to mobile browsers. Beginning last year, Justin Witt ('22) worked alongside our staff to redesign the courses. This process is complete, and the new format is being implemented in all of the courses over the next few months. We encourage you to check out the new format. The newly formatted courses can be found in all of our Audit courses and will soon be in the Credit courses with the designation (ST23).

SIBI Classroom Format: In addition to a new look for the old courses, SIBI is working to take recent recordings from the classroom to build new courses. These courses, which are still in development, will contain more content than the studio courses that were developed for SIBI External Studies.

Virtual Live Classroom: For students who want an in-class experience and have the ability to go to school full-time, the Virtual Live Classroom option is available. These students must apply through the Residential Studies department and will follow the school calendar with the students in Lubbock.

-Jeff Rader

NEW FACES AT SIBI

TONY HUGHES

Tony Hughes has been serving the Lord diligently for the past 18 years. In 2005 he joined Adventures in Missions, where he met his future wife, Beth. After serving on their AIM fields (Tony was in Leon, Mexico, and Beth was in Prato, Italy), they were married. They have two children. Tony and Beth graduated from SIBI in 2011. Tony has served for the past decade at the Metro Church of Christ in Portland, Oregon. He arrived in August to be the Recruitment Coordinator for AIM. He considers serving with AIM a privilege and honor because he gets to be a part of equipping and training leaders.



SHARON PRUITT

We are thrilled that Sharon has joined SIBI. Sharon currently has two distinct roles at SIBI: she works in the finance office and as Assistant Dean of Women for Betty Tracy, the current dean. Sharon graduated in 2013 from Texas Tech University with a Master of Business Administration. She is married to Britton Pruitt, SIBI's Director of Church Development. Sharon met Britton while he was an SIBI student in 1996. They married three years later. They have two college-age children. Sharon enjoys mentoring women of all ages.



LEANN SETLIFF

LeAnn began working as the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor in June. LeAnn graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in Elementary Education. She taught elementary Special Education for 23 years, retiring in 2017. LeAnn met and married Steve at Lubbock Christian College in 1979. They were married for 38 years prior to his passing in 2017. LeAnn has three grown children and eight grandchildren.



GREG & AASTA WATSON

Greg and his wife Aasta are a husband-and-wife team focused on working in God's kingdom. They have been married for 35 years and have two children and one grandchild. Greg retired as an executive from a major corporation in 2018. Together, he and Aasta decided they wanted to become better equipped to do good works for the kingdom. To help them grow in their knowledge of God's Word, Greg and Aasta enrolled at SIBI and earned their Bachelor of Theology degrees in May 2023. Greg has accepted the position of Dean of Ministry Training in Europe. Aasta is the Coordinator of International Women's Studies. They have already begun networking with churches in Europe and have dreams of additional schools across the region.



SAD FAREWELLS

BRIAN & BETTY GARNETT



We thank Brian and Betty for their many years of devoted service to the Lord's kingdom. For the past ten years, Brian has been the Assistant Director for Senior Adventures in Ministry. Brian shared much of the teaching load with Stuart Jones and Ed Wharton for many years and then with Gary Witcher and Ed Jones. We pray for God's richest blessings



as the Garnetts transition into another chapter of their life.

BRAD SHELTON



Brad Shelton has done great work since the moment he took on our Online Studies program in 2020. Under Brad's leadership, the number of those who actively studied for credit doubled. Brad's tireless efforts to stay in communication with the students greatly benefited the students and the program. He worked actively to make sure no students went unattended and that they felt included in the school. We sincerely appreciate all his hard work and commitment to SIBI.



CARA SPEER

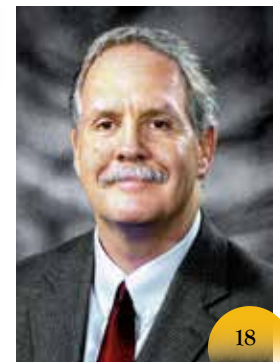


For more than 20 years Cara Speer taught Effective Parenting to our women at SIBI, a vital class for every family going through the school. Cara not only taught the class, but remained available to the students for guidance, mentorship, and encouragement once the class was over. Cara will be deeply missed. SIBI is eternally grateful for her hard work and personal investment in our students. We pray for God's richest blessings upon her retirement from SIBI.



TERRY FANNING

Sunset says goodbye to Terry Fanning, who served the Institute for more than 25 years. He was an instructor in the Biblical Studies program and the School of Missions, and he served for a long while as our Academic Dean. He and his wife, Terri, are former missionaries to Mexico City. Any student who has registered for classes over the last decade has worked with Mr. T to arrange their schedule and to acquire transcripts. He has impacted a lot of past, current, and even future preachers through his work among us. We wish Terry all the best in the next chapter of his life and his service to Jesus.





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SUNSET ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Sunset Academy of Leadership Training (SALT) has experienced a wonderful year. The SALT Team has worked with numerous congregations, some twice. Mike Vaughn, who joined SALT at the first of the year, has been a great addition to the work, helping congregations with our follow-up sessions "Strategic Planning" and "Making Disciples." These additional workshops have proven fruitful for everyone.

The following are excerpts from letters from two of the churches that worked with SALT and wanted to share their results from the work.

"We have completed our strategic planning with Mike and Lisa Vaughn. It was challenging but rewarding. We only set one goal, but it stood out as something that the majority of our congregation felt we needed. The goal is to grow together as a loving church family. I believe we are already very loving, but what might be missing is vulnerability and intimacy, a certain closeness.

Several people stood up and took responsibility for the overall goal and various, specific aspects of reaching the goal. The real success I see in all of it is this: those who stepped up have very much in the way of experience, knowledge, ability, and common sense to offer, but for one reason or another, have not been engaged in using it on behalf of the church. You might say the strategic planning brought them out of the 'shadows' and into the fray.

Since you were here, we have immersed a new brother into Christ, and are having weekly Bible studies with him which will likely last a year or more. He is a great asset, very familiar with Scripture yet, absent of all the denominational dogma, a self-studier."

- Jim Myers, Alpena Church of Christ, Alpena, Michigan

"Since the initial announcement and introduction to the entire congregation, the following has taken place...

- Most all members signed up to be involved in at least one activity
- Multiple meetings have taken place around all the activities
- A 5 step Guest/Visitor Experience Team (VET) program



has been implemented and is going strong.

- Kids Kingdom program kicked off in mid-April (after Lads2Leaders was completed) and has been a success.
- Multiple absent families have begun to visit again, based on the work of the Absent Family "Reachout" team.
- The willing to serve sheets were revamped and updated, passed out and completed by all members. This effort has helped more people be involved and allowed committee and team leaders to know who a good person to complete tasks or activities might be.
- Our Friends and Family (community outreach) Parenting Seminar has been set for late October.
- Many lessons and thoughts from the pulpit have focused on our Vision/Mission and our elders state the vision very often in closing/opening remarks.
- Since the initial congregational announcement, we have had at least 25 new members place membership...These don't all represent young families, but it does represent at least 2 young families with children.
- There are many other ancillary activities that have been established or taken place since our initial workshop, but they are too numerous to mention here.



Along with these activities, I have seen the congregation's mind-set and focus change in the following ways...

- Members and leaders alike are much more focused on how our community perceives us and less worried about how others outside 'churched people' perceive us.
- Members and leaders now put a higher priority on 'non-churched' guests and visitors, which has enabled changes to be more readily accepted and approved. It has also changed the direction and content of lessons, announcements from the pulpit and the way we use social media and our website to our strategic advantage.
- Our visitors, whether they be churched or not, now quickly notice that we have a strategy and plan in place to welcome and love on them, and they are impressed.
- Our members now feel they have more of a purpose and can see how their actions and activities produce results. They now have more hope for the future based on their understanding of the communicated strategy and direction.

The workshops that Bob and Mike conducted through Sunset's SALT program have radically changed the strategic direction of our congregation. The vision & mission along with the goals & activities they helped us craft and create, have helped us change our outlook of inward complacency to one of outward activity, focus, direction and vision. I would highly recommend these SALT workshops to any congregation looking to truly fulfill Christ's mission for the church (Matt 28) but need help driving the motivation and direction necessary for success.



These workshops are not 'cookie cutter' but are tailored to fit each congregation's specific challenges and traditions so that they can ultimately reach the unique communities in which they reside."

- Erick Rucker, Centerville Road Church of Christ, Garland, Texas

Both of these letters reflect the potential for change in our congregations. These two congregations are vastly different cultures, but both have grown after investing time and effort through these workshops. If you are interested in the Sunset Academy of Leadership Training, please contact Bob Turner.

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A THANK-YOU AND AN APPEAL



As the seasons change and holidays approach, we stop for a moment to say thank you. Thank you for your continued support of a ministry that is now in its 62nd year and third generation of leadership. Committed faculty, staff, and volunteers are still training gospel preachers, teachers, and ministers to deliver the good news of Jesus around the world, whether in person at our Lubbock campus, through online formats, or in more than 100 international partner schools. SIBI continues to train future ministers for service in public proclamation, family and youth ministry, Deaf ministry, women's ministry, and missions. Those outside the United States study God's Word in their own language and for more than ten years have had access to Solar Players filled with hundreds of hours of training along with the Bible. The AIM program remains strong and vibrant, a testimony to the passion of the Lord's young people.

SIBI as a ministry is strong because of the grace of God working through our alumni, our partner ministries, and our dedicated donor base. The world-wide impact of SIBI's influence and abundant fruit cannot be fully reported in any issue of *Lifeline*. We earnestly believe that SIBI is the kind of kingdom ministry you want to be a part of, and we humbly and gratefully recognize that our donors are vital to what SIBI does every day.

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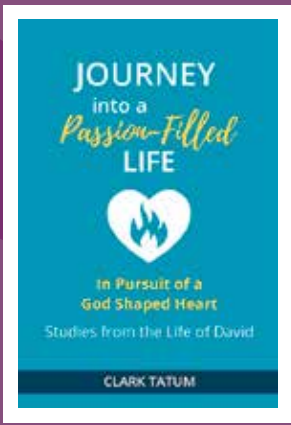
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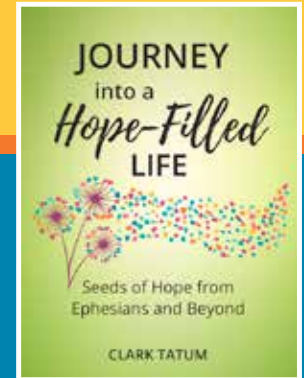
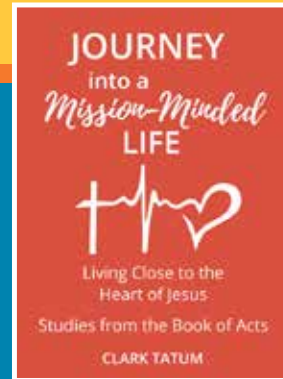
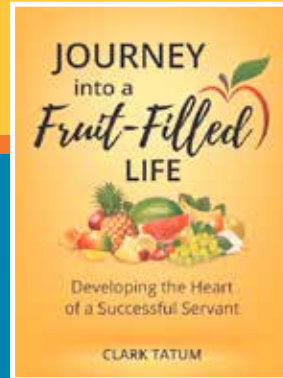
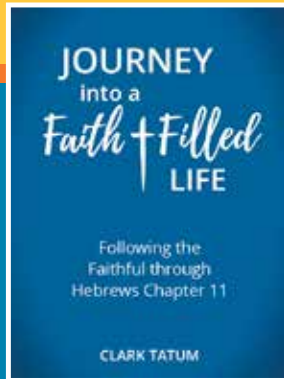
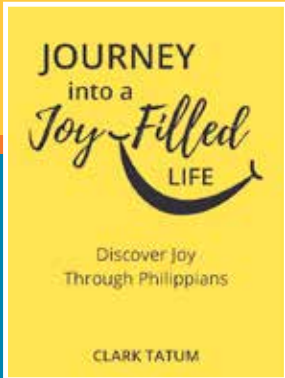




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