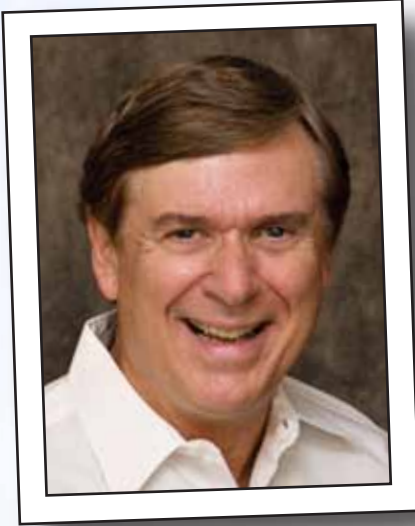


ETERNAL REWARDS

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A Word from the President



One of the features of this newsletter edition is our focus on Missions. The dream of our school is to help reach the entire world with the wonderful good news of God's love and grace. **Every corner of the world hides the cobwebs of hatred and vengeance in the darkness of**

theological ignorance. Ignorance of what? Of God's love and God's grace. They simply have never heard the good news (gospel) that God wants to exchange their bag of sins for His gift of eternal life. That's our job.

At the end of April I will travel with Bob Tebow, a new member of our Board of Trustees, to the Philippines where his evangelistic organization had over 2 million professions of faith in Christ last year. That's right—2 million. He has approximately fifty Filipino evangelists who work for him full time. Once a year he brings someone from America to help grow their understanding of the outrageously free gift of eternal life God offers fallen human beings in exchange for their sins. This year he has asked me to teach them 1st John, highlighting the difference between Relationship and Fellowship. Bob has already bought over a hundred copies of *Free Grace Soteriology* (of which he gave ten to the Denver Broncos football team where his son is the starting

quarterback) and made it required reading for his evangelists. Now he is buying *Maximum Joy*. What a privilege to work side-by-side with such a gifted man of God.

At the end of June, I will be flying to Bulgaria to teach more than 1,000 pastors about Relationship and Fellowship. I taught about eight hundred of them ten years ago, but none of them believed in eternal security (Relationship). They asked me to come back, and I agreed on the condition that they would let me teach them about eternal security. They translated a little pamphlet I had written on the subject into Bulgarian. I am told that today they have over a thousand pastors, and over fifty percent of them now believe in eternal security as a result of one little pamphlet and their openness to learn. I am humbled to be in their midst once again.

Last month I received an email from Georg Hagedorn in Germany who wants to attend our school and translate both *Maximum Joy* and *Free Grace Soteriology* into German. He has his own publishing company and hopes to establish a Grace School of Theology learning center as soon as possible in Germany.

These are just a sampling of the opportunities our school and faculty are pursuing to help reach the world with the good news. We thank all of you for your vital role in making this kingdom work possible.

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson, President
Grace School of Theology

ONE STEP CLOSER TO

ACCREDITATION

By **Dr. Bob Miller**, GRACE's Director of Institutional Effectiveness

The Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) has accepted Grace School of Theology's initial application for candidacy for accreditation following a review of the Seminary's Institutional Eligibility Requirements. Accreditation through TRACS is based upon well defined Foundational Standards and Operational Standards. The Grace School of Theology Mission Statement is the foundational statement of the Seminary and serves as the guide in the Seminary's strategic planning process.

Grace School of Theology is working to join a number of evangelical institutions of higher learning across the United States and the world that have already demonstrated high standards of operations including administrative services, academic excellence, financial stability, excellent student services, and institutional effectiveness. When the Seminary becomes an accredited institution, it has demonstrated a commitment "to provide quality postsecondary education within the context of Christian values."

Grace is on target for meeting the timeline for Candidacy for Accreditation through TRACS. A TRACS staff member will be visiting in April 2011 to offer suggestions, recommendations, and advice to Grace related to the candidacy process. Grace is currently conducting an extensive Self-Study led by a steering committee appointed by Dr. Dave Anderson, the Seminary President.

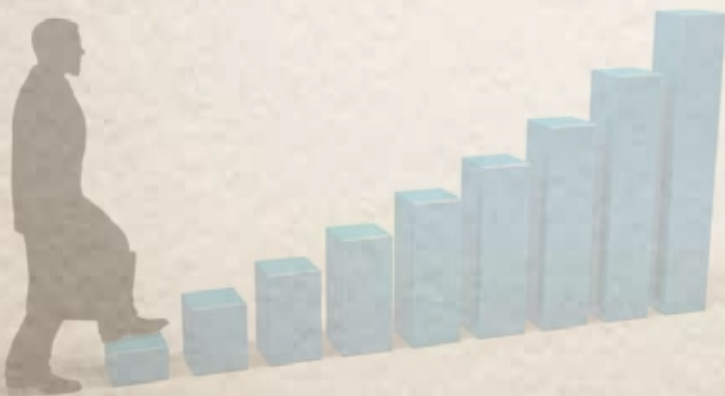
The steering committee includes the following personnel:

- ▶ Dr. Bruce Baker, Chair, *Director of Master's Degree Programs*
- ▶ Dr. Steven Wright, *Vice President of Advancement*
- ▶ Erica Sanger, *Student Services Coordinator*
- ▶ Diana Smith, *Registrar*
- ▶ Linus Nguyen, *Advancement Services Coordinator*
- ▶ John Witmer, *Librarian*
- ▶ Tameka Coleman, *Financial Administrator*

The Self-Study is a product of a seminary-wide effort. The faculty, administration, and staff have been involved from the beginning of the process. The steering committee is composed of representatives and constituents from the various academic and departmental areas of the Seminary. In addition, individuals throughout the Seminary were included to evaluate all facets of the Seminary's programs and to submit written reports on their findings. The steering committee has done a tremendous job in compiling and submitting valuable documentation for the Self-Study, which includes many hours of dedicated research by all. The Self-Study is scheduled to be available for review by the Board of Advisors and the Board of Trustees in May 2011.

An External Site Visit, led by a TRACS staff member and comprised of a team of peers from other accredited seminaries and universities, will be conducted at Grace in July 2011. The primary objective of this extensive self-assessment process is to obtain Candidacy for Accreditation Status at the November 2011 TRACS Commission Meeting.

Already, as a result of Grace School of Theology's Self-Study, several new developments have occurred. Grace has a newly revised mission statement approved by the Board of Trustees, a new five-year strategic plan, a new assessment plan, as well as new educational goals and objectives. Through the tireless efforts of the team at GRACE, the seminary is positioning itself to fulfill its educational mission and share Christ with the local community, region, and the world.



I Believe in Grace...

**Q&A with GRACE
Seminary Student**

Jesse Jurado



Q: Would you tell us a little about your family and current ministry?

I have been married to my wife Sandra for six years, and God has blessed us with two wonderful children. My oldest is Jeremiah, and he will be five in September. My youngest is Savannah Faith, and she will be a year old in May. Our current ministry revolves around serving at our local church - Andrews Worship Center in Andrews, Texas. We have been a part of the church family for three years.

Q: What led you to pursue seminary?

My desire and dream has always been to study theology in a seminary setting. My goal someday is to be a pastor, and I knew that theological training was a must in order to succeed at leading God's people.

Q: How did you hear about Grace?

My heart has always wanted to study with like-minded individuals who love God and His word. One day I did a Google search for West Texas Seminaries, and GRACE came up.

Q: What part of your Grace experience has benefited you the most?

The Bible exposition courses have been the best. I took a course on James, and it changed my life. Studying God's word verse by verse really transformed my thinking and actions towards God.

Q: Why do you believe in the work and ministry of Grace School of Theology?

I believe in Free Grace and the loving acceptance that we have through Jesus Christ regardless of who we are or where we find ourselves. Grace School of Theology teaches that truth. In addition, GRACE is bringing seminary to those who might not have had access to seminary in the past.

GRACE GOES GLOBAL

Christ commanded his disciples to go to “the uttermost part of the earth,” and GRACE students are following His command by serving on short-term missions around the world.

Equipped with the principles of free grace and truth, students are taking what they have learned in the GRACE classroom and equipping others with this life-changing message.

Th.M. student Rich Keller traveled to Ghana last year with GRACE adjunct professor Dr. Charlie Bing in order to provide training for more than 1500 pastors.

“Our role was primarily focused on learning and seeing what world missions was all about firsthand. To that end, Dr. Bing tasked us with developing a survey for the pastors attending the conference,” says Rich. “We asked pointed questions about how one obtains eternal life as well as inquiring about their various ministry needs. We were able to speak with many of them individually to learn about their ministry, and be an encouragement to them just as they were to us.”

Rich witnessed firsthand how critical it is to provide the proper teaching and training for pastors and ministry leaders.

“I saw an incredible need for not only basic exegetical teaching, but also for a clear and simple grace message to be delivered by the leaders. So many pastors were shepherding their flocks with nothing more than a set of rules and regulations, but it robbed their flocks of an understanding of God’s grace and assurance of salvation. Working from the top down I believe is one of the most Biblical, effective, and logical ways to have a

greater impact on world missions and meeting the spiritual needs of a culture group,” says Rich.

Though his commitments as a full-time engineer and father of five keep Rich busy, he’s eager to continue his education at GRACE so that he is better equipped for both local service and continued mission work internationally.

“It’s invaluable knowing that I am able to receive high quality training while at the same time providing for my family and maintaining my ministry work,” he says.

In December, GRACE student Jaime Garza journeyed to Bolivia to assist with Biblical training for area pastors. In addition to providing technical and logistical support for the trip, Jaime also enjoyed the opportunity to teach through a portion of Romans. In an effort to nourish the seeds that were planted, his team gave a small library of books to each pastor at the end of the conference along with a certificate recognizing their successful completion of the course.

“The pastors there don’t have access to resources like we do here, such as GRACE professors, Logos Bible Software, or a library full of books,” says Jaime. “The pastors were so appreciative of the resources we provided, especially the books on free grace that were translated into Spanish.”

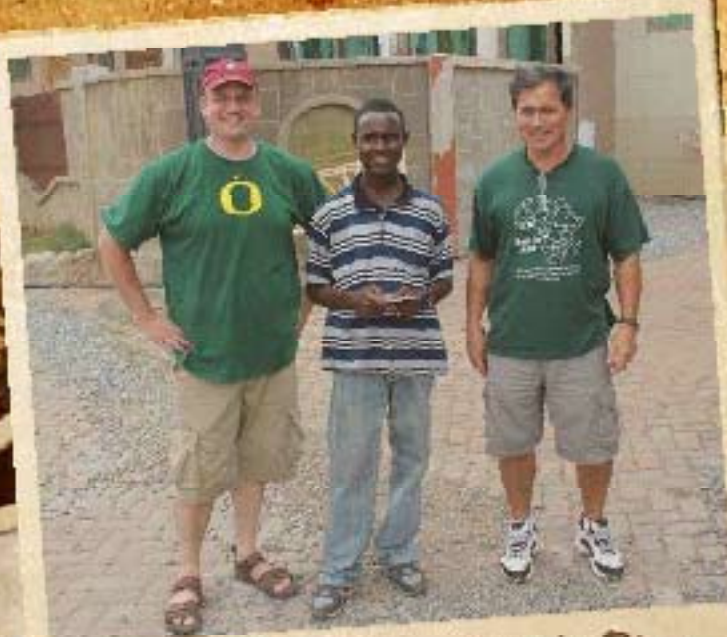
From Beaumont to Bolivia, GRACE is truly impacting the kingdom by passionately declaring truth and equipping others to do the same. Praise God for what He is doing through GRACE at home and the “uttermost parts of the world.”

Read a moving excerpt from Jaime Garza’s mission reflections on the following page.

Prior to us arriving, our local contact in Bolivia had driven throughout remote areas in Bolivia visiting churches, informing pastors of the workshop and inviting them to attend. In some villages, there was no formal church, only directions to the home of a young man who had set up impromptu gatherings to share what little he knew of the Word of God from personal study. In other towns, churches were so excited to have been offered free teaching that they put together what little they had to send their church leaders to the workshop. Many pastors took an 18-hour bus ride to Santa Cruz, and then rode another four hours in the bed of a pick-up truck to the final workshop destination in Los Negros, Bolivia.

I'm so encouraged by these faithful men in Bolivia that we were able to teach. I think about 2 Timothy 2:2 where the Apostle Paul says,

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."



Rich Keller and Dr. Charlie Bing
with a new friend in Ghana



Jaime Garza on mission to Bolivia

TEBOW BECOMES TRUSTEE

Grace School of Theology is proud to welcome Bob Tebow as a member of the seminary's Board of Trustees. While his last name has become more recognized in recent years due to the athletic career of his youngest son, Tim Tebow, Bob has long been recognized in the ministry world as a pioneer of missions and ministry.

In 1966, he helped start the University of Florida chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ. Upon graduation, Bob married Pam and they moved to Portland, Oregon, to begin seminary. He graduated from Western Seminary with M.Div. and Th.M. degrees in 1974 and 1976.

After serving with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and then pastoring Cornerstone Community Church,



BOB TEBOW

Bob and Pam felt the call to be missionaries to the Philippines. Bob and his then family of six packed up and moved to the Philippines in 1985, and the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association was born. Over the next five years, Bob worked tirelessly to preach the gospel, plant churches,

and establish a staff of Filipino national evangelists, which now number 52.

Though now living stateside, Bob continues to travel to the Philippines regularly to invest in staff and develop the growing work of the Evangelistic Association. The ministry has grown to include an orphanage as well as a boat ministry created to reach residents of the remote islands in the region.

Dr. Dave Anderson, GRACE President and Founder, will accompany Bob on his next visit to the Philippines. A full report on their mission will be included in a future edition of *Eternal Rewards*. Please join us in welcoming Bob to the GRACE family.

ON THE NEWS FRONT

- * GRACE welcomes Taryn Phillips to the student services staff. Taryn serves as the Administrative Assistant for Dr. Mark Haywood, Vice President of Student Services. Welcome, Taryn!
- * GRACE is honored to welcome Dr. Bob Miller as our new Director of Institutional Effectiveness. His professional accomplishments include more than two decades of service as a professor and administrator at numerous higher education institutions. His experience as a TRACS Consultant will be invaluable as GRACE continues to navigate the accreditation process.
- * Next month will mark a milestone for GRACE as we host our inaugural graduation ceremony. This exciting event will take place Thursday, May 26, at Lanier Theological Library.

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\$748,408 Needed Now for Operating Budget

As we begin the last quarter of our fiscal year, we need \$748,408 to meet this year's operating budget. Help us end the fiscal year strong. Please consider making a gift today to help GRACE fulfill our calling to engage the next generation in free grace and truth.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can donate securities to GRACE, get charitable giving tax credit for the full value of the securities, but pay no capital gains tax on such appreciated securities.
- A recent full audit of our FY 09-10 financials yielded the CPA opinion that the seminary's financial statements are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The annual audit by Seefeld, Lawson, Moeller, LLP, is needed for academic accreditation as well as financial accreditation by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Abell-Hanger Foundation Approves Matching Grant

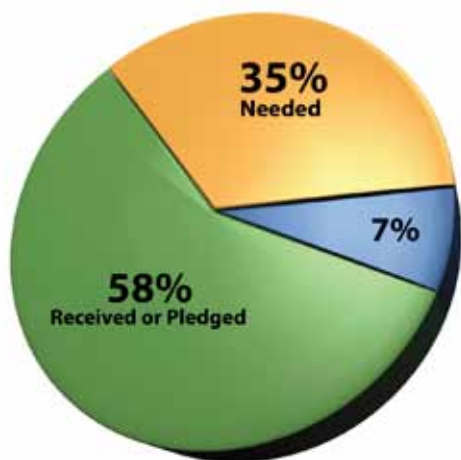
We are pleased to announce that the **Abell-Hanger Foundation** has awarded GRACE with a matching grant in the amount of \$25,000. In order to receive this grant, GRACE must adhere to the following guidelines: (a) gifts must be "designated solely for unrestricted operating support of the Midland-Odessa Campus," (b) donors must be from Midland or Ector Counties only (c) donors must have never before donated to Grace School of Theology, (d) gifts can be cash, stock, or property of any kind, and (e) gifts must be received before May 31, 2011. We need your help and support to reach our \$25,000 goal. Thanks for your support!

Endowment Fund Growing



Join us in praising the Lord for \$4M in pledges made toward our endowment fund so far, completing our first endowment fund goal! "Give thanks to Him and praise His name." - Psalm 100:4b.

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FISCAL UPDATE FOR 2010-2011 YEAR TO DATE (through April 10)

TUITION & FEES	RECEIVED YTD:	\$104,345	TOTAL: \$150,000
	REMAINING EXPECTED:	\$45,655	
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS & PLEDGES	RECEIVED YTD:	\$1,117,796	TOTAL: \$1,251,592
	PLEDGES OUTSTANDING:	\$133,796	
URGENTLY NEEDED GIFTS	FUNDS STILL NEEDED:	\$748,408	TOTAL: \$748,408
OPERATING EXPENSES	Ministry Budget for July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011		GRAND TOTAL: \$2,150,000

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Course	Title	Professor	Day(s)	Times	Dates	8 Convenient Locations to Choose From					
MONDAYS											
BI 1338	Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation	Baker	M	7:00-9:30 pm	6/6 - 8/1						
MS 5333	Biblical Preaching and Teaching	Haywood	M	7:00-9:30 pm	6/6 - 8/1						
MS 5331	Evangelism	Wright	M	7:00-9:30 pm	6/6 - 8/1						
TUESDAYS											
TH 2336	Dispensationalism and Eschatology	Baker	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	6/7 - 7/26						
TH 2312	Christology and Ecclesiology	Hixson	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	6/7 - 7/26						
WEDNESDAYS											
TH 2251	Contemporary Gospel Issues (2 hrs)	Hixson	W	6:30-8:30 pm	6/8 - 7/27						
BI 1337	Acts and Pauline Epistles	Haywood	W	6:30-9:00 pm	6/8 - 7/27						
THURSDAYS											
BI 1324	OT Survey - Major Prophets: Isaiah - Daniel	Baker	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	6/9 - 7/28						
MS 5334	Basic Biblical Counseling	Crawford	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	6/9 - 7/28						
MS 5333	Biblical Preaching and Teaching	Haywood	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	6/9 - 7/28						
ONE WEEK ACCELERATED											
BI 1310	Bible Study Methods	Baker	M-F	9 am-5 pm	5/23 - 5/27						
TH 2323	Soteriology	Hixson	M-F	9 am-5 pm	5/23 - 5/27						
ONLINE ONLY											
TH 2336	Soteriology	Hixson	Online	Online	6/6 - 7/29						
MS 5347	Pastoral Ministries	Wright	Online	Online	6/6 - 7/29						
TH 2324	Sanctification and Pneumatology	Baker	Online	Online	6/6 - 7/29						
BI 1337	Acts and Pauline Epistles	Baker	Online	Online	6/6 - 7/29						

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