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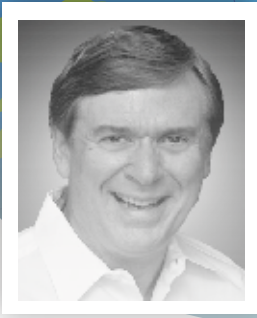


Dr. Al Letting, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Mark Haywood, Vice President of Student Services, celebrate with graduates of Grace's ministry partner, Baptist Bible College Asia (BBCA), in Manila, The Philippines, including hundreds of prospective students of Grace.



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FLYING BY FAITH



I'm just getting seated on a full flight headed to Tel Aviv via Newark, New Jersey. Every seat is full. I sit down next to a dignified, fiftyish African American and notice he is reading a book about prophecy.

"Are you a believer?" I asked. "Yes I am. Are you?" "Yes. Are you headed to Israel?" "No, I'm just going home." "To Newark?" "Yes, actually Wayne, NJ, about fifteen minutes from the airport." "So, what are you doing in Houston?" "I have cancer. Lymphoma. I have been trusting the Lord for about ten years, but now they say I need a bone marrow transplant. I don't know what to do." "Can I pray for you?" "I would love that. Let's wait until after take-off."

Once we leveled off, he reached over. I grabbed his hand and prayed. While I was praying, he began sobbing. He asked the flight attendant for some napkins so he could wipe away his tears. Then he said, "It's not sorrow over my situation. You see I am a pastor. I know where I am going if I die. But I have been praying that the Lord would bring me someone on this flight to encourage me. I wasn't supposed to have this seat (I had purchased an Economy Plus seat with extra leg room). I was assigned to another seat, but when they saw the wristband I am still wearing after my discharge from the hospital, they gave me this seat next to you, the only seat of this nature left. I am crying because this answer to my prayer shows me God is still with me."

We talked three of the three and a half hour flight. We talked about Position and Condition, Relationship and Fellowship. He said he had never heard of these concepts. He probably broke down another three times. Why? He had been praying for a way to finish his seminary education (he was about fifteen hours shy of a MDiv). When he heard about our school and what we believe, he

was overwhelmed. He said, "Chuck Swindoll has been my mentor at a distance. Just reading his books. Now I can study with a school that teaches what I already believe. All the seminaries I have checked out before have one professor who believes this and another who believes that. It leaves me not knowing what to believe, and I am responsible to feed my flock. So I have been praying for someone to mentor me. I want to enroll in your school today."

I said, "Well, it's Saturday, but try on Monday and we will get you going." You just never know. But that's just the point. We never know, but God does know. He knew Rema's condition, his location, his flight schedule, and his seating arrangement. With one minor adjustment, He created a divine appointment. He wanted that man to learn more about a love you can never earn and a love you can never lose, so he could pass that love on to others in his sphere of influence. If you think of it, say a prayer for him.

Say a prayer also for Grace – that God would continue to open doors to reach people like Rema.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership,

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson, President
Grace School of Theology

WHY I BELIEVE IN GRACE



Q & A with Grace Student **Clayton Rhodes**

Q: Where are you currently serving?

A: My wife and I are Marketing/Fundraising Coordinators with Child Legacy International's Clean Water Climb, a Mt. Kilimanjaro climb for clean water in Africa. Child Legacy International is a Christian non-profit organization working in Africa to transform lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by providing access to clean water, proper nutrition, medical care, education and training. This ministry has taken a hold of our hearts, and we are

not only working for Child Legacy to raise awareness and funding, but we are also raising funds as a family to bring clean water to Malawi. I also serve as a co-founder and Chairman of the Board for 45 & Hope homeless ministry in Houston, TX. 45 & Hope has over 4 years of consecutive Saturdays feeding the homeless along the Houston I-45 North corridor.

Q: What led you to pursue your education at Grace?

A: I first looked into attending Grace School of Theology based on the recommendation of my pastors and friends who had audited several classes. Before being introduced to Grace, I had all but given up on the possibility of attending seminary due to the overall cost. However, Grace offered a program I could afford and a schedule that fit my work and home life.

Q: How has Grace impacted your life and ministry?

A: Over the last four years of attending Grace, I feel that my spiritual growth and maturity have increased tremendously. Grace has helped me form a firm foundation for my current and future ministry. The greatest impact has come from the faculty. Each of the professors is not only a great teacher, but also has qualities that I can say, "When I become a pastor, I want to pastor like that."

Clayton is currently enrolled in Grace's Ministry Stewardship class and has successfully raised two times his financial goal by implementing all he has learned. The course takes a three-pronged approach toward stewardship: exploring biblical texts related to the personal use of money and possessions, learning practical skills to obtain peace in personal finance, and implementing a plan to share one's mission and vision with ministry partners for the purpose of ministerial fundraising. Email hbeard@gcot.edu to find out more about how this course can be a resource for you and your church.



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GROWING the Grace Library

Jeremy Collier once said, "A man may as well expect to grow stronger by always eating and wiser by always reading." Books are certainly a vital part of the learning process, and therefore, libraries have long been a cornerstone of educational institutions.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and the faithfulness of a team of volunteers, Grace has been able to establish a library that can be a cornerstone of academic research for years to come.

Over the course of the last year, numerous benefactors have gifted their personal libraries to Grace. These additions, along with intentional acquisitions, have increased Grace's library to 20,000 volumes. While the growth is certainly worth celebrating, it is the "behind-the-scenes" efforts of a group of volunteers that is truly transforming Grace's library.

"Last July, we asked for volunteers. People responded, and since that time, there have been sweeping changes," says Judy Traweck, Assistant Librarian. "Our volunteers are incredibly faithful. They are willing to dust shelves, move books, alphabetize, and anything else that is needed."

With the staff and volunteers working together, the library has undergone a remarkable transformation. As of May 2013, there were only 1,980 books in the database with very few being spine-labeled. One year later, there are 7500 books catalogued with 45% spine-labeled and alphabetized.

While much has been accomplished, the library team feels their work has just begun. If you are interested in donating books to the Grace library or donating your time as a library volunteer, please call (281) 298-6427 or contact one of our librarians via email (dcox@gsot.edu or jtraweck@gsot.edu) for more information.



Library volunteer Starley Eaton helps inventory books in Grace's growing library.



Because ExxonMobil's employee, Rosendo Cruz (far left), volunteered for 20 hours in the Grace library, the ExxonMobil Foundation issued a \$500 grant to Grace! Also pictured are Assistant Librarian Judy Traweck and Volunteer Jonathan Eaton.



(L-R) Librarian Debbie Cox with Volunteer Kathy Rose, who helped review, process, and catalog library books.

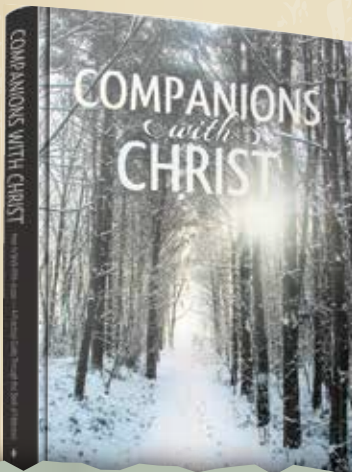
GRACE *in* ACTION



Pastor Dan Greer (Grace Advisory Board Member) in Manila with Pastor Anise, a graduate of Liberty University and Baptist Bible College Asia and now a Grace M.Div. student.

ENROLLMENT RISES:

We increased from 114 credit students in Fall 2013 to 147 credit students in Spring 2014, a 29% increase!



NEW BOOK RELEASE

GRACE
THEOLOGY PRESS

Grace Theology Press released a new book entitled "Companions with Christ: A Practical Guide Through the Book of Hebrews" in April. Order it today or find out more at gracetheology.org!



Dr. Dave Anderson, Grace President, teaching near the Dead Sea in February.



Course	Instructor	Dates	Times	TW	SW	HC	BT	OL
MODULE 5								
GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS								
Mondays								
MS-757	Biblical Counseling	Kiker	June 2-July 21	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
TH-560	Hermeneutics	Serrato	June 2-July 21	7:00-10:00 pm		X		O
Tuesdays								
TH-663	Angelology, Anthropology and Hamartiology	Sapaugh	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm		X		O
MS-880	Short-Term Experience in Missions	Wall	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
NT-513	Synoptic Gospels	Haywood	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm			X	O
TH-562	Bibliología y Teología Propia (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Serrato	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
Wednesdays								
OT-516	Wisdom Literature	Oh	May 28-July 16	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
Thursdays								
NT-517	General Epistles	Sapaugh	May 29-July 17	12:00-3:00 pm	X			O
MS-755	Preaching and Teaching for Impact	Haywood	May 29-July 17	7:00-10:00 pm		X		O
RS-503	Research Methods, Writing and Technology	Cox	May 29-July 17	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS								
Mondays								
MS-450	Biblical Counseling	Kiker	June 2-July 21	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
TH-310	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Serrato	June 2-July 21	7:00-10:00 pm		X		O
Tuesdays								
MS-420	Short-Term Experience in Missions	Wall	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
TH-320	Doctrina de La Biblia (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Serrato	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O
BI-340	The Life of Christ	Haywood	May 27-July 15	7:00-10:00 pm			X	O
Thursdays								
MS-402	Homiletics	Haywood	May 29-July 17	7:00-10:00 pm		X		O
RS-210	Research Writing and Technology	Cox	May 29-July 17	7:00-10:00 pm	X			O

CAMPUS & TEACHING SITE LEGEND	
TW	MAIN CAMPUS: HOUSTON NORTH - 3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77384
SW	MAIN CAMPUS: HOUSTON SOUTHWEST (GREATER ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH) - 14919 South Main, Houston, TX 77035
HC	HITCHCOCK TEACHING SITE (GREATER ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH) - 6333 Highway 6 - Hitchcock, TX 77563
BT	BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE (ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH) - 3920 W. Cardinal Drive - Beaumont, TX 77705
OL	ONLINE
Notes:	All courses are one module and worth 3 credits unless otherwise noted. Biblical language classes are one semester. Schedule is subject to change without prior notice. Students must take less than 50% of their program at any teaching site; the remainder may be completed at a main campus (Houston North and/or Houston Southwest), online, streaming video (synchronous or asynchronous/archived), or any combination thereof.

DELIVERY METHODS	
X	Professor is physically teaching from this location.
X	Live interactive video conference. Professor not present.
O	Remote online streaming (<i>real-time or archived viewing</i>)

REGISTRATION DATES	
Open Registration	March 24 - May 2
Late Registration	May 3 - May 16 <i>(Fee Applies for Returning Students Only)</i>

PARTNERS in GRACE: Ministry Report

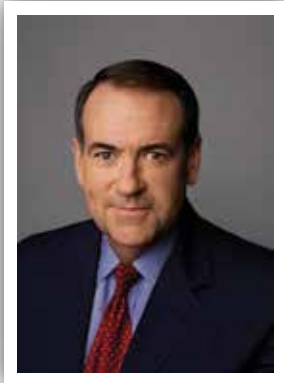


A SEMINARY TO THE WORLD

GLOBAL OUTREACH INITIATIVE

We believe strongly in the power of grace to change the world. With that conviction, we are prayerfully seeking to have a student in every country by 2017. Since we announced the "Seminary to the World" vision at the 2013 Fall Banquet, we have added students in Finland, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan.

Members of the Grace staff also traveled to The Philippines in March to connect with graduates of Baptist Bible College Asia. Student services is following up with those who expressed interest in graduate-level studies, and we anticipate having Filipino students enrolled this fall. Please continue to pray with us as we seek to faithfully walk through the doors our Lord is opening around the world.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2014 FALL BANQUET!

We are so excited about the plans that are underway for the Friends of Grace Banquet slated for this fall. **Our special guest speaker will be celebrated author and TV host Gov. Mike Huckabee.** Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 6, and look for more details soon!

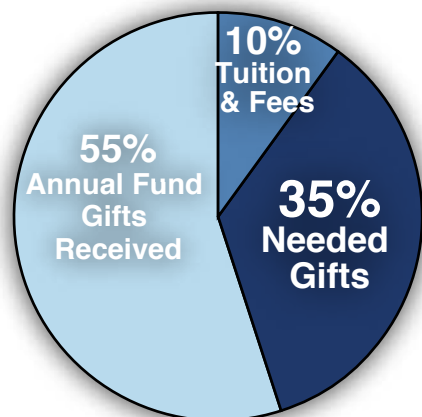
GRACE RECEIVES MATCHING GRANT:

We are very pleased and thankful to report our receipt of a \$50,000 matching grant on March 28th from the Abell-Hanger Foundation in Midland, Texas. The grant matched gifts from new donors, so we are so grateful to see our Lord expanding the foundation of support for the global ministry of Grace.

BECOME A MONTHLY INVESTOR:

To increase ministry focus and impact by maximizing financial stability, we are prayerfully seeking partners to invest monthly in our strategic ministry. We are asking the Lord to provide a team of 1,000 ministry partners investing \$100 or more per month via unrestricted gifts to the Grace Fund. This will provide \$100,000 per month or more of stable monthly income. If you are interested in giving, please contact Rafael, rpaez@gsot.edu, for more information. Would you mark your calendar and pray on the first of each month that our Lord would provide these 1,000 monthly investors in Grace?

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2013-2014 YEAR-TO-DATE		ACTUAL	BUDGET
TUITION & FEES	Received YTD:	\$235,423	TOTAL: \$354,202
	Remaining Expected:	\$118,779	
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS	Received YTD:	\$1,704,613	TOTAL: \$2,790,044
	CURRENT NEED:	\$1,085,431	
OPERATING EXPENSES	Ministry Budget for July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014		TOTAL: \$3,144,246

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