

Scroll of the Prophets

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A Message from the Vice-President

May/June 2010

Dear Alumni:

To say that much has taken place since the publication of the last Scroll would be a major understatement! I will just try to hit some of the high points of all that has happened since we last wrote.

There have been some missionaries that have returned to the States for much-needed furloughs, including the Kendale Lalman family from Beijing, China, and the James Pridgen family from Uganda, Africa. Preparing to return to the field are Brother and Mrs. Eddie Trimble, returning to Davao City, Philippines, and Brother and Mrs. Dan Post, returning to the Ivory Coast, Africa. Both the Trimbles and the Posts will be returning to the field, leaving their oldest sons here to attend OBC. Please do pray for Tim Trimble and Jimmy Post as they begin their studies in college.

Pray for the Trimbles and Posts as they return to the field with a chasm of loneliness in their hearts for the ones they are entrusting to our keeping. How our hearts go out to these families. Micah Lalman will also begin attending OBC in the fall; pray for him as he too makes the adjustment to college.

We had another North vs. South School of the Prophets since we last wrote. The South did rise again this year. Since that is three in a row for the South troops, it is time to adopt a phrase that goes: "The North shall rise again!"



We all rejoiced at the good news of the arrival of little Abigail Brooke Harris, the daughter of our Deaf pastor and his wife Diana. She is a beauty! There were numerous questions as to whether she would be hearing or Deaf. Tests have indicated that she is a hearing baby. A picture of little Abigail with her proud parents is included in this issue of the *Scroll*.

We had a good college Commencement service, with fifteen graduates receiving their diplomas. Brother Rick Brooks was our Commencement Speaker this

year, and did an excellent job of proclaiming God's Word and issuing a challenge to our graduates. Both Brother Brooks and Brother Mike Ridge were given Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees at Commencement this year. We are so proud to have Alumni such as these.

Another big thing occurred amongst our Alumni at Graduation this year. We had our annual Alumni meeting on Graduation day, just ahead of the Graduate/Alumni Luncheon, and new officers were selected. Brother David Winston is our new Alumni President. He is quite excited about the challenges that lie ahead and has already rolled up his sleeves in a big way to undertake his responsibilities. Dr. Chuck Harding, whose responsibilities in Evangelism have kept him super-busy [praise the Lord] is our new Vice-President. Brother Rodney Derksen is our official Secretary and Brother Sven Larson, our Treasurer. **Our May Projects offering yielded just over \$6,000**, a sum which was a real blessing. Many of our Alumni paid their dues at the Alumni meeting, and this too was quickly put to good use in launching forward with many a needed project and goal. Brother Dick McIntosh is one of our new Board Members, and his appearance here has brought many a blessing to the ranks of our Alumni. "Brother Mac" will be teaching for us, on Mondays and Tuesdays, in the fall semester. I want to personally thank all of the Alumni who attended our meeting.

Right after Commencement we did have the blessing of ordaining two of our recent graduates: Nathaniel Means from right here in Oklahoma City, and Kyle Jackson from Powderly, Texas, and the ministry of Pastor John Griswood, Lakewood Baptist Church.

In the coming days, we will be improving our web site and seeking to make it an effective tool in the hands of both Alumni and prospective students alike. I hope that you will funnel to us any ideas you might have on how to make it better, and more effective. We want to make it a blessing to all who access it.

We are preparing to launch into a project that we would really like for you to pray about, and seek the Lord as to what part you might be able to have in what we are attempting to accomplish. My heart has been burdened for a long time about the appearance of the Chapel, the heartbeat of the daily life of Oklahoma Baptist College. Simply put, it has "seen its day," and that day was no doubt many years ago. We are going to gut the entire room soon, removing the pews, sheet rock, ceiling to floor, and completely revamp the Chapel. We have need right now of the money to accomplish this, and of many hands to come and be a part of the work effort to get this accomplished come

fall. Will you pray about what part the Lord might have you to play in all of this? As we get going with this, we will be sure to include photos of the progress we are making as we go. Our determination is **not** to go into debt by borrowing the necessary money, but rather to pay as we go. I sincerely believe that the appearance of a bright, new Chapel will be a real lift to our student body and to you when you visit.

If you know the names of any young people who might be interested in attending your Alma Mater, we would surely appreciate your sending us their names and addresses, so that we might establish contact with them. They can also fill out the information request form on our web page, and we will get information out to them right away. We have produced a new presentation of the college. It may be viewed and downloaded on our [web site](#).

May the Lord's richest blessings ever rest upon you. That is our prayer for you. Do let us hear from you, and please do pray for us as we have launched into one very busy summer. We will be praying for you as well.

Sincerely your friend and servant,



Robert A. Ross, Jr.
Executive Vice-President

Quotable Quotes

Hence, it has been well said, that when we see how much a man has we envy him; but could we see how little he enjoys we should pity him. - Charles Spurgeon

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill

The U.S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. Your have to catch up with it yourself. - Benjamin Franklin

The way to see by Faith is to shut the eye of Reason. - Benjamin Franklin

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life... as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." - Booker T. Washington

Prayer Requests

Dr. & Mrs. Jim Vineyard – health needs
Eddie & Becky Trimble (89) – health needs
Larry Chappell [son of Dr. Paul Chappell] – chemo
Dr. Earl Jessup [director of Baptist Church Planting Ministry] – has an inoperable tumor. Updates on his health can be found at www.bcpm.org.

Mitch Beard [20-year-old son of Steve & Jill Beard (1986/1985 graduates)] – a Marine in Afghanistan training AA (Afghan army soldiers).

Laura (Van Manen) Consford – thyroid treatments

Abe Hanson family – starting Panama's first Deaf Church

Dan Post and Eddie Trimble families – returning to their fields in June

Craig and Sheila Claypool

1. salvation of unsaved family members
2. support to increase
3. travel safety – their goal is to start back up on deputation full time in January
4. meetings for deputation
5. get some bills paid off
6. new computer

New Address

Richard and Stephanie Miller
334 Silva Drive
Atwater, California 95301

Engagement



On May 1, 2010 Andrew Allen Christian and Sharon Rose Pranger (06) were engaged. They are planning to be married August 27, 2010, in Ohio and will continue to serve God at Community Baptist Temple.

New Arrival



Chris (07) and Diana Harris (98) are the proud parents of their firstborn, Abigail Brooke, who was born Wednesday, May 19, at 1:33 pm. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Web Sites

[Kevin & Charlotte \(Bauman\) Birdsong \(89\) – Oregon](#)
[Allen & Stephanie \(Gardner\) Copeland \(91\) – Mexico](#)
[BJ \(05\) and Jessica \(Harrelson\) \(06\) Cormier – Kenya](#)
[Thad & Cheri Endicott](#)

Blog: www.mvbcyouthministry.blogspot.com

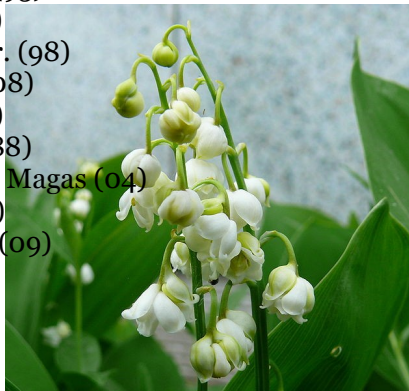
[Michelle Geiger \(94\) – Ivory Coast](#)
[Tom & Heidi Gonderman \(01\) – Australia](#)
[Daniel \(91\) & Judith \(Vaile\) \(86\) Irvin – Ukraine](#)
[Bill & Aliex Lystlund \(84\) – USA](#)
[Steve \(97\) & Ruth \(Sloan\) \(01\) Miller – Mexico](#)
[Alan \(98\) & Tanya \(Burmester\) \(97\) Minks – Japan](#)

Blog: <http://minksmemos.blogspot.com>

[Arturo \(98\) & Nicole Munoz – Mexico](#)
[Roger & Kathy Jewell \(97\) – Dominican Republic](#)
[Alan \(98\) & Tanya \(Burmester\) \(97\) Minks – Japan](#)
[Marlin \(96\) & Lisa \(Thompkins\) \(93\) Petersen – Uganda](#)
[Schepers Family \(96\) – Dominican Republic \(updated\)](#)
[Andy \(95\) & Jill \(Croft\) \(92\) Schultz – Zambia](#)
[David \(99\) & Jolene \(Forsythe\) \(01\) Sloan – Ukraine](#)
[Randy \(97\) & Tonya \(Hill\) \(98\) Smith – Burkina Faso](#)
[Keith \(94\) & Sally \(93\) \(Ward\) Stensaas – Uganda](#)
[Matt \(96\) & Keila \(97\) \(Bergner\) Stensaas – Uganda](#)
[Josh \(96\) & Joy \(97\) \(Herndon\) Wesson – Dominican Republic](#)
[Brian & Beverly \(Jordan\) \(06\) Weiss – Philippines](#)
[Mike & Rebecca \(Ager\) Weiss \(01\) – Mexico](#)

May Birthdays

- 1 Stacey Lystlund (89)
Josh Wesson (96)
- 2 Robert Marvin (98)
Sharon Pranger (06)
Sarah (Keeton) Litson (98)
Steven St. Pierre (07)
- 4 Jim Fryer (89)
Sharon (Van Manen) Crownover (04)
- 5 Cindy (DeOme) Garrett (93)
Herb Parsons(80)
- 6 Jody Russell (91)
Barbara Wright (95)
- 7 Tommy Craighead (89)
Daniel Irvin (91)
Jill (Bentley) Legere (90)
- 8 Michelle Geiger (94)
- 9 Jeff Garrou (95)
John Spillman (95)
- 10 Patty (Millican) Sutmaier (98)
- 11 Lori Consford (03)
Rachel (Stevens) Cress (04)
- 12 Abram Hanson (04)
Victor Gardner (97)
- 13 Dwayne Hickman (87)
- 15 David Dawson (04)
- 16 Leann Neft (09)
Geoffrey Porter (92)
Pastor Tom Vineyard (88)
- 17 Beth (Donohue) Hoffmeister (94)
- 18 Marlin Petersen (96)
- 19 Dr. Jim Vineyard
- 20 Andrea (Bascue) Bruner (03)
Josh Davenport (03)
Charles White (99)
- 21 Angelene (Burns) Boyd (96)
Alysia Thumma (00)
- 22 Steve Blaser (85)
Caleb Derksen (02)
Lois (Cartmell) Murphy (88)
- 23 Robert Holley (99)
- 24 Angela Bascue (96)
Samantha (Hernandez) Jordan (06)
Mark Lockhart (93)
- 25 Zach Burns (04)
- 28 Dan Gardner, Jr. (98)
Steven Powell (08)
- 29 David Kroft (95)
Claude Madle (88)
- 31 Amanda (Odeh) Magas (04)
David Rupe (96)
Michael Shaver (09)



June Birthdays

- 2 Adam Thompson (92)
- 3 Yuki (Higashihama) Bates (96)
Caleb Bruner (10)
Jim Heberle (00)
Nick Sutmaier (98)
- 4 Trini Molina (96)
- 5 David Ager (07)
April (Tanner) Busch (01)
- 6 Tisa (Higashihama) Lira (95)
- 7 Juan Arcibar (05)
Tricia (Parks) Crabtree (92)
- 8 Simon Jacob (96)
Nathan Kowach (02)
Melissa (Miller) Nugen (01)
James O'Brian (87)
James Pridgen II (95)
Pat Russell (89)
- 9 Terry Kautz (80)
- 10 Caleb Hanson (04)
Jamie (Cooper) Smith (97)
- 11 Pete Dycus (90)
Nathaniel Means (10)
Joy Veteto (10)
- 12 Amanda (Birchett) Herndon (01)
- 13 Karen (Liles) Croft (95)
Wendell McKinney (80)
- 14 Sarah Evans (06)
Jason Knabb (02)
- 15 James Brady (99)
Aaron Hoot (94)
David McGraw (02)
- 17 Mrs. Melissa (Keeton) Vineyard (89)
Heidi (Ard) Bragg (05)
Jennifer Lemieux (05)
- 18 Amber (Head) Stanley (05)
- 19 Alesha Chamberlain (05)
- 20 Joshua Rivers (04)
- 22 Albert Packulak (94)
- 24 Billy Cormier (05)
- 25 Joseph Martin (97)
- 26 Jennifer (Spell) Bontrager (02)
Michael McCready (98)
Matt McKendree (07)
Brother Ross
- 27 Crystal (Birchett) Ager (99)
Tom Gonderman (01)
- 28 Coby Padilla (07)
Scottie Rackley (03)
- 29 Andy Busch (81)
Tanya (Burmester) Minks (96)
- 30 Stephen Keeton (00)
Sarah Treadaway (07)

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Wessons - Dominican Republic

Dear Alumni,

It is a great privilege for me to be able to share a little of what the Lord has been doing in our lives as we serve here in the Dominican Republic. The Lord has given us a wonderful place of service that we feel was picked out especially for us. It is a blessing to know that you are where God wants you to be.

God began to lead us to the Dominican Republic back when we were at OBC. In December of 1994 just before the Christmas break, Dr. Vineyard had shared in chapel with the college students a message that gave me the direction that I needed just at the right time. He directed this special advice to all of the students surrendered to serve the Lord in full-time service or missionaries that did not know where God would have them to serve. He gave us a list of passages where the Lord had called men into His service all in different ways and times. He told us that we ought to read these passages aloud every day, and to pray for an hour every day for one month that the Lord would direct us to the specific place to do His will.

As a junior in college I wanted to be able to prepare well for the place of God's sending, and I began to pray and read the passages aloud every day. At the end of that month we started Missions Conference, and I was convinced that God was going to show me where He would have me to serve. I believe that God used Dr. Vineyard to help us prepare our hearts to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit during that conference because it was then that the Lord called me to the Dominican Republic. I thank the Lord for Dr. Vineyard and the influence that he has had in our lives helping us follow the Lord's leading to the Dominican Republic.

There are also many others that have had a great influence in our lives in helping us to find the Lord's will and be faithful to it. Dr. Ross has always been an example of servant-leadership, and Dr. Finn has shown me the path of a sincere faithfulness to our Lord. Each of the faculty have affected us in a special

way. Over the years they have not only maintained this position of leadership, but have also become dear friends.

When you first get to college you often have the opportunity to get to know many of the men of God that are finishing their preparation and heading out to begin their ministry. I still remember admiring the dedication and love for the Lord that I saw in the lives of men like Bro. Sean Lunday and Bro. Mark Lockhart among many others that are still serving the Lord today. I still remember going on a missions trip to Canada when I was in high school. At one of the churches I was able to stay with Bro. Lunday and remember distinctly a special reverence during his personal devotions with God. What an encouragement and example it has been to me through the years.

As I think of all that I have received at the hands of others, it gives us great joy to be able to share with so many others as well. It is always a blessing when someone in church comes up to Joy or me and tells us of how that during a message or testimony the Lord has used us in calling them to salvation or full-time service. Each time that we see a Dominican trust the Lord as their Saviour or follow the Lord in believer's baptism, we are filled with joy that God would use His Word in our lives and through us change the lives of others.



As we serve the Lord, we all have gone through times of trial and hardships. For us it has been during those times that we have seen our Lord's faithfulness and the true love of our friends and fellow alumni. When Stephen was diagnosed with leukemia in December of 2008, we received hundreds of e-mails, phone calls, and cards from family, friends, and many alumni. We had people praying for us literally all over the world. What a peace we had knowing that the Lord was in control during that time. We want to thank all of you for praying for us.

We are thankful that the Lord brought us to such a place as Windsor Hills Baptist Church and Oklahoma Baptist College to meet some great servants of God. We are grateful for the influence and encouragement that it has been to us. Our desire is that we might carry on the legacy that has been given to us.

Your fellow servants and alumni,

Joshua and Joy Wesson

Class of 2010



Pictured left to right:

Michael Kallas – Pastoral Ministries

Justus Means – Missions

Caleb Bruner – Missions

James Magas – Pastoral Theology

Jonathan Magas – Pastoral Theology

Brandon Braquet – Missions

Kyle Jackson – Pastoral Theology

Kimberely Blackburn – Missions

Sarah Dornbusch – Secondary Education – Missions

Linda Diehl – Practical Christian Living

Rachel Ruiz – Secondary Education

Beth Pennington – Secretarial Science

Joy Veteto – Elementary Education – Missions

Nathaniel Means – Missions (not in picture)

Iryna Perzhanitsa – Music Education – Elementary (not in picture)

Congratulations!

