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If God is for us who can be against us?  
He who did not withhold his own Son  
But gave himself up for all of us  
Will he not with him  
Also give us everything else?

## Founder's Week 2015

Annual Conference Inspires Thousands  
to Run with Endurance

# From the Executive Director



*We need  
to prepare  
for coming  
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endurance.*

Dear friends,

Dr. Nyquist opened Founder's Week with a wakeup call, reminding us to prepare for coming persecution, running the race with endurance.

Many Moody alumni are already examples of an enduring faith. In this issue, you'll meet two courageous women who are using their Moody training to reach people for Christ in the volatile Middle East. These winsome graduates personify the faith of thousands of Moody alumni who have followed God's leading to communicate His Word across the globe, cultures, and generations.

For many years Moody alumni could see these names on a display outside of Torrey-Gray Auditorium, but this memorial has not been updated in years. On page 20, read more about our plan to collect missionary information and update our display.

Serving Christ together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy K Hastings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings  
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

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## Professor Lightbody Retires after 25 Years

**Elizabeth Lightbody '63** was finishing her doctorate in education and thoroughly enjoying her work as a long-term missionary in the Philippines when a letter came inviting her to consider teaching missions at Moody Bible Institute. *No way*, she thought, putting the letter in her bottom drawer.

Of course, she was grateful for her undergraduate training at Moody (“I used everything that I was ever taught,” she says). But leaving the Philippines where she’d been church planting, teaching at a Bible college, discipling women, and mentoring young missionaries for almost 25 years was unthinkable. “I loved what I was doing. Who would want to leave it?” she recalls.

During a home visit in 1989, however, she attended Moody’s Missions Conference and sat in Torrey-Gray Auditorium, weeping. “God was saying, *Would you not consider this? Do you want My best?*” After interviewing for the position and querying her supporting churches about the opportunity, she finally said yes.

“It was a decision of being obedient to God, and joy always follows obedience,” she says.

Now retiring after 25 years as a professor in the Intercultural Studies department, Dr. Lightbody is glad she followed the Lord. “It’s a privilege to be faculty here. I’ve had a phenomenal opportunity,” she says.

Coming to Moody as an alumna was an advantage because she already knew Moody was a great place to train full-time Christian workers. “To be part of that was my heart,” says Dr.



*Dr. Lightbody teaches a missions class at Moody.*

Lightbody, who wanted to serve the Lord ever since she was a girl. Her parents were young believers who loved God’s Word and often entertained missionaries in their home. Moody’s past president, **Dr. George Sweeting '45**, visited too. “He and my dad were buds because both came from a Scottish background,” she says.

After finishing her program in Christian education and music, she served with SEND International in the Philippines and earned her Doctor of Education from Asia Graduate School of Theology.

### **A Missionary at Moody**

Dr. Lightbody’s office walls are covered with photos and memorabilia from trips she’s taken with students to China, the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, and other places. As director of her department’s internship program, Dr. Lightbody, with Clive Craigen’s help, has structured internships as learning experiences. “Students write a research paper, do reading, and attend class once a week for training on how to raise support, how to have

a vibrant Christian life, and so forth,” she says. This summer, 90 students are completing internships of six or more weeks—30 are urban ministry majors who will serve in the U.S., the rest will minister internationally in places like Nepal, South Africa, and Indonesia. “It’s global,” she says.

Over the years, her teaching style has evolved with fewer lectures and more hands-on learning. For one assignment in her Christian Missions course, students interview someone from another religion. “Many of them are amazed by how much people don’t know about their own religion.”

**Tamar Karni ’12** took several courses from Dr. Lightbody. “She’s an incredible teacher, with passion for teaching and passion for the Lord,” says Karni, who is now raising missionary support for full-time ministry in Europe. Karni says she enjoyed hearing stories from Dr.

Lightbody’s life as a single woman in missions, such as “how many camels she could have been offered as a bride price in Africa.”

“It wasn’t camels,” Dr. Lightbody says, when asked. “It was five cows that I was worth.” The criteria were apparently based on her being a foreigner and having a doctorate.

Cows aside, Dr. Lightbody says her retirement from Moody is more of a transition, as she hopes to continue cross-cultural teaching and mentoring in churches, conferences, and Bible colleges overseas and in the States. She also serves on the board of SIM. “I don’t do the rocker well,” she says with a laugh.

No matter where she ministers, she will encourage others to “keep a global heart” and to be obedient to the Lord’s call. As she herself has learned, “If God has our heart, we will be in the right location doing the right ministry.”

## Faith, Work, and Economy Course Open to Alumni

This August, Moody Theological Seminary in Chicago will offer a non-degree course, *The Integration of Faith, Work, and Economy*, to inspire and equip Christians to reach people and glorify God in their workplace. The course will be taught as a one-week intensive or a five-week course, and a certificate of completion will be given at the end of the course. Alumni can also take additional work for credit toward the MA in Ministry Leadership degree.

A “secular-sacred divide” has taken place, says Dr. Sajan Mathews, professor of theology and program director for the Faith, Work, and Economics Initiative. Although church

teaching rightly focuses on Sunday worship and church ministry, “there has been an insufficient emphasis on what believers do Monday through Saturday in the workplace,” he says.

The course is geared to Christians in the workplace as well as pastors who want to teach their congregations how to integrate faith in any vocation. “You’ll learn constructive ways to be an ambassador for the Lord in the workplace,” Mathews says.

For more information or to register for the course, *The Integration of Faith, Work, and Economy*, contact Dr. Sajan Mathews at (312) 329-4442 or [sajan.mathews@moody.edu](mailto:sajan.mathews@moody.edu).



## Culby Renovations a Hit with Students



*First floor, Culbertson Hall*

“I love these chairs,” says Garrett Saul, a senior biblical exposition major, as he settles into a comfortable orange chair in the new student space on Culbertson Hall’s first floor. He and theology major Ryan Bear have been discussing a theology book in front of the two story floor-to-ceiling windows that face the plaza.

“It’s cool with the huge windows and nice to look out,” says Ryan, who lives in Culby (yes, the students still call it “Culby”) and uses the space regularly as an alternative to Fellowship Hall in the Alumni Student Center. “You don’t have to go as far,” he explains. “I would say, job well done.”

In another set of chairs, Christyna Ermakov visits with fellow children’s ministries major Dorothea Clapper, a student from Germany. “It’s nice to have a place where we can come and do homework or just talk,” Christyna says.

The newly renovated first floor features two grand fireplaces, six private prayer rooms, the Broman

chapel, four group meeting rooms, a large screen TV, snack vending area, and laptop stations. The student space also includes two resident supervisor offices.

“Students can use it to study, to lounge, to relax,” says Neal Anderson, assistant dean of residential services. His office on Culbertson 2 provides a bird’s eye view of the great room below.

**Dan Osborn BA/MA ’13, MDiv ’15**, remembers the former student space on Culby’s second floor when he and his wife, **Courtney (Mellinger BA ’12)**, were dating as undergraduate students. How does the student space on Culby 1 compare? “It’s fantastic,” he says. “It looks more professional and respectable.” As for the second floor, in 2014 it was converted to Moody Central, a one-stop student services center that students have also given rave reviews.

The Alumni Association was tasked with raising \$800,000 in alumni gifts to help fund the renovations. The Class of 2014 gave a gift of \$20,000 toward the Broman Chapel and furnishings. “We want to thank God for his generous favor, we want to thank those who worked so diligently to complete that project, and we want to thank those who gave money to help fund the project,” said Alumni Association Executive Director **Nancy (Andersen ’80) Hastings** at the dedication. Additional funds are still needed. To participate, please visit [www.moodyglobal.org/giving/culbertsonrenovation](http://www.moodyglobal.org/giving/culbertsonrenovation) or call (800) DL MOODY.



*From left: David C. Gibbs Jr., president of Christian Law Association, radio host Janet Parshall, Ken Tada, Joni Eareckson Tada, Miriam Neff, and Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio*

## Joni Eareckson Tada Receives Robert Neff Award

Moody Radio held a reception at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in February to honor this year's Robert Neff Award recipient, Joni Eareckson Tada, the founder and CEO of Joni and Friends International Disability Center.

Presented in conjunction with the Christian Law Association, the award is given annually to an outstanding religious broadcaster and named in honor of former Moody Radio vice president **Robert Neff '62** (Alumnus of the Year 2001). Neff worked for Moody Radio for 40 years before his death in 2006.

"I'm so grateful to my dear friends at Moody for keeping Bob Neff's legacy fresh and alive through this special award," Tada says. "I still recall times at NRB when Bob Neff and I would park our wheelchairs next to each other. He was able to persevere

through ALS with such a tangible trust in Jesus, inspiring everyone around him. I am deeply humbled to 'wheel' in the tracks of this remarkable brother in Christ!"

Tada became an international advocate for people with disabilities after a diving accident in 1967 left her a quadriplegic at age 17. She founded Joni and Friends in 1979 to provide Christ-centered programs to disabled people and their families. In addition to holding family retreats, Joni and Friends has delivered more than 100,000 wheelchairs and Bibles to disabled persons worldwide. Joni's lifelong passion is to bring the gospel to the world's one billion people with disabilities. Joni survived third-stage cancer in 2010 yet maintains an active ministry schedule. She and her husband, Ken, were married in 1982 and live in Calabasas, Calif.

# Moody Highlights

## Mike Kellogg Joins NRB Hall of Fame

Mike Kellogg, longtime Moody Radio host, was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame at the NRB annual convention in Nashville, Tenn., on February 25, 2015.

NRB's most prestigious award is presented to an individual NRB member for invaluable contribution to the field of Christian communications, exhibition of the highest standards, and evidence of faithfulness in Christ.

"There will never be another Mike Kellogg; he is irreplaceable," says Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio.

Kellogg hosted *Music Thru the Night* from its inception in 1982 until he retired in 2014 after 42 years in radio ministry. "When we first started the program, some people wondered, 'Who's going to be listening?' The joke was that we'd just be broadcasting to the cows," says Kellogg. "But we got great feedback. People were listening."

The program was loved by listeners because of Kellogg's biblical insight, encouraging stories, and incorporation of warm inspirational music.



*NRB president Jerry A. Johnson (left) and executive board member Bill Blount (right) with Mike and Nancy Kellogg*

The award-winning senior announcer was also heard on Moody Radio's two-minute daily broadcast *Today in the Word Devotional* and has been featured as a columnist for the printed monthly devotional *Today in the Word*.

Mike Kellogg has joined the ranks of past award winners such as Donald Cole, William Ward Ayer, Billy Graham, Charles Stanley, J. Vernon McGee, Kay Arthur, and Joni Eareckson Tada.

## Radio Moody Expands Spanish Language Stations

On January 5, 2015, Moody Radio flipped the switch on three of its AM stations from English to Spanish, making Radio Moody Spanish programming available to listeners in East Moline, Ill. (WDLM 960 AM); Smyrna, Tenn. (WFCM 710 AM); and Spokane, Wash. (KMBI 1330 AM). Radio Moody's Spanish network now includes six owned and operated stations and two affiliates.

**Elsa Mazon '96**, project manager

at Radio Moody, is encouraged that Moody is expanding its Spanish language stations. "We have people who have not heard the gospel in these cities and they are going to be able to hear it in their own language," she said.

Licensed as daytime-only stations, the three new Spanish language AM stations include programming that mirrors that of Radio Moody's flagship station in Chicago, WMBI 1110 AM,



which launched in 2011. It includes in-house productions *Día a Día* (Day to Day), a daily live call-in program with **Gerson García BA '00**; *Descanso en Ti* (Resting in You) with Juan Marcos Gomez; and *Entre Amigos* (Among Friends), a weekly commentary on news and pop culture, co-produced with Back to God Ministries International.

Bible teaching programs are also aired, as well as inspirational Christian music and other programming

segments including *Tus Mañanas* (Your Mornings) with **Cindy (García MA '96) Rojas**.

Providing biblical programming for Spanish speakers is a strategic opportunity to reach the growing Hispanic population with the gospel. Approximately 54 million Hispanics (about 17 percent of the nation's total population) live in the United States.

*For more information about Radio Moody, visit [www.radiomoody.org](http://www.radiomoody.org).*

## Alumni Association Sponsors King of Solheim Fundraiser

The coveted “King of Solheim” title was up for grabs when three teams—alumni, faculty, and students—competed in a basketball tournament last fall. The Alumni Association sponsored the event to raise awareness and funds for the renovation of Culbertson Hall.

Culbertson Hall's renovation began in 2012 when the second floor was transformed into Moody Central, a one-stop shop for all of Moody's

Student Services departments. Now the first floor has been remodeled into a state-of-the-art student space (see page 6).

The Moody-wide sports event, christened The King of Solheim Basketball Challenge, attracted cheering fans to watch the tournament on October 24, 2014. Three Moody legends served as coaches for the staff, alumni, and student teams, respectively: Dr. Paul Nyquist,



*Tim Arens coaches the student team during the King of Solheim Basketball Challenge.*

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president, **Pat Friedline '80**, associate dean of Career Development, and Tim Arens, dean of students. In the first game, Friedline and his team of alumni gained a narrow victory over Arens and the students. But in the next game the alumni suffered a crushing defeat to President Nyquist's staff team. In subsequent rounds the alumni were eliminated. The final game between staff and students kept everyone in suspense until the last few seconds when Arens's team of students squeaked by with a winning score of 33 to 32.

"The event was a great time of fellowship around competition," says Arens. "As I anticipated, the students reigned supreme to give me the honor of being crowned the King of Solheim."

Local businesses including Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, LifeWay, Subway, and Lou Malnati's supported the event by donating gift cards and products for prizes. Chick-fil-A donated 300 chicken sandwiches

and let their notorious cow mascot loose to stir up some fun. At the end of the night, no chicken sandwich was left uneaten.

**Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings**, Alumni Association executive director, was pleased with the turnout. "The Moody community got to enjoy an affordable, relaxed, family-friendly event, connecting alumni to current students in a way that was both fun and practical."

Jesse Peters, a student who played on the winning team, adds, "Seeing everyone from current pastors to students, alumni, teachers, and Moody's top leaders having fun together was awesome."

The Alumni Association hopes to plan another competition in the future. Will Dean Arens and his team of students show themselves worthy of maintaining their title? Staff and alumni should start practicing now if they hope to take it next time!

—*Jonathan Goldthwaite,*  
Social Media Coordinator

## Alumnus Bill Robinson Receives Leadership Award

**William "Bill" P. Robinson '70** is the 2015 recipient of the Senator Mark O. Hatfield Leadership Award, the highest recognition extended from the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities to an individual who exemplifies Christian leadership and integrity in service to others.

Robinson served as the CCCU's interim president for a year, beginning in 2013. "More than I ever could have imagined, I loved the people and I loved the work," Robinson said of his interim position during the CCCU's 39th Annual Presidents Conference.

"We advocated relentlessly for our members' rights to be faithful to their missions."

Robinson is a noted communications scholar, leadership expert, and national speaker. He has published two books on Christian leadership: *Incarnate Leadership* (2009) and *Leading People from the Middle: The Universal Mission of Mind and Heart* (2010). He served as president of Manchester College (now Manchester University) in North Manchester, Ind., from 1986 to 1993, and of Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash., from 1993 to

2010. Currently, Robinson is president emeritus at Whitworth and chair of the board of trustees at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He earned his master's degree from Wheaton College and his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. He also studied at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The award is named after Senator Hatfield, who committed his life to politics after serving in the Navy during World War II. He was Oregon's governor and secretary of state and also served the state with distinction

for 30 years in the U.S. Senate. He was known for his staunch faith and was a longtime supporter of the Council.

"Bill reminds me of Senator Hatfield in his relentless focus on Christ," said Charles "Chip" W. Pollard, president of John Brown University and chair of the CCCU board of directors.

"Whether in a devotion or speech or board meeting or phone conversation, he would often turn our attention back to honoring Christ as the source of our strength, the focus of our unity, and the goal of our work."

## Urban Scholars Serve in Detroit

Fifteen men and women who are enrolled in master's degree programs at Moody Theological Seminary in Michigan and serving in the city of Detroit received full-tuition scholarships in fall 2014 through the Urban Scholars Program. This new initiative, supported through a grant from the Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Foundation, combines theological training with community service in socioeconomically depressed neighborhoods in Detroit.

"Our goal is to increase Moody's impact on the city of Detroit through our Urban Scholars. We want the city to know that Moody cares," says Christopher Brooks, campus dean of MTS in Michigan. "A secondary goal is to increase the level of theological training in Detroit."

Urban Scholars are required to make a three-year commitment to serve with an approved community service agency for at least 30 hours per semester. "We want these students to deepen their love for the neighborhoods in which

they are serving and hopefully make a lifelong contribution," Brooks explains.

Current Urban Scholars are serving in a variety of capacities including discipling youth, counseling youth and families, mentoring men and women, providing economic and community development training, and conducting Bible studies.



One scholar is Stacey Foster (left), who is earning his Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship while serving as the lead pastor for Life

Changers International Ministries in Detroit and chief chaplain for the Detroit Police Department.

"Urban Scholars will have an opportunity to be a part of the rebuilding of broken down walls, burnt gates, and broken lives in the city of Detroit," he says.

# Running the Race in a Hostile Culture

Most of us never anticipated same-sex marriage and the erosion of religious freedom in America. Yet despite sweeping cultural changes, we have biblical tools for living faithfully and enduring to the end, says Moody's president, Dr. Paul Nyquist.



“We’ve seen a massive shift in our culture, and our society has turned hostile against Christianity,” said Nyquist, introducing the theme of “Running the Race” at Founder’s Week 2015.

He cited several examples from news headlines. Last year, five prominent Houston pastors were ordered to turn over their sermon notes about homosexuality and gender issues—or face going to jail. A U.S. Air Force Academy cadet was barred from having a Bible verse on his whiteboard outside his dorm room. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship lost recognition from the California State University system for requiring its leaders to be genuine believers in Christ. And Atlanta’s fire chief was recently fired, “not because of his performance as a fire chief but because he had written a book for his church supporting biblical marriage,” said Nyquist, who has written a new book, *Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture* (Moody Publishers).

“The storm clouds are forming, and unless God chooses to graciously revisit this country with a spiritual revival, every one of us who claims the name of Christ is going to be immersed in a culture that is hostile against us,” he said.

How then should we live? If the goal of unbelievers is to silence our voice and eliminate our influence, how can we “run with endurance the race that is set before us,” as Hebrews 12:1–2 exhorts?

Nyquist gave three directives: First, we are to “remember the heroes.” Hebrews 11 gives examples of great men and women from the past who lived by faith, despite enormous challenges. They are witnesses to us. Second, we must “drop the weights”—the sins and encumbrances that interfere with our fully devoted

commitment to Jesus Christ. That could be a hobby, a habit, the pursuit of financial success or sport, a recurring sin, anything that regularly trips us up. Third, we must “focus on Jesus,” the One who perfectly ran His race and endured the cross and is now able to encourage us from His position at the right hand of the throne of God.

## How to Run Well

Throughout Founder’s Week, respected Bible teachers such as **Bryan Clark ’80**, **Ron Hutchcraft ’65**, **Pam (Kistler ’79) MacRae**, Christopher Brooks, and David Jeremiah added their perspective on running the Christian race. Moody Bible Institute in Spokane focused on the same theme for Founder’s Conference, which featured Lee Eclow, pastor and author, and Eric Redmond, assistant professor of Bible at Moody in Chicago.

**Mike Fabarez ’85**, founding pastor of Compass Bible Church in Aliso Viejo, Calif., referred to the growing threat of Islamic terrorism. “To have Christians hung up before our eyes in Mosul, [Iraq], crucified with mocking signs in Arabic over their heads, if that doesn’t send some kind of fear through your body, I don’t know what kind of person you are.” Yet his message called believers to focus on passages like Psalm 112 that inspire courage, perseverance, and fearlessness.

Whether moral decay will accelerate or God will bring spiritual revival, we must prepare now to run the race of the Christian life with endurance, said Nyquist. “May we keep running until we finally cross that finish line and like Paul, say, ‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’”

*All of the morning and evening sessions can be viewed on Moody Bible Institute’s YouTube channel.*





Former WCC conductor Charles Thompson leads the 60th reunion choir in “Eternal Life.”

### Women’s Concert Choir Reunion ‘A Banner Success’

The Women’s Concert Choir celebrated its 60th reunion by inviting former members to rejoin the choir for three pieces during the Tuesday evening service at Founder’s Week. The choir consisted of 138 women, including 26 current members.

The alumna who traveled the farthest was **Laurie (Johnson MA Min ’92) Anderson** who came from Guatemala. Her daughter, Sarah Anderson, is in the choir and actually holds the same executive position that her mother held during her own WCC days, according to conductor Betty-Ann Lynerd, a professor of music.

“The reunion was a banner success!” Lynerd said. “It also served as wonderful encouragement as the WCC looks ahead to their ministry tour to Colombia, South America, in May of this year.”

### Greg Thornton: Alumnus of the Year

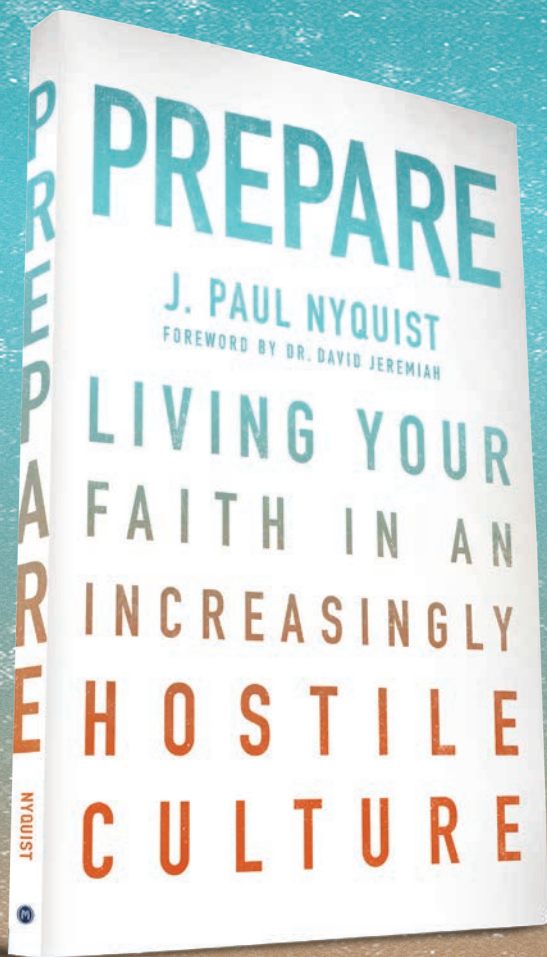
Senior vice president of media for Moody Global Ministries, **Greg Thornton ’81**, was named the 2015 Alumnus of the Year by Moody’s Alumni Association.

“We are deeply grateful to the Lord for Greg’s commitment to proclaiming the Word of God through his role with Moody’s media ministries, as well as in his own personal walk with Christ,” said **Nancy (Andersen ’80) Hastings**, executive director of the Alumni Association. “He is a very gracious man whose gentle spirit exemplifies a deep love for the body of Christ and faithfulness in serving his Lord and Savior.”

Born in Chicago in 1958, Thornton trusted Christ at age 8 and was baptized with his father and older brother, who became believers around the same time. When he was 10, Thornton’s family moved to



Greg Thornton, with his wife, Grace, receives the 2015 Alumnus of the Year award.



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McHenry, III., where he learned a strong work ethic from his dad on their sod farm.

Thornton enrolled at Moody Bible Institute intending to become a pastor, but he soon discovered his love for combining ministry and business. The day after graduation, he got married and a week later began his career as advertising administrator for Moody Press (now Moody Publishers). Within a year, he was the advertising and sales promotion administrator, and by 1985, the director. In 1992, he was promoted to vice president for Moody Press and in 2011 became senior vice president of media for Moody Global Ministries, overseeing Moody Publishers and Moody Radio.

Thornton is a member of The Moody Church, where he serves on the advisory board of Naomi's House, a ministry for survivors of sex trafficking. He is also on the board of Revive Our Hearts, an outreach of Life Action Ministries, and is chairman of the board of Media Associates International, a global training ministry for Christian publishers, editors, and writers in challenging places of the world.

Thornton and his wife, Grace, have been married for 33 years and have three married children and three grandchildren.

### **Dr. David Fetzer: 2015 Faculty Citation Award**

On Alumni Day, Dr. David Fetzer, Moody professor of communications, received the 2015 Faculty Citation Award. Each year the Alumni Association honors a faculty member for distinguished service to students.

"I can think of no one more deserving after so many years of humble service to not just the communications department but



*Dr. David Fetzer, recipient of the 2015 Faculty Citation Award*

to multiple departments and Moody as a whole," said Brian Kammerzelt, chair and assistant professor of communications at Moody Bible Institute. "He is a model for all other faculty to follow."

Fetzer joined Moody's faculty in 1982 and served as chair of the Communications department from 1992 to 2005. During the past 30 years, hundreds of Moody students have learned to speak clearly and to overcome their fear of public speaking through his speech communications courses.

He has also taught in the evening school, spoken at Founder's Week, and traveled with the Women's Concert Choir. He is currently overseeing all speech courses for the undergraduate school, as well as teaching courses in the theology department. In addition, he administers the Teacher Improvement Program for both new and seasoned faculty, and leads the Faculty Concerns Committee.

David and his wife, Sheryl, have been married for 50 years and serve together in a premarital counseling ministry. They have two married daughters and six grandchildren.



# for a greater cause

Moody alumni navigate dangers of Middle East ministry



After teaching English in a Middle Eastern city for her summer internship, **Christina '10** (above, left) hoped she was finished with cross-cultural ministry in the Muslim world. "I begged the Lord to never send me there again!" she recalls.

During her senior year in Moody's TESOL program (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), Christina developed great passion for the Muslim people. "By the end, I was pleading with Him to allow me the privilege of serving Him there."

For the last three years, Christina has been doing just that—living in a city that is 96 percent Muslim and has almost a million Kurdish refugees. Besides teaching English and studying the Kurdish language five days a week, she is "making home visits where relationships are deepened and truth is shared," she says.

"I can honestly say, not a day here goes by that I am not thankful for my Moody education," she adds. "I am grateful for the wisdom my professors imparted to me which is practical in all things, whether sharing the gospel, confidently teaching English to my students, or living well in a culture not my own."



*Distributing heaters at a Kurdish refugee camp.*

### **Providing Help and Hope**

Christina is working with her church in the area to provide basic necessities for the massive influx of Kurdish refugees who are living in tents after being rescued from terrorists. Last winter she helped distribute 4,000 heaters in one camp. "It is incredibly

amazing to hear from the mouths of the people that 'followers of Jesus brought us this heater,'" she says.

Her church also purchased hundreds of thick blankets to pass out to families living in an unfinished school building. "The hands and feet of Christ are at work here, and though we are few, nothing is impossible with God!" says Christina, who serves with one other teammate named Sarah. Their team leader, who attended Moody for two years, lives in the U.S. The team is growing, though. Another Moody graduate, **Michelle '09**, and her husband, Mark, are preparing to move to the Middle East in 2016.

Like Christina, Michelle first visited the Middle East during a two-month summer internship for her TESOL program. She accompanied Andrea, another team member who has been planning the summer programs (teaching English to 100-200 Muslim adults) for the last dozen years.

By 2012 Michelle was almost fully supported to move to the Middle East when she met Mark, a young man in her Michigan hometown who wanted to pursue a relationship. She told him, "You know, I'm going to the Middle East for the rest of my life, and I'm not going to change my mind."

Michelle's friends warned Mark of the same thing, but he was so enamored by her commitment that he decided to take a short-term trip to the Middle East himself. He came back with a similar fervor and burden for Muslims. Mark and Michelle married in 2013 and moved to Virginia to work with Kurdish people and learn the language while they raise the rest of their support. Once in the Middle East, they hope to work with the team to start a year-round English institute. Long term, their prayer is to see a church planted.





Michelle (left), her husband, Mark (second from right), and Christina befriend a Kurdish man.

### Bearing Fruit, with Prayer

Already God has allowed the team to see some fruit among the people and has continued to give opportunities to plant and water seeds. Michelle says she knows three of about 10 Kurdish believers in the city. For example, one young man who was in Michelle's English class during her internship became a believer after hearing Michelle and Christina share the gospel with their students at a restaurant. The man presented the gospel to his Muslim cousin a couple of months later. But under the threat of social rejection and persecution, he is too terrified to tell anyone else.

Another young man moved to the U.S. after his wealthy father found out he had become a believer and warned his son to leave. The young man's family also threatened to cut off all communication and his large inheritance unless he agreed to marry a Muslim woman, so he is currently engaged to one. What's more, the engaged woman's brother threatened to kill him if he broke the engagement. The team continues to pray for him and others who fear persecution.

Now that Islamic terrorist groups like ISIS are moving into the area, life

is "extremely unpredictable" in this Middle Eastern country, says Christina. "My team leader always reminds us that we are not going with plan A or B; we are heading straight to plan G, which is God's plan!"

No matter what happens in days ahead, Christina says she is committed to following Christ. "I am buckled in and ready to continue serving the Lord!"

Considering the unrest and dangers in the Middle East, friends and family have asked Michelle if she is still planning to go. Michelle, who grew up reading the Bible as well as a book about Christian martyrs (*Jesus Freaks* by DC Talk and *The Voice of the Martyrs*), has an answer. "The Kurds will never get an opportunity to hear about Jesus if we wait until there's peace to go and tell them."

Besides, she says, "I always knew I would go somewhere dangerous. I thought if soldiers can go to war and fight for America, why shouldn't I be able to go and risk my life for a greater cause—and that's Christ."

*Moody graduates serve throughout the world in dangerous locales. To protect the identity and safety of international believers, we have changed some of the names in this story.*



# Remembering Moody's Unsung Missionaries

“We would call most of these people ‘no names’,” says Isaac Wilson, a senior in Moody’s applied linguistics program. He’s working in the Crowell Library Archives, surrounded by thousands of file cards, each with the name of a missionary who graduated from Moody Bible Institute. “They never made the front page of the newspaper, they were not martyred for their faith. They just went out from Moody and served the Lord somewhere, not expecting anyone to remember them.”

Isaac pulls out another card and reads from typewritten documents, some of which are nearly a hundred years old. Using a tablet computer, he enters the information into a growing database. This work began in September after lengthy discussions between **Nancy (Andersen ’80) Hastings**, Dr. Tim Sisk, and **Elizabeth Lightbody ’64**, along with the Alumni Board, concerning the missionary

display at the rear of Torrey-Gray Auditorium. The brass-framed cabinets are still there, along with the proud title, “Foreign Missionary Roster of Former Students.” But the names have not been updated since 1990. Twenty-five years later, hundreds of missionary names are missing. Everyone involved felt passionate about the need to update this information.

The original idea was to create a new display for the Alumni Association’s 100th anniversary, with events planned for Founder’s Week 2016. The group dreamed of an interactive exhibit with flat screen displays, perhaps in a more visible campus location. Hastings enlisted the help of **Tamar Karni BA ’12** in the alumni office, and from there the project provoked a new round of research.

How many missionaries have graduated from Moody, a school long known for its mission program?



*Josiah Chen, Grand Minor, Tamar Karni, and Isaac Wilson work in the Crowell Library Archives.*

The question quickly becomes complicated, starting with What, exactly, is a missionary? The archive lists have titles like “Missionaries Who Have Sailed to Foreign Lands,” a definition waiting for an update. And Isaac quickly points out the obvious socio-political changes.

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“The sun never sets on the work being done by missionaries and other Christian workers who have been trained at Moody Bible Institute.”

—Dr. Gene Getz '52

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“When the ‘Foreign Missionaries’ display was first built, Alaska and Hawaii were still foreign countries,” he says.

In keeping with its long tradition of agile and innovative ministry,

Moody reorganized its missions department in 2012, adopting the name Intercultural Studies to reflect the needs of today’s missionaries. Around campus, many of the students still refer to themselves as “missions majors,” but are appropriately sensitive to the challenges of intercultural ministry.

“You’ll see records from a mission agency named the Society of the United Brethren for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen, but I think we would use more sensitive language now,” Wilson says. He became involved in the research project when Dr. Sisk suggested the project to his Senior Integrated Seminar class, with seven students eventually volunteering to do data entry.

Hastings hopes the new display will show a broader picture of Moody’s

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# Reading, Writing, and Real Faith

*How an illiterate man found inspiration to succeed*

**Jonah Landos BA '13** remembers the day he discovered that D. L. Moody was an uneducated man. "I identified with him 100 percent," says Jonah, who at age 20 had never been to school and could barely read and write. That same day he prayed a seemingly impossible prayer: "I want to go to the school that this man started, that's devoted to the Word of God."



Jonah grew up in a family of seven in Opelousas, Louisiana, and somehow his education fell through the cracks. When his parents became Christians, his mom tried homeschooling to shield him from worldly influences but she lacked support for teaching. “I grew up without knowing my ABCs,” he says.

Being illiterate made church an unpleasant experience. When his pastor would exhort the congregation to read the Bible or someone would call on Jonah to read a passage of Scripture, Jonah would become embarrassed, frustrated, and angry. At age 18, he got a job at Wal-Mart and stopped going to church, making the excuse that he had to work Sundays.

Jonah signed up for a literacy program, but when the tutor cast doubt on his hopes of passing the GED, Jonah quit the program. He started experimenting with drugs, abusing alcohol, and living an immoral life. “I so desperately wanted to find acceptance, love, and to feel like I had purpose in life, but no matter what I did, I always felt so far away from those things,” he says.

One day he had a serious motorcycle accident, hitting a car at 65 mph, yet he walked away with a few scratches. “That really woke me up,” he says. The next week he was back in church, and soon he trusted Christ for salvation.

Jonah’s pastor encouraged him to get educated, so he quit work and began spending every waking moment studying for the GED. He filled notebooks with spelling words and math equations and was often on his knees, praying for wisdom and for God’s glory.

### Discovering Moody

When his pastor referred to great 19th-century pastors in a sermon, Jonah decided to read about Charles



*Jonah Lanclos '13 teaches a Bible lesson to the Encouragers class at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas.*

Spurgeon. That led him to a biography of Spurgeon’s friend, D. L. Moody. As he read an account of D. L. Moody trying to read the Bible to a small boy but stumbling over the words, it moved him to tears. “Here was a man who had passion, who had drive, but lacked education,” Jonah says. Yet, “he did everything he could to fulfill what the Lord was calling him to do.”

Jonah was even more amazed to discover that this preacher who had only a grade-school education founded a Bible Institute in 1886 that was still training people for ministry. Jonah was determined to get there for training.

After passing his GED on the second attempt, he applied to Moody Bible Institute and was overjoyed to receive an acceptance letter. At age 22, he set off for Chicago.

Being in school for the first time in his life was challenging. He didn’t know how to write papers or take notes (“Do you write down what is funny or interesting?” he wondered). But other students helped him, and by his second year he was able to study abroad in Greece. He also met **Caroline (Probert BS '13)**, a student at Moody’s Spokane campus who became his wife in June 2012. Jonah transferred to Moody in Spokane, and

in 2013, he and Caroline graduated together.

“I came to Moody Bible Institute thinking I was going to fail, but instead, I was richly trained on how to exegete the Scripture and live it out,” says Jonah, who is also grateful for Moody professors such as Dr. Keith Krell, who mentored him. Jonah is now in graduate school at Dallas Theological Seminary and plans to pursue a PhD next. “That’s the difference now between me and D. L. Moody,” he points out. “I’ve been blessed to be able to go to school.” Yet he can still relate to D. L. Moody’s passion for souls and desire to educate others in God’s Word.

“My goal was to know the Bible. And it still is! Why? Because I know

the Bible is what enriches people; I know that’s what changes lives,” explains Jonah, who is currently an intern for adult ministries at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas. In the future, Jonah and Caroline hope to open a Christian school overseas or in the States for people who are less privileged. “As I was not given the grandest opportunity for education growing up, I want to give opportunities to those who have none,” Jonah explains.

“The further we go on this journey, the more our passion grows to see these goals get accomplished,” he adds. “We have a zealous passion to serve the Lord wherever He has us and to point people to Jesus Christ.”



# MOODY WEEK

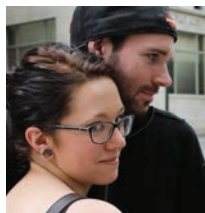
## *at Maranatha*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27–FRIDAY, JULY 3

Join us for Moody’s alumni reception on Saturday, June 27, 4:00 p.m., at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, Michigan. Attend the dinner (\$15) at 5:30 p.m., then enjoy a concert featuring Steve Amerson at 7:00 p.m. RSVP for the reception at (312) 329-4412, or email [mbialum@moody.edu](mailto:mbialum@moody.edu).

Stay all week to hear messages from Roy Patterson, Chris Brooks, and Dr. Gary Chapman. Register for the week at [www.vacationwithpurpose.com](http://www.vacationwithpurpose.com).

### 2010s



**Emily Joy Allison BA '12** is working on a full-length album of spoken word poetry to be released in spring 2015. She released a spoken word


poetry EP in February 2013. Spoken word poetry has always been her primary avenue of ministry, and she hopes her newest project will challenge people to greater depths of faith. Emily lives with fellow Moody alumna, **Hannah Paasch '09**, in Nashville, Tenn., and is planning a spring wedding to her fiancé Billy Hearn.

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**Jonathan Hayashi BA '12, MA '14** is currently serving as assistant pastor of ministry of music and director of operations at Uptown Baptist

Church, Chicago, Ill. Jonathan met Kennedy (Conradson) at Moody, and the two were married in May 2014. Kennedy is currently finishing her undergraduate degree in children's ministry at Moody. Both Jonathan and Kennedy have a passion and love for the local church in Chicago, and are together hoping to continue equipping others for ministry in the city.

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**Bobby Jackson BA '11** married **Elizabeth (Crist BA '11)** in May 2011. He serves as the director of the student



center at Christ Community Church in St. Charles, Ill. Bobby currently creates and runs character training programs at several of the

local schools and also enjoys the opportunity to speak to middle school and high school students. To enhance his ability to reach young people, Bobby is pursuing a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago. The Jacksons live with their two sons, Ezekiel Storm, 2, and Timothy Valor, 2 months old, in Elgin, Ill.

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**Ethan BA '10 and Michele BA '09 Fisher** are currently serving at a small church plant in Gifu City, Japan. Shortly after getting

married in 2002, the Fishers sensed God leading them to missions in Japan. (The Japanese are one of the four largest least-reached people groups, according to The Joshua Project.)

Wanting to be better equipped, they moved from New Hampshire to Chicago to attend Moody. The Fishers became members at Lakeside Church of Chicago, which was founded during World War II for Japanese-Americans who were displaced in internment camps. After graduating from Moody, both Ethan and Michele taught in Christian schools in Chicago. In 2014, the Fishers decided to partner with a small church in central Japan.

While learning the language, Ethan and Michele are involved in college

ministry and other English-speaking outreach efforts. Ethan is also working for a local public school district. They serve alongside Caleb and **Amy (Stieglitz BA '09) Eby**. The Fishers are excited about the opportunity to share the gospel with many who have never heard the name of Jesus.

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## 2000s



**Jon McCord BA '06** accepted an offer to teach at a classical Christian school in Chicago eight years ago, never thinking he would end up as a headmaster. Today he serves as the headmaster of Veritas Preparatory School, a start-up school serving kindergarten through sixth grade in the education wing of Augusta Road Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C.

Veritas offers nondenominational classical education, including Latin, Greek, and all of the life sciences in light of God's creation of the world. "You get to see that God is the one who speaks the world into existence; so when we write or when we speak, we are actually doing a divine act," says Jon, who was always fascinated by languages. He is passionate to teach children biblical languages from an early age so they are able to better grasp and study the Bible.

Veritas follows a university model

in which elementary students through fifth grade receive two days of classroom instruction per week while secondary students (6th-12th grade) attend class three days per week. On non-class days, students work on assignments at home where parents continue their instruction.

In addition to serving as headmaster, Jon teaches a 5th-grade class and 4th-grade Latin. He has worked for 13 years in churches, ministries, and schools teaching Sunday school, Bible studies, and academic classes. He has a BA in Biblical Languages from Moody and an MA in Biblical Exegesis from Wheaton College.

Jon and his wife, Lesley, have two sons and attend Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C.

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## 1990s



**Paul '96** and **Becky (Hill '97) Hedgepeth** and their children, Timothy, 15, Lydia, 13, David, 6, Maria, 4, and Susanna, 2, returned to the U.S. a few years ago after eight years of ministry in Russia. They were unable to stay in Russia after the government denied their papers. Since 2012, they have been living in Niagara Falls, N.Y., where they help run a neighborhood children's ministry

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called Hope Club and a new neighborhood church plant called Hope Church. The Hedgepeths welcome visitors who might be traveling their way to see the Falls.


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**Jim Barringer BA '96** is the student ministries director at Friendship Church outside Minneapolis, Minn. Serving full time in youth ministry for more than 18 years, he is committed to evangelism training and has a vision to see youth ministries transformed into disciple-making environments. He is also proud to be associated with Sonlife Ministries and Dare2Share.

Last December 2014, in Colorado's Rocky Mountains, Jim collaborated with 10 other youth leaders from around the country, including Moody alumni **Josh Yates BA '00** and **Jason Lowen BA '07**. The youth leaders shared a passion to see lost students saved, discipled, and making disciples. They hope to see thousands of ministries commit to the values of a gospel-advancing ministry within the next decade.

Jim and his wife **Naomi (Quam '97)** have been married for 18 years and are blessed with four children: Josiah, 16, Jesse, 13, Jacob, 9, and Joy, 3.

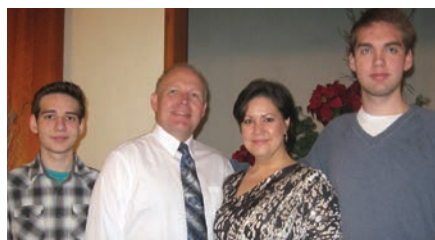
 dare2share.org

 sonlife.com

 gospeladvancing.com

**Abigail J. (Allison BA '95) Peace** studied vocal performance at Philadelphia College of Bible after graduating from Moody. Later she moved back to Chicago to work on campus, where she met her husband, Brian Peace. Today they have two teenage sons, Luke and Josiah.

Abigail went back to school as an adult and became a board-certified music therapist with a master's degree in music therapy. She now provides counseling and music therapy for children and adults on the autism spectrum and survivors of physical and sexual child abuse.



Recently, she also fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a writer as she self-published a Christian fiction book, *Eden's Song* (CreateSpace, August 2014). The story imagines a time around the end of the 1,000-year millennial kingdom when Satan and his fallen angels are released upon the earth before the final battle. She plans to donate one dollar for every book sale to fight human trafficking. Abigail says, "My prayer is that we can shine the light of God into the lives of those who have felt they were forgotten or never seen by Him."

**Sean BA '95** and **Melissa (Homan BA '95) Spoelstra** have been married for 19 years and have four kids: Zach, 18, Abby, 14, Sara, 14, and Rachel, 12. They live in Dublin, Ohio, where





Sean serves as lead pastor at Encounter Church, a church they helped plant five years ago. Sean also coaches volleyball at a

local high school. Melissa writes for *ParentLife* magazine and recently released her first book, a women's Bible study titled *Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World* (Abingdon Press, August 2014). She plans on releasing a new study on Joseph in August 2015. She also spends time cheering her kids on in sports, youth group, and other activities.



**Oliver Dossmann BA '91** and his wife, Rachel, recently moved to East Tennessee, where Oliver is the founder and president of

EdenRidge, a missionary-focused retreat center near Crossville, Tenn. EdenRidge currently has four cabins and plans to expand to 20 cabins as well as a conference center and missionary retirement village.

After attending Moody, Oliver moved to Jackson, Tenn., where he earned an MBA and met his wife Rachel. They were married in 2000 and are homeschooling their four children, ages 3 to 8.

 edenridge.org

## 1980s

**Peggy Anne Franklin BA '85**, from Shabbona, Ill., graduated from Argosy University on November 9, 2014, with



a doctorate in education leadership.

She has taught special education at Rochelle Township High School since

2000 and is planning to teach college remedial classes in English and math, special education, and English Language Learners in the near future.

**Dave Pikel '85** celebrated 10 years as the executive director of Come to Life Ministries. The celebration took place at Bensenville Bible Church in Bensenville, Ill., on September 20, 2014. The C.O.M.E. in Come to Life Ministries stands for "Coaching and Offering Ministry Encouragement," an idea proposed by fellow Moody alum **Dave Cousens BA '01**.

After Dave Pikel graduated from Moody, he served as youth pastor for several churches in Illinois and South Florida. Then he joined Sonlife Ministries (founded by **Dann Spader '74** to equip leaders of local church



*Alumni photographed at the celebration (bottom, from left): Steve Valentine '84, Christian Constante MA '05, Dr. Bill Thrasher (Moody professor), Gerard Hall MA '11, Tara (Christo) Wilson MA '03, Jason Wilson MDiv '00; (top, from left): Ron May MA '94, Dave Pikel '85, Dan Gute '75, Mark Juchems '86, and Mike Klamecki MA '99.*

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student ministries), serving eight years before his current position at Come to Life Ministries.

Dave feels privileged to come alongside ministry leaders, many of whom are also Moody alumni, to provide a listening ear, support, encouragement, and prayer.

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From left: **Dean Henry '59, Judith (Imhof) Henry '59, Karl Henry '80-'81, Lauren Henry, and Shawn Henry.**

**Karl '80-'81** and Shawn **Henry** attend Door Creek Church in Madison, Wis., where they have been ministering to and mentoring 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade students for 18 years. Shawn uses a program she created in 2011 for that age group. She also leads worldwide education and outreach promoting web accessibility for people with disabilities at the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative. Karl, an unemployed pilot, works as a part-time mechanic and also repairs cars for low-income families and single moms. Karl and Shawn have been married 25 years.

## 1970s

**Michael Ullrich '77** retired September 30, 2014, after 35 years as a pastor. He served the last 33 years as a rural



missionary pastor with Village Missions. Mike has served as a pastor in Mississippi, South Carolina, Kansas, South Dakota,

and the last 15 years in Kittredge, Colo. He and his wife, Bonita, are moving on to direct Cord Ministries International, a sending agency from Wickenburg, Ariz., that was founded by the Ullrichs in 2011 for independent missionaries. The agency currently has missionaries in five countries.

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**B. J. Slinger '74** recently joined the staff of OMF International in Wheaton, Ill., as a prayer mobilizer. He previously

served as publications director with Christian Service Brigade. His wife, **Lynda (Hathaway '74)**, is a public school reading specialist. They have six children and eight grandchildren.

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**John Fischer BA '70** retired in February 2014 from his position as the longest-serving pastor of the United Christian Church

on Grays Harbor in Aberdeen, Wash. John, who was honored by his church with the title of Pastor Emeritus, is now writing a Christian devotional blog. He and his wife, Sue, spend

time traveling, studying the Bible, and writing for the Lord, along with enjoying their four children and six grandchildren.

 [reflectionsoutoftime.wordpress.com](http://reflectionsoutoftime.wordpress.com)



**Mark '70** and **Lois (Douglas '70) Shaw** have worked in Nairobi, Kenya, for 30 years under AIM International.

Lois is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Africa International University on biblical and practical approaches to poverty alleviation. Mark is the director of the Centre for World Christianity at the university and guides PhD students in studying the new Christian movements emerging in Africa and other parts of the world.

Mark is also an author. His latest book is *Work, Play, Love: A Visual Guide to Calling, Career and the Mission of God* (InterVarsity Press, September 2014). The book shows how the wisdom worker model in Proverbs can meet the need of emerging adults for new and better models of work-life balance.

Mark and Lois have two grown children: Anne, a mother of two in Maryland, and Jonathan, a missionary in Congo.

## 1960s



After his graduation in 1965, **Pieter Koen '65** felt called to return to the Netherlands, his home country,

where he served with the Navigators until 1970. Then he began serving full-time with Wycliffe Bible Translators as the director for Holland.

After marrying Johanna Boot, they served together in Wycliffe's home office and saw a great increase of workers in translation and literacy work. Johanna was a keen promoter of prayer for the ministry and also served as a career counselor for several years.

After 12 years, the Koens went to Suriname, South America, serving SIL in Government and Church Relations. SIL had six translation projects at the time. Pieter eventually retired from Wycliffe as personnel coordinator for Europe. A highlight of their work was traveling to Hungary to promote Wycliffe's ministry after communist rule ended in 1989 and eventually seeing a new Wycliffe office established there.

The Koens were blessed with two sons, James and Jan Willem. James has been serving in South Sudan with World Vision, and Jan Willem is active in his church's youth work. Johanna passed away on July 6, 2010. Pieter had the privilege of attending his 50th class reunion during Founder's Week 2015, where he was able to connect with many fellow alumni.



**Alex '63, BA '80** and Sallie **Turoczi** were recently named together as 2014 Alumnus of the Year at The King's College in New York.

Alex got a diploma from Moody in 1963, but after 11 years with TWR in Monte Carlo and Guam, he came back to Moody in 1979 to earn an

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undergraduate degree. He and Sallie served with TWR for 42 years and started Church Assist Ministries before retiring in 2011. Sallie has had a ministry for women, Increasing Joy Ministry, for more than 30 years, and Alex has served on The King's College Executive Alumni Committee since 2006. He has also served on the leadership team for Ethnic America Network since 2004.

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### 1950s



**Jack Stowers '58** completed Moody's General Bible Course in 1958, then did further study at the University of Colorado, served

in the U.S. Navy, and earned his Airframe and Power Plant licenses after two-and-a-half years of study in Denver.

Jack worked for Western Airlines and Delta for 25 years, which gave his family the opportunity to live in several states and serve in lay ministries until Jack's airline retirement.

Jack has served as the full-time pastor of Wild Horse Mesa Bible Church in Colorado for the past 15 years, and his wife, Marilyn, is the church pianist. Until recent years, the church was heated by a barrel wood stove and powered by a generator. God graciously enabled the Stowers to build a solar-powered home in this remote area. The former pastor taught them electrical wiring, and friends helped in plumbing. They heat with wood and haul water from a distant well. The Stowers, who celebrated their

50th anniversary on November 5, 2013, use their home for hospitality outreach to many guests through Bible studies and Christian films.

Their son, **Jack Allen Stowers BA '90**, has been teaching in Japan the past eight years, and their daughter, **Jeanette (Stowers BA '92) Human** is a caseworker in Pennsylvania.

### Births



To **Erik BA/MA '14** and Katharine **Hultquist**, a son, Isaac James, December 4, 2014. Isaac joins big sister, Abigail Rae, who was

born in 2013. Erik works full-time as assistant division manager for Facilities Management at Moody in Chicago, and Katharine works part-time at their church, Park Community Church.



To **Elizabeth (Aubrey BA '13)** and **Cody Dailing '10-'13**, a son, Oliver Thomas Donald, December 8, 2014. They live in Chicago,

where Cody is a systems administrator in Information Technology Services at Moody. Elizabeth is home with Oliver and completing a master's degree at Moody Theological Seminary in May.



To James and **Emily (Mueller BA '12) Elwood**, a daughter, Emma Ruth, November 11, 2014.



To **Ben BA '02** and **Heather (Hedge) '12** Richey, a son, Calvin Thomas, August 27, 2014.

The Richeys have two other children: Mikaela, 9, and Christopher, 7. Ben works as the assistant pastor at Heritage Baptist Church in Prattville, Ala.



To Kyle and **Rebecca (Zurbrick '08) Koval**, a daughter, Gemma Rebecca, November 22, 2014, Ancona, Italy. Gemma joins her sister, Giada Lynn, who was born July 21, 2013.

Kyle and Rebecca serve as missionaries with Team Expansion, working to see sustainable church planting movements happen in Ancona.



To **Mark '05** and Rebecca **Jacobsen**, a daughter, Tabitha Joyce, October 23, 2014. Mark is currently in management at

AT&T. In his spare time, he enjoys being actively involved in his church through children's ministry and leading the missions team.

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To **Luke BA '05** and **Cheryl (Busentiz BA '03) Thomas**, a son, Hudson Luke, September 2, 2014, Holsbybrunn, Sweden.

The name "Hudson" means "messenger of God's light." Hudson joins two big sisters, Emmalise and Ember. Luke and Cheryl live and serve at Torchbearers' Bible School in Holsbybrunn.



To **Benjamin MMin '06** and Heidi **Turkalj**, a daughter, Klara Gabriela, October 5, 2014, Croatia. Klara joins her sister Tea, 3.



To **Mark BA '90** and Stefanie **Brown**, a son, Luke, September 7, 2014, Tauranga, New Zealand. Luke joins big brother Joshua, 6.

The Browns are serving with Marine Reach in New Zealand, which focuses on bringing hope and medical healing to the neediest parts of the Pacific Islands and runs discipleship training schools year round.

W marinereach.com



## Marriages

The wedding of **Rachel Gliebe '12** and Eric Meiri was celebrated on January 11, 2015, in Skokie, Ill. A traditional Jewish wedding (both bride and groom



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are Jewish believers in Jesus) with an untraditional neon pink and green flair, it was a joyous wintery occasion, full of music, food, and, to end the evening perfectly, snow! Over 25 Moody alumni were in attendance, including the parents of the bride, **Kirk '87** and **Carla (Kornit '95) Gliebe**, best man **Jason Moraff '14**, maid of honor **Amy Moore '13**, and others.



**Lucretia (Harkness BA '12)** married Aaron Smith on August 2, 2014, in Ord, Neb. The two met at

Lucretia's Moody graduation party at her home in Ord in 2012. They attend Faith Bible Church in Arcadia, Neb. Lucretia runs a small ministry from their apartment and Aaron works in the IT department at the local hospital.



Shannon Arduser and **Marie (Gums BA '00)** were married on December 28, 2013, in Le Mars, Iowa. Alumni in attendance

included **Rachel Wynn BA '00**, and **Kurt BA '00** and **Denna (Halulko BMus '01) Busenitz**. Shannon is the director of Camp Assurance near

Belden, Neb. Marie had served in Kyrgyzstan and Turkey from 2002–2013. They are now living on the family farm near Coleridge, Neb., serving as camp director and area missionaries with Camp Assurance, and expecting a baby girl at the end of May 2015. They enjoy mentoring young people through the camp and outreach ministry's kids clubs, youth events, and the Oasis Coffee House.

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### Gatherings

On Friday, December 26, 2014, the Camino Global (formerly CAM International) missionaries in Guatemala gathered for a Christmas social with several other family members visiting from other locations.



*Alumni in attendance (from left to right):* **Glenn Stewart '78** and **BSBS '10, Judy (Marr) Stewart '78** and **BSBS '10, Karen (Stewart) Bartz '10, Judith Murphy '87, Debbie Murphy '88, Clyde Murphy '68, Edith Murphy ES '68, Janet (Philippi) Gerben '80, Paul Philippi '53, Ruth (Dedic) Philippi '53, Judy (Philippi) Schmidt '79.**

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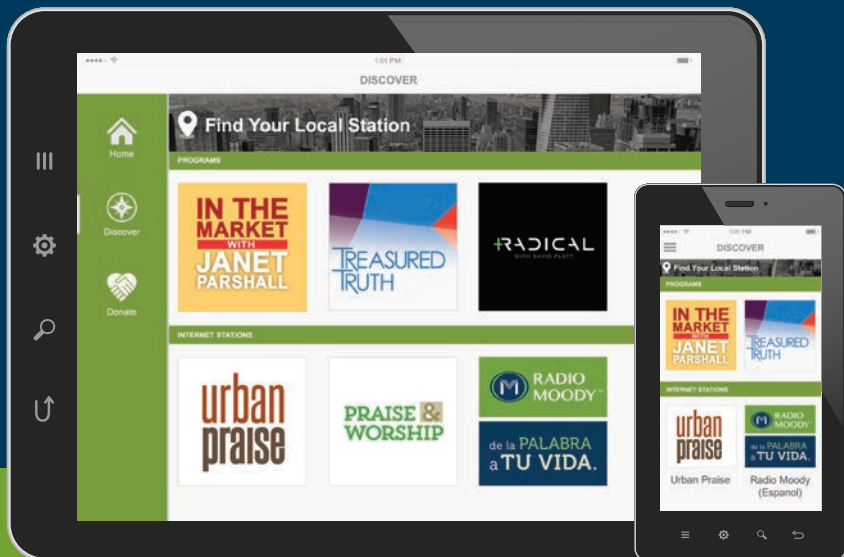


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**John F. Wilson**, age 85, November 7, 2014, Valparaiso, Ind.

John, a former Moody faculty member, was a conductor, performer, composer, teacher, and worship leader, and was known as a fun-loving, positive encourager. Besides his undergraduate work at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute and American Conservatory of Music, he received his Master of Music degree from Northwestern University.

He directed choirs and taught music at several colleges: Mountain View Bible College in Alberta, Canada, Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana, Indiana Wesleyan University, West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing, and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Following, he worked for 28 years in the editorial department of Hope Publishing Company in Carol Stream, Ill. For more than 40 years, he served as choir director of several church choirs as well as his own professional group, the John Wilson Singers.

He also founded and directed the Music and Drama Camp at Cedar Lake, Ind., before retiring in 1992.

John composed over 400 published works for choirs and instrumental groups, including a number of full-length musicals. He received several awards for his contribution to serious contemporary music, and produced and directed numerous orchestral and vocal albums and demos in Nashville, Hollywood, Chicago, and London, England.

He is survived by his wife, June A. Wilson; two children, John S. Wilson,

Cheryl Wilson Fornelli and husband, John; three grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

### 1990s



**Sarah Susan (Lemen BA '96) Mendez**, age 39, October 23, 2014, Loveland, Colo., after an extended illness.

Sarah majored in urban ministries and loved being a member of Moody's first gospel choir, Unity Voices of Praise. After graduation, Sarah and her husband, **Daniel Mendez '95**, moved to Colorado where they helped start Spanish-language churches through the Rocky Mountain Baptist Conference in Denver and Loveland. From 2007 to 2013, Sarah worked as a field sales support and events coordinator for Group Publishing.

Sarah advocated for adoption and often mentored friends through the process. Sarah enjoyed many creative pursuits, including gardening, music, sewing, crocheting, and cooking, and wrote a blog about saving money. She also adored her basset hound, Lucy.

During her 39 years of life, Sarah touched many lives with her courage and kind, loving spirit. During her illness, she took great comfort in the words of Psalm 34.

Sarah is survived by her husband; their four children, Angelica, Lexie, Valery, and Aaron; her parents; a brother; three sisters; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Matthew Lemen.

## 1970s

**Dean William Freeman '75, BA '83**, age 61, January 19, 2014, Glens Falls, NY.

As a teenager Dean was a summer missionary for Child Evangelism Fellowship, teaching Bible lessons for children's groups. He also spent a summer working at Word of Life, Schroon Lake, NY.

In addition to earning his diploma from Moody in Jewish and Modern Israel Studies and later earning his BA, Dean earned an Associate of Arts degree in archeology and foreign languages at San Diego Mesa College, Calif., in 1983. Dean joined Chosen People Ministries, serving as director of the local work in the Baltimore area before moving on to San Diego and then to the Raleigh, N.C., area where he taught history at a Christian school.

Dean was cheerful, made friends easily, and loved history, particularly biblical history and Egyptology. He was a devoted Christian with unwavering faith in God's promises.

Dean, who was a member of Mountainside Bible Chapel at Schroon Lake, N.Y., is survived by his parents, William and Helene Freeman; his twin daughters, Heather Freeman and Heidi Burroughs; and his brother, Thomas P. Fisk. He was preceded in death by his sister, Noel Bernadette Fisk.



**Sam Smith '71**, age 64, December 11, 2014, West Chicago, Ill.

Sam graduated from Wheaton College with a

degree in sociology and earned his MDiv from Bethany Seminary. To reach youth with the good news of Christ, he created "Heavy Light Ministries" and toured with a computer-assisted slide show for many years around the U.S. and Canada. Later in his career he served as youth pastor for several congregations in the far west suburbs of Chicago. At the time of his death he was suffering from progressive muscle weakness and a tentative diagnosis of ALS.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, and his children, Lia and Luke.

## 1960s



**Lois Grace (Watts) BA '67) Griffin**, age 75, June 22, 2014, Bellwood, Ill, after an eight-month battle with cancer.

As a child Lois was saved at Forest Home Bible Camp, Calif., where she later served as a counselor. She also counseled at Verdugo Pines Bible Camp, Calif., Lake Geneva Youth Camp in southern Wisconsin, and Lake Helen Bible Camp in northern Wisconsin.

Lois graduated with a BA in Bible Theology in 1967. She and **Ted Griffin '71** developed their relationship through long-distance letter-writing while Ted served on a missions team in the Philippines and then in the U.S. Army. They married on April 26, 1969, and returned to Chicago so Ted could earn his bachelor's degree. They adopted two children in 1978 and 1980.

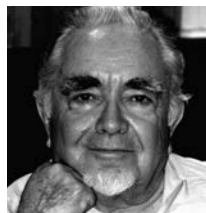
Lois was involved in choir and children's ministries at various local

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churches, including Avenue 54 Gospel Chapel in Los Angeles, Calif., Woodside Bible Chapel in Maywood, Ill., and Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, Ill. She started an orchestra at Woodside Bible Chapel and played in several other orchestras and bands.

Lois was a talented musician, cook, gardener, and seamstress, who loved serving Christ by serving her family and the church.

Lois is survived by her husband, Ted; two children, Charles and Joy; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



**Joseph Irizarry '62 and BA '78**, age 83, November 15, 2014, Chicago Ill.

Joseph—known as “Henry” to his large extended family and as “Joe” in other circles—was looking forward to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary to **Joan (Snyder) Irizarry '65–'65** on November 28, 2014.

In addition to a BA in Bible and Teaching from Moody, Joe held an AAS in Construction Technology from City College of New York, a BA in Language Arts and Spanish from Greenville College, Ill., and an MA in Spanish from the University of Illinois. He taught English and Spanish in many Illinois high schools.

He worked for many years at Moody on the Chicago campus, teaching Spanish, English, and Bible, writing for *Moody Monthly*, and doing Spanish editing and translation for Moody Publishers. He was involved in hosting Radio Esperanza (now Radio Moody) in 1980.

He also taught Spanish at Trinity International University and Trinity Christian College, and served on the boards of Inner City Impact and Salem Christian School in the Humboldt Park/Logan Square area of Chicago.

Joe was licensed to preach by the Methodist Church of New York in 1954 and served as a youth pastor until continuing his studies in Illinois. In 1969, he started working with the Plymouth Brethren churches in Chicago and served as a pastor for many years at Local Evangélico de Avondale. He became a member of Salem Evangelical Free Church/Good News Bible Church in the early 1990s, ministering there until his death.

Joe is survived by his wife, Joan; two children, Juanita Irizarry and Joseph Daniel Irizarry; and two grandchildren.



**William R. “Bill” Swanger '61**, age 80, August 23, 2014, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.

Bill married **Donna (McAdams '57–'58)** in 1958. In addition to studying at Moody, he received his degree in theology from Immanuel Bible College, Atlanta, Ga., and also attended the Detroit Baptist Seminary. Bill pastored various churches, including Oakman Boulevard Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., the Open Bible Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Grace Missionary Church in Zion, Ill. He was also interim minister at various churches, most recently Crossview Evangelical Free Church in Antioch, Ill.

Bill was a kind and faithful servant who mirrored the Lord. Even while



under final medical treatments, he was a testimony to his physicians.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Bill Swanger and wife Carolyn, Dixie Davis and husband Kieron, and Brett Swanger; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## 1950s



**Paul “David” Aldridge ’58**, age 80, October 29, 2014, Griffin, Ga.

When David was a teenager, his family emigrated in 1948 from Canada, where David’s father, Bernard Aldridge, worked with both the Gideons and Moody. In recent years David became a U.S. citizen.

David met his wife, **Shirley Ann (McClain) Aldridge ES ’55-’56**, while working at the Sword of the Lord Publishers in Wheaton, Ill., and the two married in 1955. David graduated from Moody in 1958 and from The School for Bank Administration at the University of Wisconsin in 1974.

David worked in the accounting/information technology field, and held positions in the Chicago/Wheaton area with Moody, Northern Trust Bank, and MAP International. David and Shirley relocated with MAP International to Brunswick, Ga., in the 1980s, where David became self-employed as president of Dynamic Information Systems, Inc. In the 1990s they moved to Waxhaw, N.C., where they volunteered full-time at JAARS, Inc. They returned to Georgia in 2012 to be near family members. They

enjoyed both the Sun City community and their church home, Henry Baptist Church.

David is survived by his wife, Shirley Aldridge; children, Ginny Passmore and husband Bobby, Jim Aldridge, and **Rob Aldridge ’82-’83** and wife, Karen; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a brother Allen Aldridge. He was preceded in death by his sister, Grace, brother **Glenn Aldridge ’57-’58**; and one great-grandchild.

**Paul Donald Faris ’57**, age 94, December 5, 2014, Cape Coral, Fla.

After working in an airplane factory with his brother, Robert, Paul attended Geneva College for a year before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. He flew over 500 hours of combat missions in a P-47 Thunderbolt and other single engine aircraft with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Paul and **Geneva (Hutton) Faris ’57** were married in 1946. He graduated from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, and, sensing a call to minister the gospel, attended Moody.

Upon graduation, Paul and Geneva joined Village Missions. For 43 years they ministered in small rural churches in Idaho, California, Nevada, and Arizona, impacting lives with the love of God.

Paul is survived by his wife of 68 years; children, Paula Valkenburg, Carolyn Faris, Dan Faris, Evangeline Laronc, and Genevieve Shields; 10 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Peggy Faris, son Stephen Faris, and a brother and sister.

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**Howard “Al” Swan Jr. ’57**, age 77, July 19, 2014, Rockford Ill.

Following his graduation from Moody, Howard earned a degree in teaching from the University of Dubuque. He married **Glena Jo (Adams) ’59** on June 6, 1959, in Chicago.

After teaching at Galena Junior High in Galena, Ill., he then served as a student pastor at the Methodist church in Rowley, Iowa, while completing his graduate degree at the University of Iowa. He was a teacher and then dean of students at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1967, he moved his family to DeKalb, Ill., where he was a professor in the College of Education at Northern Illinois University. He was also the director of the university’s Learning Center until his retirement in 1994.

Howard was a member of Hillcrest Covenant Church in DeKalb, where he held various leadership positions and sang in the choir.

Howard is survived by Jo, his wife of 55 years; children, Beth Vanko, Alec Swan, Kim Rasmussen, and Becky Sisler; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael.



**R. Martin Miller ’59**, age 80, January 20, 2014, Marion, Iowa.

Martin was an aircraft mechanic in the Navy. He served on the aircraft carrier USS Bennington and later was a crewman on a PBY Catalina at a naval air station in Morocco, North Africa. He attended

Moody Bible Institute, the University of Dubuque, and the Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio.

He served for 39 years as a United Methodist pastor at parishes in Guttenberg, Ohio.

One of Martin’s interests was rebuilding and restoring Volkswagen Beetles. After retirement he enjoyed radio-controlled planes and was an officer and active member of the Cedar Rapids Skyhawks.

Martin is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Eva (Wernegreen) ’57–’59**; children, John and Robert Miller, Kathy Linke, Mary Miller, Rose Almqvist, and Irene Reid; and eight grandchildren.

**Kathryn “Kay” (West) Isbell ’55**, age 82, May 24, 2014, Tacoma, Wash.

Kay studied nursing at Seattle Pacific College for two years. She met her husband, **Raymond Isbell ’55**, at Central Presbyterian Church, where the couple married on March 20, 1951. They moved to Chicago to attend Moody. In March 1957, they began serving in Latin America, where they lived and worked in five different countries for over 25 years. While in Ecuador, Kay led women’s Bible study groups in a poor section of Quito, and also volunteered as a bookkeeper for HCJB World Radio while raising her family.

Kay and Ray retired from their foreign ministry in 1982 and moved back to Seattle to help care for Ray’s parents. Kay also worked at La Escuelita, a bilingual day care and preschool. She later worked as a bookkeeper for New Horizons Ministries, a drop-in center for street youth in Seattle.

In 1994, the couple moved to Crista Shores Retirement Community in Silverdale, Wash. Kay volunteered as a bookkeeper for the local pregnancy center and as a librarian and secretary of the Resident's Council at Christa Shores. She also spent every Tuesday reading to a sight-impaired resident.

Kay is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ray; children, Becky Kinard, Ruth Hylander, and Keith Isbell; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



**Harriett Phillips**  
**ES '55**, age 101,  
October 5, 2014,  
Chicago.

Harriett completed her studies at Moody in 1955. Her career with the Salvation Army spanned 40 years from 1935 to 1976, when she retired as a Brigadier. In 1982 she was honored as "Soldier of the Year" for her continued volunteer work. She worked with the Salvation Army's prison ministry until her mid-90s, when her eyesight prevented her from continuing. Harriett lived for the last 15 years at Bethany Retirement Community, where she also played piano for worship services.



**Marie (Dowding)**  
**'53, '56) Peer**,  
age 79, August 11,  
2014, Columbus,  
Ohio.

After attending Moody, Marie worked at Scripture Press for five years. She also worked with children's

ministries and HiC Bible Clubs in the Chicago area, where she met her husband, Ben. They moved to Columbus where she worked for the Columbus Police Department, Columbus Public Schools, and Unum Insurance Company.

Marie was a longtime member of Karl Road Baptist Church. In retirement, she served as pastor's wife at Judson Hills Baptist Camp as well as churches in Reynoldsburg, Zanesville, Troy, and Cincinnati.

She was an accomplished musician, serving in churches using her musical skills, and also a talented seamstress. She loved lighthouses and camping.

Marie is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ben; daughters Beth Peer, Susan Gossett and husband Jim; four grandchildren; and sisters **Ruth (Dowding '66) Grant** and **Isabelle (Dowding '65) Haack**. She was preceded in death by her sister Jean Tanis Vega.



**Donald L. Aubrey**  
**'52**, age 86,  
December 11,  
2014, Granville,  
N.Y.

After receiving his diploma from

Moody, Donald earned a bachelor's degree from Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston in 1955.

Donald served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg, N.Y., from 1955 to 1959, and the First Baptist Church of New Berlin, N.Y., from 1959 to 1979. He then served as a regional stewardship representative for Moody for 20 years, initially in New England and later in eastern

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Ohio. He retired to the Hartford-Granville area in June 2000.

Donald is survived by his wife of 61 years, **Nancy (Hamilton '52) Aubrey**; two daughters, **Carol (Aubrey '76) Gifford** and husband Greg, and **Beth (Aubrey '79)** and husband **Steve Hardy '79**; three sons, **Thomas '77** and wife **Carol (Johnson '77) Aubrey**, **Nathan Aubrey '82** and wife Amy, and **Paul Aubrey '83-'84**; 21 grandchildren, including **Elizabeth (Aubrey) BA '13** and **MA '15** and husband **Cody Dailing '10-'13**, **Michael Aubrey BA '07**, **Ben Aubrey BA '15**, **Joel Aubrey '10**, **David Aubrey BA '06**, and **Karen (Aubrey BA '06)** and husband **John Olson '06**; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers; a sister; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by an infant sister and four brothers.

**Donnaline "Dee" (Holsteen '52) Street**, age 82, September 23, 2014, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

After Moody, Dee finished her master's degree in education at Northern Illinois University, and taught elementary school for 30 years in Illinois and Michigan. She married **Harold Street '53** in 1958. Dee enjoyed attending church, most recently Village Bible Church in Hot Springs Village, Ariz.

A lover of music, she grew up singing with her siblings and sang at church, over the radio, and at Youth for Christ rallies in Iowa. Dee also sang in the Moody Chorale and the Wheaton Chapel Choir.

Dee is survived by her husband of 56 years, Hal; sons, James S. Street and wife Karen, and Kent S. Street and wife Vicki; brother **Verle Holsteen '50** and wife Patti; six grandchildren; and

three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by several siblings, including **Faith (Holsteen '42) Totemeier**, **Darrel Holsteen '47-'48**, **Marveline (Holsteen '50) Bailey**, and **Dalton Holsteen '57**.

**Jack Manning Clark '52**, age 86, September 16, 2014, Oneonta, N.Y.

"Pastor Jack" ministered in many churches in the Oneonta, N.Y., area, as well as the eastern U.S. and in Guam. He was a professor of education at SUNY Oneonta for 16 years and a co-developer of its reading education department. He held consultant positions for Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Migrant Tutorial Program, and was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Korea during the final months of World War II.

Jack married his high school sweetheart **Marjorie (Youmans) Clark '49-'51** in 1948. In addition to Moody, Jack also graduated from Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa., in 1958, received his master's degree from SUNY in Oneonta in 1961, and earned his doctorate in education from the University of Buffalo in 1971. He was ordained in 1952, while pastoring his first church in West Pawlet, Vt.

Jack is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marjorie; daughters **Carolyn (Clark '72-'73) Durgin** and husband James, and **Karen (Clark '83)** and husband **Jim Elliott '83**; son Kevin Clark and wife Kimala; and six grandchildren. He son, Jack Jr., preceded him in death.

**Retha (Johnson '51) DeBoer**, age 84, September 16, 2014, Grand Rapids, Mich.



While attending Moody, Retha was involved in singing groups, one of which sang on Moody Radio. After she and **Lester DeBoer '51**

married, they traveled with evangelist **Dr. John Wesley White '50**, singing together. Retha faithfully served in the churches her husband pastored, both singing and ministering to children.

Retha is survived by her husband of 63 years, Lester; two daughters, Sue Bennett and Nancy DeBoer; and two grandsons.



**Thomas "Tom" B. Walker '50**, age 95, July 6, 2014, Easley, S.C.

Tom was married to fellow Moody alumna, the late

**Julia (Odenheimer '47) Walker.**

After he retired as the pastor of Essington Baptist Church in Essington, Pa., Tom was a proofreader for Scripture Union until the age of 94. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, Tom graduated from Moody and Columbia Bible College. He was a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church and formerly a member of New Hope Baptist Church, where he taught the senior couples' Sunday school class for 13 years.

Tom is survived by two daughters, Judith Walker and Carol Sickman and husband Bill; a brother; a sister; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Martha.

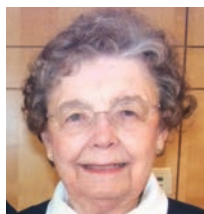
**Carol (Tallyn) Gaston WG '50-'53**, age 91, August 22, 2014, Chandler, Ariz.

After high school, Carol entered nursing school at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, Ill., where she met one of her patients, **Ellis Gaston '53**. They married on January 22, 1943.

After studying at Moody, Carol and Ellis were accepted by Baptist Mid Missions in 1953 as missionaries to the Navajo Indians. They served in Arizona and New Mexico before retiring in Arizona after 40 years of ministry. They then started a truck stop ministry, which Carol was involved with until she was injured in a fall. In December of 2013 they moved to Chandler, Ariz., to live with their daughter and son-in-law.

Carol is survived by her husband, Ellis; three daughters, Cherie Kirby and husband Gene, Jennifer Brake and husband Neil, Elaine Reiter and husband Fred; two sons, Matthew Gaston and wife Elaine, and Timothy Gaston and wife Mary; a brother; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her oldest and youngest sons, Jeffrey and Joseph; and a granddaughter.

## 1940s



**Evelyn L. (Enochs) Fair '49** Fair, age 87, September 22, 2014, Walbridge, Ohio.

Evelyn graduated from Moody with a degree in Christian education, and married Robert G. Fair Sr., on May 19,



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1951. She was a valued employee of the Walbridge Exchange Bank for 14 years, retiring in 1987.

Evelyn was a devoted servant of God who loved the Lord, her family and friends, and her church. She served 40 years as a Sunday school teacher at First Alliance Church in Toledo, Ohio. She supported missionaries, sharing their stories through a weekly written feature, and sang in the choir.

Evelyn lived by her daily motto, “No Bible, no breakfast.” She loved to read her Bible and prayed faithfully for others throughout her life.

After retirement, Evelyn volunteered at Promedica Bay Park Hospital and enjoyed traveling, especially taking cruises with her husband.

Evelyn is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bob; son, **Robert G. Fair Jr. BA '77** and wife Kari; daughter, **Roberta G. Fair '76**; and a niece.

**Marian (Doherty '48) Ratledge**, age 96, January 11, 2014, Roanoke, Va.

Marian graduated from nurses' training at Hurley Hospital in 1940. She then enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in the European Theatre of World War II, where she achieved the rank of first lieutenant. In 1948, she graduated from Moody and became director of Christian Education at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. On August 6, 1949, she married **John H. Ratledge '49**, and together they served churches full-time in North Carolina, Indiana, and Virginia, retiring from Big Bethel Baptist Church in Hampton, Va., in 1972.

Marian is survived by her children, Joy R. Lowry, Martha R. Bersch and husband, Bob, and John H. Ratledge II; four granddaughters; and 14

great-grandchildren. Marian was preceded in death by John, her husband of 48 years.



**Roger Dale Nagel '45**, age 92, January 27, 2015, Charlotte, N.C.

Roger graduated from Moody and from the RN

course at Bellevue Hospital in New York City in preparation for mission work with SIM. After he had served in Ethiopia for 22 years, political changes required him to return to the U.S., where he worked at SIM mission headquarters until retiring in 1991.

Roger is survived by a brother **Jarel '46** and wife **Jean (Thomas '46) Nagel**; sister **Marian (Nagel '49)** and husband Albert “Ted” Manzke, and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Lorene.



**Monica “Mona” (Smith) Barlow WG '43–'45**, age 98, July 20, 2012, Broadway, Ohio.

Mona married **Gerald Barlow**

**'45** in July 1933. They attended Moody together during the Great Depression.

Gerald and Mona taught and served in several churches in Ohio and Illinois. In 1955, they established Calvary Baptist Church in Raymond, Ohio. Mona served as church organist for many years and taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

Mona was known for her funny stories, quiet demeanor, keen memory, and strong faith. She was an avid

reader and was an accomplished seamstress.

Mona, who left a remembrance from her estate to Moody Bible Institute, is survived by their six children, among whom are two Moody alumni, **Phillip Barlow '73** and **Ruth Ann (Barlow '73) Hamilton**; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, who died in 1998.



**Naomi (Collins '43) Hendricks**, age 95, January 2, 2015, Edina, Minn.

Naomi was born in Chicago, and

The Moody Church was her family's church, even after they moved to Cedar Lake, Ind., during the Depression.

Naomi met **Bill Hendricks '43** during children's church at The Moody Church; she was the song leader and he was asked to substitute on the piano. They both entered Moody Bible Institute in 1940 and graduated together three years later. After getting married, they served as state directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship for Mississippi and Louisiana, and Bill became the youth pastor at Central Baptist Church in Gary, Ind.

From 1950 to 1958, they served in Ironwood, Minn., pastoring the First Baptist Church. Naomi led the choir, directed junior church, and taught Sunday school. Together they directed the Lake Superior Bible Camp.

For the next several years, Naomi and Bill served in pastoral ministry in various churches, such as Bethany Baptist Church in Duluth, Minn.

Naomi also directed the city-wide Released Time Program sponsored by the Evangelical Ministerial Association of Duluth. They also served at Immanuel Baptist Church of south Minneapolis, where Naomi led the choir, and at Edina Baptist Church (later Grace Church of Edina), where she served as the pastor's secretary and organized and led the children's Crusader Choir.

Naomi and Bill enjoyed traveling; they visited over 30 countries during their lifetimes.

Naomi is survived by three children, including **Marilyn (Hendricks '69) Hedstrand**; one sister; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill.



**Margaret Bernice (Johnston '42) Ramsey**, age 97, September 20, 2014, Aurora, Ill.

Margaret married **Clifford Lawrence Ramsey '35-'35** on August 16, 1944, in French Lick, Ind.

She was a member of United Methodist Church of Plano, Texas. In her lifetime, she worked as a secretary for American College of Surgeons, as owner-operator for Public Stenographer Service in Chicago, as secretary at Century Metalcraft Corp. in Chicago and Kansas City, and finally at Plano Molding Company in Plano, Texas, where she retired in 1989 after 34 years in the Production Planning Department.

Margaret is survived by three nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford,

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who died in 1993 after 49 years of marriage; and her older sister, **Dorothy E. (Johnston) Kelley '33**.



**Martha Becker '41**, age 102, November 10, 2014, Freeman, S.D.

Martha served with Gospel Missionary Union (now Avant) in Ecuador from 1949 to 1977. Upon retirement in 1977, she lived with her sister Helen in Freeman, S.D., working in the Salem Mennonite Home kitchen. She also volunteered by singing German gospel songs with the residents and directing the Freeman senior citizen's choir and community home Bible studies. She taught Sunday school well into her 90s.

Martha wrote her autobiography and had it printed when she was 98 years old. In it, she included fond memories of life at Moody: "For chapel time, the faculty had the tradition of sitting in front on the stage in one long row. We saw those men of God who were devoted to the Lord. A thousand or more students singing our school song, 'God Bless the School that D. L. Moody Founded,' was enough to make anybody resolve to be loyal to that school. But when we sang 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' and saw the writer of that music, Mr. William Runyan, an old man by then, smile with satisfaction, we sang all the harder, and the building couldn't have contained a greater song and its singers than that."



**Lillian Elizabeth "Betty" (Hankins) '41 Long**, age 93, October 1, 2014, Sydney, Australia.

Betty loved music, playing the French horn in high school and singing and leading choirs throughout her later adult years. After Betty's high school graduation in June 1939, her father pleaded with her to attend Moody Bible Institute at least one year, so in September 1939, she enrolled in the Christian Education-Music course. She soon made many friends and decided Moody was the college for her.

In 1940, Betty joined the program committee of the Recreation Club at Moody, where she met its president **Egerton Long '41**, a pastoral student. "There were plenty of people at Moody who thought the tall, dark Australian was handsome, but I caught his eye," she said. "He said it was my smile."

Egerton and Betty were married in 1942. In 1945, they journeyed to Sydney, Australia, and served as full-time missionaries with AIM for more than 22 years. They also ministered in several Baptist churches in the state of New South Wales, Australia, and in the U.S. from 1961 to 1988. Egerton was a guest speaker at Moody Founder's Week in the 1970s.

Betty is survived by her husband, Egerton; daughter **Retta (Long) '68 Renich** and husband **Bruce Renich '68**; daughter Helen Lear and husband Gary; son **John Long '78**; a sister; seven grandchildren, including **Nathan Renich '00**; and nine great-grandchildren.

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## Correction

In *Moody Alumni News*, Winter 2014–15, “Present with the Lord,” page 41, we reported in error that John Barrier attended Evening School in 1970. John taught courses at Moody for several summers before accepting a full-time position as director of Practical Christian Ministries and professor of Evangelism from 1969 to 1973. His wife, Judith (Nelson) Barrier attended Women's Guild classes from 1966 to 1968 and graduated from Evening School in 1970. We sincerely apologize for the error.

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missionary service, not limited to older concepts of “foreign” missions. As the students research, they collect the names of any Moody graduate who has served in missions at home or abroad for five years—including urban missions and church planters in the U.S. The growing database has 8,000 names already, and will likely grow past 10,000 by the project's completion.

Tamar says the biggest remaining challenge will be identifying missionaries who graduated from Moody after the mid-1990s, the current generation of Moody graduates. A concurrent project from the alumni office will be of some help—the planned 2016 Alumni Association Directory will have self-reported data about current ministries. (“Please help us update your information by responding to PCI when they contact you,” Hastings

says, adding another reminder about the ongoing directory project.)

Meanwhile, Isaac is back to work in the archives, reading old documents and entering data. “It's phenomenal to see the lasting impact of missionaries who have ongoing relationships to Moody,” he says. “I found my girlfriend's parents listed right here in the card catalog!”

### Submitting Missionary Names

Send us information about your missions service or family members who attended Moody and served in missions.

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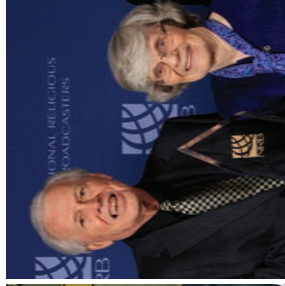




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