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EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY!

JIM LEE, LANCASTER BAPTIST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

In Christian school education, faculty, staff, and administration have the awesome responsibility and privilege to make a difference in the lives of students in light of eternity. The student's walk with God is of utmost importance as we go about our day in the halls of the Christian school. Don't get me wrong, the academics are extremely important. We are to prepare students academically for the ministry, the job, the college, the life for which God has called them. The extra-curricular, the fine arts, the athletics, and the social—all of these help to shape the individual student. But, the spiritual—the eternal—is what matters most.

Our theme for the 2016–17 school year is “Walk with God.” Our Scripture for the theme is Jeremiah 29:13; “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Throughout our day as Christian school educators, we are helping to lead students to be more like Christ, to grow closer to Him, to be conformed to His image, and to continue their personal “walk with God.”

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It is wonderful to have students in the Christian school who have grown up in a Christian home and the church, but it is also an area that needs to be watched carefully. For many students, the “Christian life” is all that they have known. It is necessary that students understand that salvation is personal. It is the students' personal relationship with Christ, not their parents. They must have their own personally owned faith.

Bruce Wilkinson, in his book, *First Hand Faith*, asks parents these questions which can be applied to Christian school educators: Did we help our children understand the Lord? Did we tell them the stories of God? Did we set a godly example before them, so that they know what a mature Christian is? Students need to experience “first hand faith” by getting involved in ministry opportunities such as the bus ministry, assisting in Sunday school and nursery, choir, orchestra, etc. They need to serve in outreach like soulwinning and community projects such as mowing lawns, washing cars, or painting houses. Traveling on a missions trip could be a very significant spiritual tool that God could use to make their walk with God, *their* walk with God.

Academics, athletics, fine arts, social skills...all are important aspects of the educational process. But, the spiritual—the eternal—the students' eternity—is what matters most. ³ John 1:4 is a great verse for parents and Christian school educators: “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” 🍌



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AN OPEN DOOR

BY ESTHER FRIDENSTINE

When I arrived at West Coast Baptist College I had no idea what God would do with my life. I was available and willing, but only knew that I wanted to serve God in ministry. God opened up so many doors for me to learn and develop. Yes, the classes were awesome, but the experience and passion for ministry is what changed me. Through my work study jobs, serving opportunities, teaching bus class, involvement in the music ministry, and investment times with Pastor and Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Ferrso, Mrs. Weaver, Dr. Goetsch, Dr. Rasmussen, and Mrs. Tierney, God was able to help mold me into what He had for my future.

I praise the Lord for Dr. and Mrs. Sisk and the emphasis on missions at WCBC. As the door in El Salvador opened up and trips were being made, I had no idea that I would be the wife of one who was going. I had no idea as Adam and I became friends my senior year, that God was developing a young man into a man of God who would have a burden and calling so strong that nothing could stop him. I had no idea that God would use a

missions conference at LBC in 2006 to call my “boyfriend” to El Salvador. I had no idea that when Pastor Chappell allowed me to go with him for an anniversary service of a school in Cojutepeque, El Salvador, that place would be my home and ministry for life. God works in AWESOME ways and HIS ways are perfect and I LOVE them!

Here we are in Cojutepeque, El Salvador. Last Sunday we celebrated the seventh anniversary of the church with 240 in attendance. Adam preached with power about facing our giants and overcoming through our amazing God. A young lady that I led to the Lord a few weeks back is going to be baptized this Sunday. Adam had a meeting yesterday with a young man who is basing his salvation on works and is so close to being saved. That is what life is all about! We have over 25 in discipleship and a spirit of excitement for the things and ways of God. When great things are happening, the devil is always fighting, but we just keep telling him that he is losing and we are winning so he can't stop us.

God is working in the Christian school. Our team is maturing little by little, and this year our students have a greater desire

to learn. We had no idea about leading a school when we arrived, but God is good and He is giving us the wisdom and strength. We have a long way to go in every aspect of the school, but there is so much fruit spiritually. On Sunday morning when the young ladies who prepare the music folders, the young man at the sound booth, one of the main ushers, and the toddler class teachers are all school graduates within the last four years, it is worth it!!!

The Baptist Seminary just graduated its first three four-year graduates. They are all working in our school and one is Adam's assistant. As we learned at WCBC, we MUST teach and train the next generation of laborers. It is so exciting to see what God is doing through the Seminary and how He is calling laborers not just in the United States, but all over the world.

It is amazing what GOD is doing and it is all through HIM—we are just willing vessels serving where He has put us. Having a loving husband and being a mom of boys is awesome, being graduates of WCBC is a great honor, and being a Christian in full-time ministry is the BEST LIFE! We would not change serving God for the world. 🙏

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FAITHFUL IN THE WAITING TIMES

BY ERIK MCKAY

MY name is Erik McKay, and I graduated from WCBC in 2008 and 2009 with my Bachelors and Masters Degrees. I am very thankful for the opportunities I had at WCBC. Upon completing my Masters, I had not found a ministry position or so I had thought. I started working for a local security company for the next year, and I got as plugged in as I possibly could at my home church in Minnesota. It was my dream to eventually be a youth pastor. The position opened up shortly after I was home from college. The only problem I was having was that I was not married. This seemed to be the theme of why I was not able to get a youth position anywhere and rightfully so. A year later, my pastor hired me part-time to run our Master Club program. A couple months later, I was hired full-time to be our bus director. I am so thankful for the opportunity that I had to run our bus ministry for the next 5 years. The Lord really worked.

Fast forward to September of 2013. I was just coming back from a missions trip to South Korea and the Philippines. At this point, I also was coaching soccer at our Christian school. Our soccer team had a tournament in Wisconsin, and I was really excited to go and help



Erik and Kari McKay

have been serving the Lord at the First Baptist Church in Rosemount, Minnesota since 2015.

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coach our team. The only problem was that my pastor told me that it was not a good idea for me to go. I was honestly a little bummed. However, the Lord was at work. Earlier that summer I was a camp evangelist for a camp in Minnesota, and I met some very awesome people there. The same time I was supposed to be coaching my team in a different state, one of the friends I met at camp had a college soccer game locally. I decided to attend this game with one of my bus kids. It turned out to be the best day of my life. I met the most beautiful girl in the world that day, my WIFE, Kari! In September of 2014, we were engaged. We then got married June 12, 2015. The Lord took something I thought was a bad thing and turned it into something wonderful. God wasn't done yet. My heart was always to be a youth pastor. The Lord opened a door in August of 2015 for me to become the full time youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Rosemount. The Lord really has been working in our youth group. Our youth group has grown substantially, and in the fall I have been granted the opportunity to start a ministry in our local public schools. Thank you for taking the time to read my story. If there is one thing that you can take from it, it is that God is faithful, and all you have to do is be patient and trust Him. 🙏

REACHING THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE

BY SUSANNA CIARAMITARO



LIVING LIFE AS A
MISSIONARY IS A
DREAM COME TRUE
FOR ME—A DREAM
THAT STARTED WHEN I
WAS AN ELEVEN YEAR
OLD GIRL.

I feel like my life, especially these past six months, have simply been a story of God’s grace. Grace surely is a powerful thing and I think even now I don’t completely comprehend its strength in my life! I think the best way to shed the often-used, nearly-cliche phrase “God’s grace is sufficient” is to experience it as a reality.

I am a missionary in the country of Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world. The Lord has called me to minister to the Sundanese people—the largest unreached people group in Indonesia. Living life as a missionary is a dream come true for me—a dream that started when I was an eleven year

old girl. The Lord allowed me to attend West Coast Baptist College and I graduated in May of 2014. I began deputation immediately after; my travels took me to over 100 churches and covered about 40,000 miles.

January 16 of this year was my first big “grace test.” That was the day my precious family drove me to the airport to bid me farewell as I left America for Indonesia. Honestly, more than anything else in the world I was terrified of saying goodbye to my family! But that night was so different: while it was definitely hard to leave my family, that goodbye was unlike anything I had ever experienced. It was grace. God’s grace came to my rescue. I had such a peace that I couldn’t explain. God proved



Susanna Ciaramitaro
graduated from WCBC in
2014. She is currently serving
the Lord in Indonesia.



Himself to me in a powerful way that day!

It was such a thrill to finally be able to settle down in the country I had dreamed about for so long! I started language lessons right away and began to help in the church. The adaptation process has been quite an adventure—from making embarrassing language mistakes, to getting lost on the way to the grocery store and to throwing up more than I ever have in my life! But through it all God has given me grace and I couldn't be happier!

The month of June in particular was exciting here in Bandung, West Java. We held VBS at our church and it went smoothly with a really sweet group of

kids! Kid's ministry is definitely a passion for me and I loved being a part—though it was a challenge being in a new language. Then shortly after our VBS I had my first experience teaching Sunday School in Indonesian—without reading! That was a big milestone! I am excited to start teaching in Indonesian more frequently now. God has been helping me so much with the language and I am so grateful.

God's grace is always sufficient! As I look toward the future here in Bandung and the new ministry opportunities around the corner, I know God will make a way—a way paved with grace. He always has, and He always will. 🙏



3 WAYS TO REACH OTHERS

BY ANTHONY KING

Two weeks after graduation, our family set out on a year of deputation to raise money to start a church here in Honolulu. All we had was a vision in our hearts of a church that would love people and introduce them to Jesus. We couldn't have imagined all God had in store for our family and our city.

As we're coming up on the third anniversary of Huikala Baptist Church, it's been amazing to look back and see God's hand at work every step along the way. As of the end of June, we've seen twenty-nine people saved, eighteen baptized, six complete

discipleship and dozens more making real, tangible decisions to take their walk with Jesus to the next level.

As we began preparations to plant Huikala, I read dozens of books on church planting, subscribed to blogs and podcasts, and became a student of other successful and unsuccessful church plants. I poured over the words of Jesus, looked for principles of church planting from the book of Acts and carefully dissected Paul's guidance to these infant churches and his direction to these young pastors.

While we're still a young church (and as Pastor Chappell says, "I'm still a young pastor"), God has shown us what He uses to build His church. For all of the cool, new methods for reaching people, for all of the Facebook online Bible studies, for all of the Twitter campaigns and social media marketing, we've found three things that REALLY work.

LOVE PEOPLE. It's the defining mark of followers of Jesus. As a new church plant, we wanted so badly to get people in the door, that we sometimes forgot to love people well. Getting people in the door is

short-sighted, but loving people is the long game. While I want to get the guy from my gym to church this Sunday, maybe I should take more time loving him, developing a relationship with him and showing him what a real follower of Jesus does. Loving people takes time, investment, and consistency.

SHARE JESUS. Honolulu is a mostly unchurched city and home to one of the largest Buddhist populations in the United States, so we come across people every day that don't know Jesus. People have said that soulwinning can't work in a city like ours. It's too culturally diverse. It's too difficult. People aren't responsive. Our streets have no commercial/residential distinction, soulwinning maps aren't as cut and dried as other cities with neighborhoods. However, I've found that the gospel works if we work the gospel. It was a relief to come to terms with the fact that I'm not responsible for the results, just for being obedient. We have tens of thousands of doors in our city that have never been knocked one single time. By the grace of God, we're going to change that, one door at a time.



ALUMNI PASTORS THANK PASTOR CHAPPELL

At Spiritual Leadership Conference 2016, the alumni who now serve as senior pastors presented Pastor Chappell with a commemorative Bible to thank him for having the vision to start West Coast Baptist College.

PREACH THE WORD. Our city has churches on just about every block. Finding a meeting location was tough, as every community center, school cafeteria and even some restaurants has one or more churches meeting in them on Sundays. We're in Hawaii, so we thought we'd just set up chairs in the park near the beach, but found that every park had churches in them on Sundays! However, two things set us apart from just about every other church in our city—doctrine and expository Bible-preaching. People in our city (and I suspect yours too) are starved for the Bible. The Word encourages, challenges, rebukes, corrects and points people to Jesus. If I'm faithful to preach the Word, the Word does all of the work for me. 🙏



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Adam Langston,
2005 WBCB
graduate, speaks
on behalf of the
alumni pastors.



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Many WBCB alumni pastors & missionaries attended the Spiritual Leadership Conference this year. It is a joy to see God use them in the regions around the country, proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ each week.



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