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Since August I have visited with a number of alumni and friends. Some have traveled to Fort Wayne; others have welcomed me into their homes. As I have driven, I note the mile marker signs – those little green rectangular signs with white letters, letting me know how far I have to go or how close I am to my destination.

Much the same in our lives, we have mile markers that help us remember where we were and when we were there. For some, you took a class or two or graduated from the Fort Wayne campus. Others sent a son or daughter or multiple children to Fort Wayne, or you simply supported the campus making it financially possible for others to attend. Regardless, the roadway of life has caused us to come together on Rudisill Boulevard for a time of learning and living. Some would say it was the best four years of their lives.

After a stop along Rudisill Boulevard, thousands were sent out equipped to be ambassadors for Christ to a world in need, serving in many capacities throughout the world. In this issue, we give special attention to those who are serving around the globe. At least 82 countries either received or provided our students, now alumni, past the mile marker of the Fort Wayne campus.

Let us continue to “press on towards the goal” as Paul said to the Philippians. Sure, we may have some curves, potholes and maybe even a speed trap, but let’s keep going in our pursuit of His call on our lives. Let’s not forget this road stop, but let’s continue the work to which He has called us.

May you have Joy in the Journey,

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Agreement made to sell campus to Ambassador Enterprises, LLC
Intends to close on property by first of year.

Seeing the global impact of Fort Wayne alumni
Former professor takes trip of a lifetime.

Alumni News & Notes
Updates and announcements from fellow alumni.
On October 20, officials from Taylor University and Fort Wayne based, Ambassador Enterprises, LLC announced the signing of an agreement for the proposed sale of the former Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) campus at 1025 West Rudisill Blvd.

The proposed sale includes every campus building and all of the grounds that comprised the former TUFW campus including the house in which the Fort Wayne Alumni and Friends Resource Center is located but excludes the WBCL radio facility. An arrangement with Ambassador will allow the Resource Center to continue to operate in its current location.

“This campus has excellent, well-maintained facilities with beautiful grounds and is located in a historic district of Fort Wayne,” Garrett Cooper and Matt Lesser, officers of Ambassador Enterprises, said. “Its heritage of faith-based service, its strategic location, and the beauty of the property make us confident that this campus will play a vital role in Fort Wayne's future.”

“Momentum has been growing with the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center,” said Michael Mortensen, director of the Fort Wayne Resource Center. “I am very pleased we have the opportunity to stay in the Lillian Rolf House for the foreseeable future and believe the sale of the campus will be a good thing for our Fort Wayne campus alumni and our neighbors.”

Cooper and Lesser said they look forward to working with government, education, religious, community, and private sector leaders to develop a collaborative community of excellence in education.
What does Ambassador Enterprises do?

Ambassador Enterprises is a for-profit, philanthropic organization catalytically and strategically investing in leaders and organizations. Ambassador Enterprises seeks out both organizations and leaders in which to invest our T5 – Time, Talent, Temperament, Testimony, and Treasure. Ambassador Enterprises seeks investments that generate 3 kinds of return:

- Kingdom Return (by making strategic investments for synergistic impact in furthering God's Kingdom),
- Cultural Return (by making investments that further high-trust, high-performance teams), and
- Financial Return (by making investments to generate monetary return for long-term sustainability and viability).

Why is Ambassador purchasing the former Fort Wayne campus?

We see this as an opportunity to collaborate with others to help meet a need in our local community while honoring the long-standing heritage and mission the campus was founded upon. These negotiations began recently after the termination of the letter of intent between Taylor University and another potential buyer of the campus.

What are Ambassador's plans for the campus?

We are in the process of developing a “Master Plan” for the campus. We are diligently working toward developing concrete, actionable plans that will be implemented as soon as feasible. The main concept that we are working around is the development of a community collaborative of excellence in education.

Are there any connections between Ambassador and Taylor?

There are many relationships with members of the current teams at Taylor and Ambassador. Some Ambassador team members also had relationships with the past Taylor University Fort Wayne administration. Through these networks of relationships, Taylor University, after the Fort Wayne operations had ceased, engaged Ambassador Enterprises to assist them with developing the criteria to determine the highest and best use of the property. Many of the team members at Ambassador have connections with Taylor University – alumni (undergraduate and graduate), family of alumni, and past staff members. Garrett Cooper, the lead on this project, has a long history with Taylor University as a professor in the Business School and as the director of the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, which was a Taylor University initiative in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
After graduating from TUFW and getting my degree in Social Work, I decided to do the next most logical thing – not use it and move to China to teach English! I spent a year in the southeast city of Nanchang where I taught over 200 freshman level students at Blue Sky University. I never had the confidence to be a teacher, but God went before me and used me in spite of my weakness.

Even though I was teaching, I was also being taught. 1 Corinthians 3:7 hung by my desk all year, “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

This verse really humbled me, because I realized all over again that by myself I can do nothing. God is the one who changes hearts. He taught me that I can’t choose my ministry – I just need to be available. It seemed that every time I tried to pick and choose which students I would minister to, things would always go in a different direction than I planned. Time and time again other teachers or other people’s students sought me out, which led to some really great discussions about life, purpose and Christ.

Some of my favorite things about China:

- Fireworks – for everything, all the time, day or night
- The reactions of surprise, joy, and utter terror that I got because of my height and blue eyes
- My hilarious and adorable students who became some of my closest friends
- Afternoon nap time for the entire country. Why doesn’t America do this?

Editor’s Note: Kelsey is now working in Fort Wayne for the Associated Churches in their Rising Stars program connecting elementary schools with churches to build community and provide support for the children’s needs. Her email is kai.xin787@gmail.com.
After four amazing years at TUFW, I decided I wasn't ready to fall in step with the typical post-college lifestyle. I didn't want to just get an apartment and find a job right away; I wanted to do something beyond the ordinary, to work for the Lord in a place so drastically far from everything I was used to, both geographically and culturally. After all, I reasoned, if Jesus’ consistent command to us is “fear not,” why shouldn’t I go? So I went.

I will never forget my time in China. During my 10 months in Harbin, capital of China’s northeastern Heilongjiang province, God nurtured within me a deep love for China, teaching English and spreading His Word. I learned to love the people, the sites, the sounds of the crowded, frigid city, and I loved getting a taste of Asian culture as I traveled from Beijing and Bangkok to Singapore and all across China.

But, more than anything else, I loved how I could see God at work. It was a thrill like no other to hear students ask questions about Jesus or the Bible, to see the Holy Spirit working in a way I could never manufacture. God didn't need me to go to China; rather, He chose me, by His perfect love, to have the honor of witnessing the work He is already doing there. That is something I will never forget.

Some things I learned about China:

• The NBA is wildly popular.
• Corn is a normal pizza topping.
• Everyone knows the lyrics to "My Heart Will Go On."
• Getting a cell phone in China is a million times easier than in America.
• Eggplant is delicious.
• Chinese people are some of the kindest you will ever meet.

Editor's Note: Matt is now working with Joey Graves g07 in Defiance, Ohio, starting a video production company, Color Canvas Media, http://www.colorcanvasmedia.com. His e-mail address is mattmillsS14@gmail.com.
The lower section of First Missionary Church sanctuary was filled to the brim for the first Fort Wayne Alumni Day and Seniors’ Extravaganza on August 27 and 28. The singing, speaking and sights of alumni reconnecting brought great joy to those in attendance. Fort Wayne alumni, who came from fourteen states and two countries reported that the weekend brought healing, encouragement and challenge.

What a weekend,” Michael Mortensen, director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friend Relations, said. “While all praise goes to God, special appreciation goes to the team who pulled this together especially, Paul Robbins g60, Kari Reynolds g99, Dr. Jay Platte g69, Marsha (Ringenberg) Wright g70, the Crusaders’ Quartet, Fort Wayne Alumni Council volunteers and several from the Missionary Church!”

To commemorate our time together, Dr. Jay Platte worked tirelessly to put together several DVDs and a CD of highlights from the weekend that may be ordered online at http://fw.taylor.edu/store.

Start planning to be back on Rudisill Blvd Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 2011. We’re going to host several special events for all ages and celebrate multiple reunions including the 50th class reunion for the Class of 1961! The weekend will include music, teaching and plenty of time to reminisce and reconnect. Email alumnifw@taylor.edu or call (260)744-8790 if you have suggestions or want to volunteer to help plan the Celebration!
Dr. Shani P. Gray g99 has been appointed to a five-year term on the Taylor University Board of Trustees.

While at TUFW, “Sha’,” as she was called, played basketball, hosted air band, and participated in mission trips. She also volunteered in the community, served as a residence assistant, and was one of the inaugural members of TUFW’s Campus Safety.

“I am extremely humbled and honored to have been selected to join the Taylor University Board of Trustees,” Dr. Gray wrote in a recent interview. “I know that there is nothing in and of myself that makes me worthy of this appointment.”

Gray graduated Magna Cum Laude from TUFW with a degree in criminal justice and later earned master’s and doctoral degrees from Indiana University. She worked for two years in the criminal justice field and is now a faculty member at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga.

As a member of the Board, Gray said she plans to serve as a resource and sounding board for the administration in all areas related to the recruitment of new students.

“I feel my role [on the Board] is to ensure that the opportunities to have similar experiences of growth and opportunities are available to a diverse student body,” said Gray.

“One of Taylor’s commitments is the provision of a multicultural education which ‘promotes the value of cultural pluralism.’ Taylor is also committed to the recruitment and retention of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students from diverse experiences e.g., race, sex, backgrounds, regions, etc.”
Carol and I love to travel, visit different cultures and see what God is doing in His world. Our dream trip has always been to go around the world and visit Fort Wayne campus graduates and friends who are ministering in different countries, and this dream became a reality as we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

For five weeks last summer, we traveled to Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Egypt, Portugal and England. Throughout the trip we visited tourist sites, enjoyed local foods and were encouraged by fellow believers – many of whom serve in nations where only a small percentage of their neighbors are Christians. One thing we observed is that people all over the world are looking for something or someone to bring personal satisfaction and fix the wrongs of the world. We know that ultimately, the answer lies only in Christ.

In Chiang Mai, Thailand, we visited Htaw and Kelly (Phillips g97) Htoo and their children, Jeremiah, Joshua and baby Sophia (yet to be born when we were there) where they work with the Karen people. We visited the Bible Institute where he teaches, a Hmong village, and worshiped at the international church they attend.

India was our next stop. Hindus make up about 80% of the population of India and Delhi, India’s capital, is less than 1% Christian. We stayed at Delhi Bible Institute with Isaac Shaw, the executive director, and his family whom we learned to know through Taylor.

Our focus next shifted from Buddhist and Hindu countries to one that is predominately Muslim (86%) – Egypt. We visited pyramids, museums, Coptic churches, mosques, and climbed Mt. Sinai. The climb gave us a new appreciation for Moses, who made trips up and down Mt. Sinai when he was about 80 years old (Roger thinks it has gotten higher since he climbed it in 1970!). During our last night in Cairo we were thrilled to worship with many Egyptians and see many come to Christ in a large Evangelical church in the heart of the city.

Our trip to Portugal included a visit with another Fort Wayne alumna, Anna (Ybarra fs88) and her husband Robb Lenardson. They are involved in teaching at International Christian School, working with Young Life and MOPS.

London, England, a city of many nationalities and languages, was where our trip ended. We attended All Souls Church where Roger’s favorite Bible expositor, John Stott, is Rector Emeritus. The church was packed with people of all ages and nations and it felt like we were experiencing a little of what Heaven will be like as people from every tribe, tongue and nation worship our Lord.

2011 Ethiopia Lighthouse Trip
Carol and I, along with 18 Taylor students, will take a J-Term Lighthouse trip to Ethiopia to work alongside Taylor’s long-term partner, Project Mercy (www.projectmercy.org). Randall Dodge g81, former TUFW Dean of Students, is currently COO and will be traveling with us for a portion of the trip. We will be involved in a ministry of teaching, tutoring and leadership development at Project Mercy’s K-12 school for 1,500 children in Yetebon, two hours from the capital Addis Ababa.
Al g55 and Mary (Chapman) Bell fs61 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 3, 2010, with their children, grandchildren and a great grandchild. Al was a pastor with the Christian Union Churches for 20 years. They attended a Bible Church in Chillicothe, Ohio, for 20 years and have been working at Liberty Baptist Church in Chillicothe since then. Al taught school for 30 years near Lancaster, Ohio. Mary completed her education at Ohio University. She has worked in various educational positions in the Chillicothe area.

Niles Kageyama g66 and his wife, Aileen (Wada) g65, celebrated retirement from the Koloa Missionary Church (Hawaii). Over 150 people attended the retirement party and the couple was showered with leis and accolades. The mayor of Kauai was present to honor the Kageyamas with a formal proclamation for their service to state and county.

Tim g73 and Sally (Birky) Erdel g72 are enjoying their work in higher education at Bethel College (Ind.). Their daughter Sarah earned her M. A. from Biola University and is the proud mother of Tim and Sally’s first grandchild, Jack. Daughter Rachel is also married and works at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Their son Matthew is in a graduate program at Notre Dame and was able to travel overseas four times during his undergraduate work. Tim’s e-mail is erdelt@bethelcollege.edu and Sally’s is erdels@bethelcollege.edu.

Terry Steury g74 retired in 2007 from the Post Office after serving for over 30 years. He is now an activity assistant for nursing care residents at Swiss Village in Berne, Ind., where he plans games and special events for the residents and also reads scripture, sings hymns and prays with them. Terry and his wife, Susan, enjoy their three granddaughters, Ava (2) and twins Blakeley and Karsyn (1).

Steve g83 and Ronda Sherman live in Oakland, Ore., where they pastor the Sutherlan New Life Center.
and manage the Motel 6 in Rice Hill. Steve is also the Senior Corrections Chaplain for the Douglas County jail. E-mail address is steve_ronda@yahoo.com.

**Marilyn Millar** g86 achieved a degree in Health Information Management in May 2009. Marilyn is employed at UPMC Passavant Hospital and lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Rob** g93 and Joy Burton were married on September 4, 2010, at the water fountain gardens of Manchester College. The small family wedding was attended by Rob’s children Natalie and Collin, and Joy’s children Anika, Joshua and Maya.

**Corey Laster** g93 is the new women’s basketball coach at the University of Colorado. Corey, his wife Holly (Wright) g92, and children Tyler, Trey and Jadyn, made the move to Colorado from Lewisburg, Pa., where Corey coached at Bucknell University.

Rene and **Deb (Colby) Mascorro** g96 welcomed Jayden Colby on April 6, 2009. They are expecting a second child in early December.

Ron and **Melissa (Ayers) Bales** g98 were married August 28, 2010. **Kathy (Benz) Peters** g97 and **Melinda Daugherty** g98 were in attendance. Ron and Melissa live in Greenfield, Ind.

**Sarah (Burke) DiGangi** g98 was selected in a special caucus to replace Harold West on the New Haven (Ind.) City Council representing the city’s second district. She plans to run in the primary next spring.

Cliff g00 and Kristina Pappe, along with Jalen (8), Taryn (7) and Gracyn (3), welcomed Kennison Taylor and Tyson Michael into their home on August 14, 2010. They live in Beech Grove, Ind.

Rodney and **Heather (VanDeraa) Urbaniak** g00, with Olympia (6), Legace (4) and Avery (2), welcomed Loiselle Manasseh Grace

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**Rohrs receives Alumni Award for Personal Achievement**

**Rev. Don** g48 and **Faythe Rohrs** g48 were honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Personal Achievement on Saturday, August 28.

According to **Rev. Ed Terui** g60, the Rohrs began their missionary service in 1948 when they arrived on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, and settled in the town of Koloa, where they served until 1950. The Rohrs pastored multiple Missionary churches, and he was eventually named District Superintendent.

In his addition to these places of ministry, Pastor Don was the first elected president of the Missionary Youth Fellowship (MYF) and later formed the MYF Crusaders Quartet, among other groups.

“Don and Faythe Rohrs are an amazing couple,” Pastor Ed said. “They have great hearts for our Lord and for people who need Him!”
on June 14, 2010. Loiselle weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Marc g01 and Laura Kelley, with Evelyn (4) and Henry (2), welcomed Samuel Joseph on August 1, 2010. Samuel weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19⅝ inches long.

James g01 and Joy Rediger were married October 16, 2010. Taylor participants were Kelley Sewell g01, Todd Bowman g01, Jeremy Reynolds g01, Lindsey (Carpenter) Arthur g01, Matt Walter TUUg00, Jeff Walter TUUg04, and Andrew Draper TUUg00, who officiated. James and Joy live in Muncie, Ind.

Travis and Laura (Tobens) Tinker g01 welcomed Titus Nathan on April 12, 2010. Titus weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21½ inches long. Laura was also offered a new position at Esab Welding and Cutting Products as a customer service representative. Laura's e-mail is tinkerlovesicecream@gmail.com.

Bo Holden g02 has started a new job with Bobilya & Reidy LLP in Fort Wayne, Ind. They are a business law firm with five attorneys. Bo's e-mail is dnl.holden@gmail.com.

Shon and Rachel (Osborn) Steger g02 welcomed Harrison Andrew on July 17, 2010. Harry weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 20⅛ inches long. Rachel's e-mail is rdsteger@gmail.com.

Chad Orlikowski g03 has accepted a senior IT management position with Lutheran Health Network. Chad will serve as Technology Specialist – Server & Storage Team. He is excited for this opportunity and that he, Janna (Harms) fs04, and their family can remain in Fort Wayne.

Tiffany (Gentry) Carrigan g05 has completed her coursework to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Taylor. While Matt g05 has been traveling to and from Chicago for work, his wife Tiffany and their daughter Madelyn have enjoyed their summer together.

In December 2009, Michael Clancy g05 graduated from Phoenix School of Law with his Juris Doctorate. In May 2010, he passed the Arizona Bar Exam and is now an attorney at Blumberg and Associates practicing family and criminal law. Michael's e-mail is michael.clancy@azbar.org.
Tabatha Lamb g05 recently moved to Des Moines, Iowa, to become the ESL Academic Counselor at Mercy College of Health Sciences. She works with immigrant and refugee populations, to help them become successful healthcare providers. Tabbie’s e-mail is tl17_2001@yahoo.com.

Myric McBain g05 and Jennifer Salvail were married August 7, 2010, in Grafton, N.H. TUFW attendees were Josh Jackett g02, Andy Mays g02, Anthony Chapman g02, Katy (Jessup) Hobbs g07 and Cassidy Ball g08. Myric and Jennifer will be moving to South Hamilton, Mass., in September, where Myric will pursue a master of divinity degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. They can be reached on Facebook.

Aaron and Abbey (King) Schultz g05 welcomed Molly Lynn on September 4, 2010. Abbey’s e-mail is abbeyking71682@hotmail.com.

Montgomery and Rachel (Purdy) Hicks g06 were married May 23, 2009. On April 19, 2010 they welcomed Cassandra Lynn to their family. She was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 21 inches long. Rachel’s e-mail is rachel1339_2000@yahoo.com.

Aaron and Michelle (Leedy) See g06 welcomed Emery Joseph on June 28, 2009. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. He was born six weeks early and spent time in the NICU, but is doing great now. Michelle’s e-mail is ariel_46951@yahoo.com.

Amy Badowski g07 received her master of arts in teaching degree in secondary English education from Rockford.

Stout Named Alumnus for Professional Achievement

Dr. David Stout, g60 was named the Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement Friday, August 27.

Dr. Stout rendered outstanding service as a senior minister in large churches, associate minister in two churches and as a district superintendent with 70 churches. He also served a post retirement interim senior pastor role.

Beyond his pastoral role, Dr. Stout has served as an adjunct professor of preaching and is recognized as an outstanding preacher, teacher and consultant in the Iowa United Methodist Church. He has served on and chaired the UM Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Higher Education and Family Council, and the Board of the School Of Ministry. He also served the Mental Health Board of Iowa.
Rudin supports Resource Center

Just over a year ago Brent Rudin TUU94 returned to Indiana to serve as the Associate Vice President for Alumni and Parent Relations at Taylor. One of his immediate goals was to learn about the history and heritage of the Fort Wayne campus.

“This past year has been spent reading about the history of the campus, looking at pictures, watching videos and listening to alumni,” he says. “Hearing about how God worked in the lives of individuals while students in Fort Wayne has been enriching and encouraging for me.”

Whether assisting in editing the FW Vine, meeting with the Alumni Council or planting flowers on Rudisill Boulevard, Brent is quick to encourage the work of the Alumni & Friends Resource Center. “I’m excited at how well alumni have received the Resource Center. I look forward to finding ways to improve and enhance the ways we support and encourage our alumni around the world.”

College in May, 2010. She is a Challenge B director/tutor at North Suburban Library and also works with Classical Conversations.

Reji and Asira (Nazarova) Mathew g08 were married September 5, 2009. Asira’s e-mail is asira26@yahoo.com.

Tashi Bent g09 has been appointed a family services officer at the Jamaica Association for the Deaf in Kingston. Tashi’s e-mail is ashiannica@gmail.com.

Jeremy Cates g09 has moved to Rockland, Md., to begin a new job as a police officer at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He will also begin his Master’s Degree at GWU this spring. Jeremy’s e-mail is jeremy.a.cates@gmail.com.

Michael McPeak g09 teaches fourth grade at Churubusco (Ind.) Elementary School. Michael’s e-mail is michael.mcpeak@gmail.com.

John g09 and Ami (Troyer) Yoder g07 were married

Overpeck TUUg10, and Bud Hamilton TUUg68, who officiated the service. John’s e-mail is john.falcon.yoder@gmail.com. Ami’s e-mail is ami.yoder@gmail.com.

Tim fs10 and Kesha (Bartholme) Fulton g09 were married January 16, 2010. TUFW participants were Lindsay (Thompson) Stump g09, Amy Raymond g09, Jamie Smith fs10, Sheaudra Hansbrough fs10 and Bill Helmlinger TUUg10. Tim is a manager for Starbucks. Kesha is working at Applebee’s and plans to pursue her master’s degree in marriage and family counseling this fall.

Joel fs09 and Kristen (Turner) Hornbarger g09 were married May 29, 2010. TUFW participants were Joshua Hornbarger g07, Jake Hornbarger fs09, Jimmy Mallory fs09, Eric Breon g08, Terrance
Johnson g09 and Bethany Wheeler g09. Gabe Schneider g07 officiated the ceremony. Joel and Kristen are expecting their first child in February.

Jimmy fs09 and Tesia (Sheffield) Mallory g09 were married on March 13, 2010, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Celina, Ohio. TUFW participants were Alysa (Newsome) Barnhart g09, Meghan Menchhofer g09, Pearl (Freeman) Skelton fs09, Alyssa Curry fs09, Jake Hornbarger fs09, Joel Hornbarger fs09, Terrance Johnson g09, Eric Breon g08 and Gabe Schneider g07. Tesia’s e-mail is tesia.mallory@gmail.com; Jimmy’s is jimmy_mallory@live.com.

Richard and Pearl (Freeman) Skelton fs09 were married September 12, 2009, at Greater Northwest Baptist Church in Indianapolis. TUFW participants were Alyssa Curry fs09 and Tesia (Sheffield) Mallory g09. On August 25, 2010, they welcomed Payton Nicole into their family. Payton weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Jared and Lindsay (Thompson) Stump g09 were married June 19, 2010 at the Botanical Conservatory in Fort Wayne, Ind. TUFW participants were Kesha (Bartholme) Fulton g09, Madelyn Wiley fs11, and Amy Raymond g09. Lindsay works part-time as marketing design director for #1 Advantage Realtors and as a marketing assistant for DWD Technology Group.

Shawn g09 and Emily Harrison welcomed Joshua Thompson on September 29, 2010. Shawn is the youth pastor at Wayne Street United Methodist Church in St. Mary’s, Ohio. Waiting at home for Joshua were older sister Gloria (8), and older brother Aiden (6). Read Shawn’s blog at http://six11.wordpress.com.

Rob fs10 and Sonya Skinner, with Rachel (6), John (5) and Luke (3) welcomed Ezra on May 26, 2010. Rob’s e-mail is rsrjskinner@sbcglobal.net.

Joshua fs11 and Heather (Martin) Wagner fs11 were married July 18, 2009. TU participants included Lindsay RJ Smith fs10, Mindy Kreilein fs11, Brittany Hardy fs11 and Pete Semple g10. Josh and Heather live in Indianapolis.

Memorials

Rev. Burley Clay g44 was called home to his Lord and Savior on September 10, 2010. Burley served the Lord as a pastor for 58 years. 48 years were spent with the Missionary Church and 10 years were spent with the United Brethren Church. Burley is survived by his wife Alice (Cone) g44; six children, Margaret and James Motter, David g73 and Doris (Dyck) Clay fs70, Rebecca and Vernon Masters, Jonathan fs73 and Anita Clay, Daniel fs80 and Carolyn (Tally) Clay g78, and Darwin g86 and Polly (Clay) Dunten fs86, 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and sisters Thelma (Clay) Germain g46 and Anna Waidelich.

Jean (Greenman) Berntson g45 joined her husband, Royal, in heaven on February 14, 2010. She had been ill since December 25, 2009. Surviving are sons Steven and Randy.

Helen (Hyde) Hall g47 died in Laguna Woods, Calif., where she and husband Arthur had lived in a retirement home. For many years they served as teachers – including teaching in Jamaica. When they retired, Art pastored churches and wherever they have lived, they have been ministering servants. Helen was not ill long and had...
a quiet, easy home going. Helen is survived by Art and daughters Roberta Cruzen fs71, Lois Rozet and Joy Sena.

Janet (Miller) Goforth fs52 passed away on January 13, 2009 at home in Freeport, Mich. Surviving is her husband, Virlin. Janet worked for the health department for more than 10 years. Janet and Virlin spent 20 years raising foster children. During that time, they had over 170 foster children in their home.

James Torbett joined his heavenly father on October 14, 2010. James was the husband of Zuma (Roberts) Torbett g52, the father of Christine, Jeffrey, Roberta, Jenny and James, and the grandfather of Rhett and Kameron. James was a veteran of the Korean conflict.

Rev. Robert Dye g56 went home to be with the Lord on December 13, 2009. Robert was ordained in the Missionary Church and was also highly involved with the Friends church. Known as the “Cookie Man,” Robert delivered cookies to Berne, Ind., businesses and shut-ins every Monday. Robert had been living at Swiss Village since October 30, 2006. Surviving are his wife Judith, son Robert Dye, Jr. g64, Sandra (Dye) Johnson, David Dye, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Meredyth (Watkins) Nott fs58 left for paradise on August 31, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. Meredyth served as the secretary to the President of the Missionary Church Association. Later in life she worked as an upholsterer for several area interior decorators. She was also involved in children’s ministries and other activities at her church. Surviving is her husband, James fs64, son Gregory and daughter-in-law Tami, son Philip and daughter-in-law Karina, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. She is also survived by her brother, Richard Watkins.

Vincent Rupp, Jr. g63 died February 9, 2010, in Phoenix, Ariz., where he lived for the past 32 years. Vincent began his career as a teacher at Hurttown High School and went on to teach at several schools in Ohio. He retired in 2000 after serving for seven years as a counselor for the Phoenix school system. Vincent was preceded in death by his father Rev. Vincent Rupp g37. He is survived by his mother Lillian (Hook) Rupp g37, sister and brother-in-law, Lynn and Dwight Bradford, and niece, Darlyn Cole.

Marchand publishes novel, Pandora’s Box

Nathan Marchand g06, frequent writer for the FW Vine, has just published his first novel, Pandora’s Box. Set in 2110, Pandora’s Box tells the story of a lone female soldier defending the world’s last stockpile of weapons of mass destruction from a ruthless dictator intent on using them to upset the balance of power in a world war.

Nathan said he conceived the story eight-and-a-half years ago. You can buy his book online at amazon.com, or at one of his many book signing dates, which can be found on his website: www.nathanjsmarchand.com. Nathan’s email is sergeant_zim2000@yahoo.com.
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