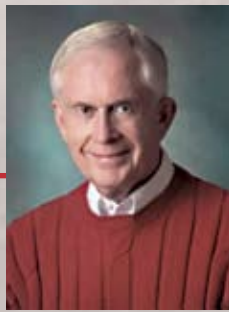


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Celebrating Community



President Keith P. Keeran, Ph.D.

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What is community, why should Christian educators be concerned about it, and why are we celebrating community at Kentucky Christian University?

No one should be more interested in creating a sense of community than the people on a Christian college or university campus. The importance of community is clearly addressed in the Bible and demonstrated in the life of the early church. When first established, the church was an “intentional community” where people shared common beliefs and characteristics. Acts 2:41-47 describes a community of faith united by solidarity of purpose, mutuality of respect for differences, trust, hospitality and humility. In contrast, First Corinthians 11-13 issues sober warnings about the breakdown of community which occurs when these virtues are no longer celebrated, or perhaps even worse, sacrificed on the altar of arrogance and selfish ambition.

There is strong historical evidence that the early church celebrated community continuously, especially every first day of the week as believers shared together in the Lord’s Supper – a communal meal observed in remembrance of the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross, and celebrated because of the resurrection of Christ from the grave.

In its strongest form ‘communion’ or ‘community’ involves a profound meeting or encounter – not just with other people, but also with God. Creating a strong sense of community among Christians presumes a spiritual union between each Christian and Christ and hence between every Christian.

The community that is Kentucky Christian University is best understood as a “community of faith and meaning.” In other words, the University as “community” plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging and purpose. There is no greater relationship than to belong to God. There is no greater call than to serve the purposes of God. This is the meaning of life and the bedrock upon which we are building a community of faith at Kentucky Christian University.

KCU is different – very different. The idea of a university community that is intentionally and purposefully Christian

implies that the members of the community have something in common with each other; and the thing held in common distinguishes them in a significant way from the members of other higher education entities. To be “in community” at KCU is to embrace and celebrate our mutual faith and commitment to serve the purposes of God. We believe that faith and scholarship can and must be interwoven and we believe that as a Christian higher education community we have something important to contribute to the world’s understanding of the meaning and purpose of life.

The fact that people live close to one another does not necessarily mean that they have much to do with each other. There may be little interaction between neighbors. Even on a Christian college or university campus where faculty, staff and students share many common convictions, there is a tendency to take relationships for granted. Building community takes work and a willingness to participate in community life beyond the obligatory classroom relationship or committee assignment. In reality, it is the nature of the relationships between people that most clearly define the significant and transformational aspects of ‘community’.

When students and faculty are asked about what “community” means to them, it is relationships that are most commonly cited. For most of us, our deepest sense of belonging is linked to our most intimate relationships, especially family and friends. Such informal relationships also enable us to navigate our way around the demands and challenges of everyday living. Simply put, we need one another.

It is in the spirit of such conviction that we strongly encourage administrators, faculty and staff to engage students outside the classroom and to share as a community of faith in the University’s twice weekly chapel services. Fellowship and corporate worship are critical components to building Christian community. Informal, but purposeful fellowship is huge. It is during these times of unstructured engagement that we expose our hearts and passions most powerfully. It is during these times that students see beyond the exterior of our lives and catch a glimpse of how the purposes of God have taken hold of our hearts.

Truth be told, the co-curriculum is far more transformational than the curriculum because it is personal and intensely interactive. It is from the co-curriculum (e.g. informal fellowship, corporate worship, a small group Bible study, a service-learning experience, a joint student/faculty research project, a mentoring relationship, small-talk over coffee at McDonalds, a faculty led travel/study experience in Kenya) that the "spirit of community" or "sense of community" is achieved.

The real pay-off of community is accomplished when we aspire to connect with students and successfully transcend beyond the strict academic regiments and requirements of reports, papers and exams. This is not to devalue the importance of rigorous study in the academic disciplines. To the contrary, students must be equipped with the knowledge to function effectively within the disciplines and to continue to learn as a lifelong skill, but when academic life is integrated with the purposes of God in the context of Christian community, it energizes and transcends any educational experience available at secular universities, community colleges, and many church affiliated institutions.

We are celebrating community at Kentucky Christian University because we believe that there is an important and unique dynamic at work when a campus community is intentionally and decidedly Christian. Are all of our students Christians and are all models of Christian conduct? Of course not, but is there a better place for an unbelieving student to live and study than in a Christian community where the word of God can be seen and heard? We should not be surprised by reports of late night baptisms in increasing numbers or by rededications to Christ. These are the natural consequences of living in a community where Christ is preeminent in the lives of students, faculty and staff.

I am proud to be the President of a university where frequent announcements of students coming to Christ receive rousing standing ovations during chapel. Why does this excite me? It is an indicator that our students are discovering the meaning of life, the purposes of God, and the importance of living in community as it relates to Christ and His church.

Consider this question. Can we educate for community without being in community? Let me state the question another


way. Can we educate students for Christian leadership and service in the church and in professions throughout the world without educating them in an authentic and intentionally relational faith-based community where Christian leaders think globally? The obvious answer is "absolutely not!" By focusing on the importance of living in community, we are encouraging our students to assume crucial roles in the leadership of the church and to boldly exercise their faith in the marketplace, the workplace and the town square.

We celebrate the kind of higher education that is carried out in the context of a dynamic Christian community where faculty, staff, and students learn together, cultivate their faith together, and carry out the virtues of humility, hospitality and trust together, and where there is solidarity of purpose and a seeking after the heart of God. Kentucky Christian University is uniquely positioned to carry out this purpose and in partnership with the church can address

the perplexing issues that prevent much of the world from hearing the gospel.

The church and the University working together in community can solve the problem of functional illiteracy that makes it impossible for over half of the world's population to read and come to the knowledge of the truth. Together we can solve the problems of poverty, disease, moral corruption, and biblical and spiritual ignorance. It is a great irony, but the very problems that beg for a solution are themselves the forums by which the message of Christ can be most clearly seen and heard.

If you are seeking the answers to questions such as: Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is my purpose? You can find the answers in the community of faith known as Kentucky Christian University.

In this issue of *The Voice* you will hear from the deans of KCU's seven schools. In their own words they will describe how they are building community to enhance student faith, student learning and student success. They will show you their heart and you will discover their passion for pursuing the purposes of God. 

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by K. Fawn Knight, Ph.D., Dean

Art, Archaeology, Astronomy . . . And That's Only the A's

The School of Arts and Sciences anchors every major at KCU. In addition to offering the required general education core, and support courses for the curricula in majors from nursing to education, Arts and Sciences offers degree programs in history and the humanities. The School is multi-disciplinary, which means that its faculty is trained in a variety of academic areas, including history, literature, the sciences, mathematics, communication, political science, modern lan-



Dr. Brendan Haynie

guages, art, and the humanities. Our faculty members teach classes as varied as astron-

omy, archaeology, algebra, and anatomy, but our goal is the same: the training of well-informed, compassionate, committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

We think of our disciplines as different lenses through which we and our students can better see Biblical Truth and grasp the life of faith. When I read Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, for example, I consider again the kind of forgiveness to which Jesus calls us. Dr. Starr reads *Moby Dick* and shares with his students its connection to the wisdom of Ecclesiastes. The structure of the atom and the structure of our solar system offer fascinating parallels which inform Dr. Haynie's teaching of the principles governing God's creation. Dr. Wineland's students learn how the honors heaped on a Roman general in his official "triumph" ceremony illuminate Colossians 2:15.



Dr. John Wineland leads History Program Study Seminar in Turkey


students across the KCU community in athletics, drama, film production, field trips, including overseas study trips, and Arts and Sciences-sponsored performances and exhibitions. In addition, Arts and Science faculty members are involved in the communities that surround the KCU campus, from preaching and teaching in local churches to volunteering in local schools and area prisons. The wide variety of training, experience, and interests represented means that students completing the required arts and science core are exposed to living examples of the integration of traditional academics and the service-oriented life of faith.

This integration of faith, training, and service can be seen clearly in Arts and Sciences projects like the annual spring play. In Spring 2005, for example, faculty and student performers worked together to produce *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, which not only played on campus to more than 1,000 people, but also traveled to a medium-security men's prison, the first dramatic performance every staged at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center, the second-largest prison in Kentucky. Another example of the integra-

tion of faith, academic interest, and service is the annual project of students in the course "Film and American Culture," who create a highly-professional promotional video for an emerging Christian artist or group. In these and other projects, Arts and Science teachers and students use their passion for an academic area and their faith, in service to others.

Although we represent a single school within the University, our teachers are involved with

Arts and Science graduates in history have gone on to studies in law, government, and public policy at major universities including the University of Kentucky, Kent State University, Regent University, and Western Carolina University. Humanities majors at Kentucky Christian University have completed six-month, faith-based internships in film (the Los Angeles Center for Film Studies), contemporary music (Martha's Vineyard), Central American Studies (Costa Rica), photography (Australian Studies Center), and government policy (American Studies Program, Washington, DC).

Arts and Sciences is proud to prepare students who earn places in these highly competitive programs and represent Kentucky Christian and the Kingdom so credibly. 



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe



by David Fiensy, Ph.D., Dean

Community in the Sack School of Bible and Ministry

Since we come from seven states (Montana to Michigan) and one foreign country (Malaysia), you might think that building community among the faculty of the Sack School of Bible and Ministry would be a difficult task. But our community does not depend on uni-culturalism or geographical identity. It is based on our common faith, our common passion, and our common goal. First, all of us are believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Second, we share a love for teaching. Third, we are committed to the greater glory of God through the ministry of the gospel. Therefore, we have a bond that is greater than national origin or geographical region.

To build a sense of community you have to care about your brother's and sister's journey. To have a genuine bond of fellowship you have to feel each other's hurts and celebrate each other's victories. That is why we scheduled a spiritual retreat last August for the faculty of the Sack School. We loaded into a van and drove into the country to the Carter Christian Church where we could spend the afternoon together lounging in the church's spacious educational wing away from distractions and telephones. During this time, one of the important things we did was to hear one another's "story". We took this opportunity to learn about the spiritual experiences that define who we are as persons of faith.

We also try to carry our sense of sharing into our relationships with students. We hope to exhibit not only a caring attitude in the classroom but also to create situations in smaller




groups that allow for more personal attention. We know that we can not get to know well as many students majoring in ministry as we would like (there are around 100 of them!) but we still desire as much as possible that they have a sense of community with us.

Thus, many of us host discipleship groups of around five students. Dr. Jim Girdwood often makes special trips to hear students preach. Professor Wendy West offers housing to international students in her home. Professor Rick Chromey takes students on mission trips. Dr. Rob

Ford offers a free marriage seminar to any interested student. One can often find Professor Ronnie Sisk guiding a gang of hikers through the wilderness.

The H.O.M.E. church (House of Mission and Evangelism) is fortunate to have Dr. Randall Tan as its leader. Dr. Perry Stepp is a popular mentor to student ministers. Dr. Dennis Durst meets informally with a small group of students to discuss current theological issues.

The closest term in the New Testament for community is the Greek word *koinonia*, often translated fellowship, sharing or participation. In the first epistle of John, this term is especially interesting. John wants to teach his readers the true doctrines of faith. If he does that and if the students listen, they will have fellowship with him (1 John 1:3). Our prayer is that through our teaching, our example, and our mentoring, our students may come to share with us our faith, our passion, and our life's goal. 





by Tim Nischan, D.B.A., Dean

Meaningful Business Relationships Build Community

The Census Bureau recently announced that the United States has reached two new milestones. There are now more than 300 million people living within our borders. But for the first time in recorded history, a majority of American households do not contain a married couple. Over 50% of American households are now comprised of singles, single parent families or adults living together outside the bond of marriage.

These numbers suggest a breakdown in the kind of meaningful relationships that build strong families and communities. The KCU School of Business is unique in its focus on building community through Christ honoring business models and relationships.

Rick and Tonya McDavid realized a life-long dream several years ago when they were able to purchase Heavenly Treasures Christian book store. They have invested significant time and energy into making their store a place where people of faith

feel welcome and even cared for. It is not unusual for customers to find themselves being prayed for by Tonya or a store employee. From a market perspective, though, many people in our area who purchase Christian books, music and gifts are unaware that the store exists. Like many small business owners, the day-to-day demands on their time leave precious few hours that can be devoted to long-term planning.

That is where KCU business students come in. Rick and Tonya have graciously allowed students in the Advertising and Promotion class to assist them in developing a marketing strategy. KCU business students benefit from the experience of actually applying material learned in the classroom to a real-world setting. The McDavid's benefit from the increased number of people who think about Heavenly Treasures when they are in the market for a new book, Bible or CD.


Projects that connect business students with business owners in

the local community also result in stronger ties between Kentucky Christian University and the local community as well as deeper relationships between the students themselves. Working together to solve real problems tends not only to solve problems, but also draws people together in the process.



The School of Business at KCU exists to equip men and women of character to be ambassadors of Christ in the communities in which they work and live, men and women empowered with wisdom and driven by pure motivations to make business decisions that will go beyond the bottom line, and men and women who will intentionally pursue relationships with workplace peers that extend beyond work-related issues.

These relationships will provide KCU business students with opportunities to share Christ – the only thing that is certain – in workplaces that constantly deal with uncertainty.

Providing opportunities that will enable students to experience what it means to be connected and unified as a community while in school will better prepare them to intentionally reach out to build relationships with others in the future. 



Rick and Tonya McDavid with KCU Business Students



by Sherry L. Curtis, Ph.D., Dean

A Blessed Heritage and a Promising Future

I am blessed! Most people do not have the privilege of getting to do what they dreamed of doing as a child. As an eighth grader, I knew God was calling me to teach. I just began my thirtieth year of teaching and I love teaching more today than as I did 30 years ago!

To be a teacher is one of the greatest callings for a Christian. In the early 1900s, a Christian educator named J.W. Lusby valued the profession of teaching so much that he opened a teacher training institute in the mountains of eastern Kentucky known as Christian Normal Institute. For nearly 20 years, CNI provided quality Christian teachers for public schools throughout the region. In 1944, CNI became Kentucky Christian College and teacher training was discontinued for almost 40 years. In the late 1970s, KCC once again recognized the importance of providing Christian teachers for America's schools. In 1982, KCC's teacher education program was accredited by the state of Kentucky. Ken-


tucky Christian has graduated 535 teachers who have taught in 23 states and six foreign countries. Our program offerings have grown from the original elementary program and now includes middle school programs in English, Science, Social Studies and Math, a K-12 music program and secondary school programs in Social Studies and English.

I am blessed to witness God's call to teaching in the lives of the Keeran School of Education faculty, students, and graduates on a daily basis. Our faculty are committed to providing our students not only quality teacher preparation programs but also the emotional and spiritual support they need to develop the character, compassion, and competence they will need to be salt and light in their future classrooms, schools and communities. KSE faculty sponsor the teacher education organization, Pi Chi Delta,



Keeran School of Education faculty, Dr. Sherry L. Curtis, Dr. Karen Ford, and Mr. Matthew Pinder, join teacher education students in the monthly "Teachers in the Movies" movie night on campus.

have discipleship groups that include teacher education students, accompany teacher education students on field trips and service projects both locally and outside the region. This commitment does not end when our students complete their programs. Our faculty provide professional and personal support to our graduates. Whether through an e-mail, a phone call, an on-campus visit or a visit to their schools to provide a workshop, a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on, our graduates know that relationships built during their years in our program are still alive and well!

We want the teachers we send out from KCU to know how their knowledge of God's word and their faith in Jesus Christ can empower them to teach the content required by their school systems and to reach into the lives and hearts of their students in a way that only a Christian teacher can. If you are a high school student who dreams of being a teacher empowered like this, I invite you to make a visit to KCU's Keeran School of Education to both see and experience an accredited teacher preparation program that not only values but celebrates the potential impact teachers can have on the hearts and minds of children and adolescents. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our passion for teaching with you. 



Kentucky Christian University graduates at East Carter Middle School
Front row l-r: Principal Shannon Wilburn ('87); Teachers Tammy Nischan ('99), Luther Jarvis ('94), Roni Braun ('93) and her student teacher Megan Oliver (2007). Back row l-r: Janie Messer ('91), Carla Myers ('86), Lesley Snyder ('96), Keith Isaacs ('90), Krista Strother ('92) and Keeran School of Education Dean, Dr. Sherry L. Curtis ('76).



by Mark Deakins, Ph.D., Dean

Building a Community of Musicians Who Love and Serve



Community seems to come quite naturally for the KCU School of Music since we are together much of the time throughout any given day. One of the elements of community is spending time together in informal settings – one that we call “Music Family Moments.” These take place on specified Fridays in the middle of the afternoon. Usually there is food involved but the purpose of the gathering is to strengthen our students in their understanding of who and whose they are and to encourage them to become the person and musician God has called them to be.

Many of our classes build community because we are working as a whole for a single purpose. The ensembles – Concert Choir, Chorale, Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble, Ars Nova, and Destiny – put students together for the purpose of creating music, but ultimately, ministry, fellowship, sharing, praying together and loving one another is the real product of the ensemble...we just happen to also make great music.

The tours of the Concert Choir, Chorale and Jazz Ensemble, the trips to perform in Carnegie Hall and Cuba, the numerous concerts in various venues offer multiple times of interaction on the personal level. Many hours in the bus, staying in guest homes, eating in restaurants, and visiting sights along the way not only provide community at the moment but they also build memories that keep community alive long after the students have graduated and gone their separate ways.

There are also those community building times in which students visit in the homes of the professors. Destiny will visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brunelle where the main fare for the evening is white chili – a southern favorite. Other

students will visit in my home where we may watch a movie on the life of Mozart or, during the preparation of the Feast of Christmas, watch “White Christmas.” These informal times are valuable and precious because there is no agenda, no assignment, no structured discussion – only the fellowship of those who enjoy being together because we love one another.


Often I receive e-mails or phone calls from graduates. Even though we spent hundreds of hours in the classroom during their tenure as a student, the topic of these conversations always goes to those things which built community and family. The memory of those occasions is so indelibly placed in our minds that they become instantly renewed as if they just happened yesterday. What a joy it is to relive those moments which strengthen the bonds of family and community even though we are hundreds of miles apart.

What we do on and off the campus of KCU is vitally important. Our students



grasp quickly the need and the importance of building community. It is the building block for the community they will begin in their first ministry or first classroom experience.

It is one thing to build a school of music of good musicians. It is quite another to build a community of musi-

cians who love and serve one another because we share a common unity in Christ. 



by Gail Wise, Ed.D., Dean

Building Community to Enhance Student Faith, Learning, and Success

In April 2006, officials with the Health Resources and Services Administration released projections that the nation's nursing shortage would grow to more than one million nurses by the year 2020. Nurses work in pediatrics, geriatrics, maternity, mental health, public health, research, education, industry, as well as numerous other areas. The average starting salary for nurses in 2005 was approximately \$39,000.

Job security, diverse practice roles, and competitive salary are valid reasons a career in nursing is attractive. However, nursing is more than a career. In the KCU School of Nursing we view nursing as a calling from God and a ministry of caring for body, mind, and soul.

A registered nurse who works 30 years has the potential to care for approximately 24,000 clients. The new KCU School of Nursing has graduated 16 nurses. These graduates alone can easily touch the lives of over 350,000 clients. What a tremendous impact the graduates of the KCU School of Nursing can have as they answer the call to serve the purposes of God!

In the KCU School of Nursing the tapestry of community is woven in the classroom, clinical settings, Bible studies, service-learning activities, mentoring relationships, mission trips, and prayer groups. The KCU School of Nursing is different from other schools of nursing because we emphasize Jesus as the perfect model of servant-leadership, caring, and compassion. KCU Nursing integrates faith and scholarship to prepare nurses to meet future challenges. We embrace a commitment to advance God's kingdom through the relationships we forge with one another and our clients.


Nursing is a rigorous academic discipline equipping future nurses to practice competently within complex healthcare settings. As our students gain knowledge and skills here on campus, the real challenge is to translate this information into clinical practice. In fact our students are required to complete over 1,000 clock hours of clinical practice before they graduate. Also, graduates must pass the standardized national board of nursing examination to be issued a license to practice. The KCU School of Nursing helps students to achieve success not only in coursework and clinicals but also on the board examination.

This fall, the School of Nursing admitted the 5th class of sophomore students. Following is a statement made by one of these students.

Jesus' words in Matthew 28:18-20 speak no more powerfully than when thought of in terms of the

nursing profession. A nurse tends to the human spirit by tending to the human body. Nursing is a chance to reach out spiritually to those who are hurting inside and outside. I can think of no better expression of Christian love than becoming a nurse. I pray that I can help heal bodies and make disciples of all nations. Nursing is an opportunity to serve under "the Great Physician" by healing, loving, and meeting people where they are.

—J. Christopher Campbell

We are building community within the School of Nursing to enhance student faith, learning, and success. Students choose to become a part of this community because their goal is to be the best nurses they can be while learning to honor Christ through serving and caring for the physical and spiritual needs of others. 



KCU School of Nursing students participate in community blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and blood oxygen screenings.



by Margaret McLaughlin, M.S.W., Dean

Community: Being Present

In order to develop community, we must look at the obstacles to building and maintaining that community. This struck me in a most unique way recently as I was riding my exercise bicycle while grading students' video assignments, all the while praying about (ok, more like self-criticizing my attempts at) writing this article on community, and intermittently scanning my most recent copy of "Women's Health".

Suddenly, I stopped my multi-tasking and gave my full attention to an article about "mindfulness". The article defined mindfulness as "paying attention to what's happening right now without brooding over the past, fretting about the future, or making judgments about how you'd prefer the moment to unfold. When you're mindful, you're awake, alert, fully alive."

Often our sense of community is lacking because as individuals we are robbed of our ability to be present in the moment because we are too busy evaluating the past and planning for the future. We cannot "attend" to one another.



Social Work students with Cherokee culture display

In the School of Social Work and Human Services, students learn about dealing with matters of the heart and mind, but faculty must also continually learn to "be" present in the present, not only physically, but mentally, emotionally, and most importantly spiritually as well. As we "commune" with God, He shows us His plans (Jeremiah 29:11-13), and only then are we able to "commune" with one another in "unity" toward a common God given goal which creates community.

Whether one is a faculty member, staff person, or student, every person in the School of Social Work and Human Services (Social Work and Counseling Psychology programs) has a common "calling". Our call is to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9

One of the most precious examples of community at KCU is the freedom to start our classes with prayer, openly sharing praises and petitions between students and faculty. It is a great privilege for any one of us to take a moment with a student and pray with her/him about more private matters.

Developing community in a larger sense is readily seen by the men's prison ministry that Dr. Leonard Knight facilitates on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday evenings.


It is observed through the social work student group (Laos Protos) fund raising to purchase items for gift bags for Hope's Place (a victim's advocacy agency) to give to women at local hospitals who have just undergone a rape exam.



Counseling Psychology Winter Coat Drive

It is also evident by the Counseling Psychology students' goal of collecting 650 winter coats to distribute to needy and homeless people in the Tri-State Community this winter.

It is also evidenced by one of our Social Work classes facilitating a day in November for the campus and larger community to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Cherokee culture.

Our school's partnership with 'Into Abba's Arms' an orphanage in Kenya, Africa is also evidence of that "call". Although there are many demonstrations of community building, these are significant not because of the "doing", but because of the power of "being present" with those people who God has placed in our lives. 

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Creating Communities Across Cultures: Team Expansion is Charting New Territories

If you're searching for an organization with a passion for community, you don't really have to travel all that far. Just motor on over to Louisville, Kentucky, where you'll find the 'home office' of



Doug and Penny Lucas

Team Expansion, a missionary-sending organization founded in 1978 by KCU grads, Doug and Penny Lucas.

From the moment one enters the door of the rehabbed 150-year-old church building that serves as Team Expansion's International Services Center, one immediately takes note of the unique flavor and style of this fast-paced workplace. From humble beginnings in a dorm-room prayer meeting at Kentucky Christian University, the organization has rapidly grown to become the largest missionary-sending agency in the Christian Churches, with nearly 300 full-time workers stationed among 70 different unreached people groups or projects in over 40 foreign lands.

In addition, the group regularly fields another 50 individuals each summer in its PATHWAYS Internship program. And through their recent alliance with Crossroads Missions, they co-op to send out literally thousands of short-termers on one-week work trips to destinations such as New Orleans and Mexico. Since the year 2000, the two organizations have worked under one roof as if they're part of the same body. This alliance is, in and of itself, a metaphor for the flexible yet focused community that is Team Expansion.

"The truth is, we know that none of us could accomplish it all single-handedly," explains Doug Lucas, who serves

as President of the organization. "Take the team in Venezuela, for instance." Lucas points to a giant world map plastered with pictures. "I'm not joking; everybody we send down there wants to go back to Caracas full-time. There must be something in the water," Lucas jokes.

His stories indeed make it sound like a fun place to work. "Tara Woolard (also a KCU grad) has arguably been one of the best single female workers in the last decade anywhere in the world." Lucas goes on to describe Dave Linn, who graduated from KCU's Master of Ministry program prior to starting his work as a co-team leader in Caracas. "This guy would be the first to tell you that language was a struggle for him. And yet now, his near-native fluency serves as a great conduit for his incredible knowledge of the Word. Everything he touches turns to gold."

With God's help, Team Expansion launched the first Christian Church outreach in Venezuela in 1986. Now, over one thousand new believers gather in Christian Churches there each week to worship Christ as Lord. They've recently sent one family to join a Team Expansion ministry in North Africa working

among Muslims, in a place too sensitive to name. They've sent another worker to the unreached Warao people, who live on the Orinoco River delta. By 2010, the missionaries themselves will start disengaging, leaving the entire ministry in the hands of trained nationals.

The work in Ukraine has yielded similar results. Team Expansion began the work there while the USSR was still the USSR, in June 1991. They recruited Lifespring Christian Church (then Clovernook), Cincinnati, Ohio, to partner with them to launch the Kherson Christian Church later that year. Now, some 15 years later, the Kherson Christian Church is a megachurch with over 1000 in weekly worship attendance, and they've sent out their own missionaries to work with a nearby Muslim unreached people group



Tara Woolard



Kherson Christian Church in Ukraine

where Team Expansion workers are translating scripture in a unique partnership with Pioneer Bible Translators.

Not far away, Team Expansion workers helped broker a deal with Kentucky Christian University to partner with a school for higher learning that is producing scores of Christians trained to serve in a variety of vocations in this newly independent land.



More recently, the Kherson Christian Church is sending Ukrainian missionaries to Bosnia to work with Team Expansion workers there as well. In fact, one convert traveled to Grayson to study at KCU. There she met and married another KCU student and the two have recently applied to join a team in Bosnia after having served in a youth ministry here in the USA for the last few years. Lucas observes, "God continues to amaze us with his sovereign will."

To what does Team Expansion owe its fast-paced growth? Lucas cites several root causes. "At the end of the day, people like being a part of something successful. And through no fault of our own, only through the grace of God, Team Expansion people are doing some pretty cool things throughout the world."

Team Expansion also believes in and practices proactive recruitment. Eric Derry, also a grad of KCU, is Vice President of Mobilization. "We try to get to know prospective recruits on a personal basis," Eric explains. "We study their gifts and skills, then try to find a perfect fit for their unique traits." Using this approach, God has raised up scores of new workers for the ministry at a time when many organizations are seeing their numbers decline.

Lucas has listed several additional possible explanations for the growth:

- The leaders seek to make sure each team understands its mission. They

try to clearly describe the vision and the task.

- They establish clean lines of leadership by spelling out job descriptions.
- They invest heavily in training. The new Training Department at Team Expansion provides ongoing mentoring for life. It's headed by Dr. Glen Gibson, Ph.D., whose missions degree from Fuller Seminary would qualify him to teach in any seminary in the world. The new five-person missionary training department is, Lucas believes, second to none on the planet in any other organization anywhere.
- The organization is big on grace. One

of their seven "non-negotiables" reads, 'Be a light not a judge; be a model not a critic.' They believe in granting grace, while at the same time demanding excellence.

- They also work hard to make team-work fun. They believe in celebrating the small gains, laughing a lot, and culturing enthusiasm for the Cause.

What's in the future for Team Expansion? Enough to make mere mortals tired just thinking about it. "More of the same . . . plus . . . we'd like to build a missionary training and retreat center so that both missionaries and local church members can come together to pray, retreat and learn more about God's great global redemption adventure," dreams Lucas. The group recently acquired - debt-free - 61 acres of beautiful woodlands on the outskirts of Louisville. "We're calling it Emerald Hills and we're dreaming of building mission teams into communities that can resolve any conflict and overcome the toughest problems. It'll be a training ground as well as a refreshing place for reentry after one has served overseas." If the past 28 years are any kind of indicator, the next couple of decades could be a pretty fun adventure in community. 🏡

Learn more about Team Expansion on the web at www.teamexpansion.org. Catch a vision for Emerald Hills at www.emeraldhills.info.



Partnership Brings New Nursing Education and Medical Care



President Keeran has announced the construction of a new facility on the University campus. The 24,000 square foot two-story building is the result of a partnership between Kentucky Christian University and King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky and will provide needed space for the KCU School of Nursing and expanded family health care for the region.

A formal groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday, September 21 for the \$5 million two story facility that will be home to primary care physicians and expanded x-ray, CT, and MRI services, and a cardiology clinic. The ground floor will be occupied by the King's Daughters Family Care Center and the second floor will be home to the KCU School of Nursing.

The project is the culmination of several months of planning between the two organizations and local community leaders. Construction of the facility is now underway with occupancy of the KDMC Family Health Care Center slated for May 2007.

Fred Jackson, CEO of King's Daughters Medical Center, said the new

center will bring much needed primary care and specialty services to Grayson. KDMC has already begun life-flight helicopter service with a landing pad on the KCU campus. President Keeran said, "The new facility is an exciting addition to our campus and represents a giant step forward in providing better health care for our entire community and the region."

John Dundon, KCU's Vice President for Strategic Operations called the new facility a boost to KDMC's mission to deliver world-class health care and a significant advancement in KCU's mission to provide quality Christian education for the next generation of health care professionals.



KCU School of Nursing students participate in health screenings



Members of the KCU School of Nursing Sophomore Class

The building, which is being constructed next to KCU's Ruth Administration Building on Carol Malone

Facility to Campus



Mr. Fred Jackson, CEO of King's Daughters Medical Center makes official announcement of the development of the new Grayson Family Care Center and Kentucky Christian University School of Nursing building.



Building Community Through Collaboration


Boulevard, will be easily accessible to students, faculty and staff. The project also includes expanded parking for staff and guests visiting KCU's administrative and admissions offices.

Dr. Gail Wise, Dean of the KCU School of Nursing has watched the nursing program grow from 17 students its first year in 2002 to over 55 students accepted into the program this year. As the program has grown, it has expanded beyond its original building to annex additional space in other existing facilities. Dr. Wise said, "This new facility will provide the space we need for offices, skill labs, classrooms, and student clinicals, and will provide an opportunity for the School of Nursing to offer CPR classes and other health services to the community."

The KCU-KDMC collaboration is an important example of the way partnerships can build community. King's Daughters Medical Center has worked with KCU to strengthen health care in our region for several years. The Medical Center was a key player in the establishment of the KCU School of Nursing, but the benefits to both organizations and to

the region are only just beginning to be realized. Jill York, President of the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce said, "This is one more attractive facet to our community." When recruiting business and industry to the area, quality health care and quality higher education are very important considerations.

Building community through collaboration is possible when the partners share common values. Comment-

ing on the importance of faith based partnerships, Dr. Keeran commented, "This is an impressive example of what is possible when people who are passionate about servant leadership work together for the good of others, especially others who cannot help themselves. Building community by serving the needs of others is at the heart of both organizations (KCU and KDMC) and when the focus is on service God will add His blessing and good things will happen." 



King's Daughters Medical Center, City of Grayson, and KCU officials participate in the groundbreaking.

Creating Community to Reach Muslims for Christ



KCU students participate at Somali Bantu Festival "Game Day" in Louisville, Kentucky

KCU Christian University has joined forces with Mission Connect to create a "hands-on" opportunity for our campus to engage the Islamic community. Recently *The Voice* interviewed Wendy West, KCU Professor of Intercultural Ministry, and Todd Keane, Director of Ministry to Muslims for Mission Connect to ask them about their efforts to create greater cultural awareness and communication between Christians and Muslims.

VOICE: Wendy, the effort to sharpen KCU's mission focus seems to be attracting a lot of interest among students, tell us what led to this innovative approach?

Wendy: Last year our student mission organization, GMA (Global Mission Awareness), conducted a survey on campus to see how students were feeling about the campus' involvement in mission. Many said they hardly knew what was going on but if they had the opportunity to get more involved they would. We realized that even with weekly updates and open meetings, what students were asking for were organized opportunities to go and get involved. Our opportunity to participate with Todd and Angela in Louisville spurred our ideas for a new approach.

VOICE: What are the goals of the new program? How are you hoping that this effort will impact students and their experience at KCU?

Wendy: Our main goal of the new program is to get students involved by going. By going they will see the need for reaching out, gain confidence that they can, and be motivated to continue when they graduate whether they stay in the

United States or move abroad. Along with this we want to inform students about the needs of those supported as missionaries. By encouraging them to see various ways they can take part now, we hope to build a foundation they will carry on in their own lives and be an encouragement to the Church as they go out.

VOICE: Wendy, you spent a good bit of time in China and are passionate about global outreach. Why is it important for KCU students to interact with other cultures and think globally?

Wendy: When we interact with other cultures maybe we begin to see God at work in ways we didn't think He could and in places we didn't realize He was. At KCU, many students are laying the foundations of their faith more solidly than they ever have before. When they realize that mission impacts the Body of Christ around the world and not just their local congregation, they are more aware of their part in the Body and how to live out their faith. They become servants of a Christ's global Kingdom.

VOICE: You received a number of applications from mission organizations that were interested in partnering with KCU, what factors played a role in the selection of Mission Connect?

Wendy: We were excited by the many ways we saw God working around the world and wanted to help meet the needs of every one. The students' desire to be involved through voluntary activity is what drew us unanimously to Todd and Angela's application. We could drive just three hours and have mentored interac-

tion with an entire Somali Bantu community! If that didn't get our campus involved, then nothing would.

VOICE: Wendy, Islam is in the news every day and especially the threat brought on the world by Muslim fundamentalists. At its core this is a religious conflict, but most Americans are pretty uninformed on the teachings of Islam and the attitudes of Muslims toward Christians. How will this relationship with Mission Connect help resolve that problem for KCU students?

Wendy: This relationship helps students see that Muslims are people with needs such as families with parents trying to learn a new language so they can find a job in order to buy food for their children. Todd spoke in chapel about the foundational beliefs of Islam and connecting points where a Christian might discuss their faith with a Muslim. One of his main points was that the majority of Muslims are not violent, in fact, many are open to hearing about Christ. Hearing this from someone who interacts with Muslims and their families helps students learn more about discerning between media-hype and the reality that people are people wherever you go.



Wendy West (third from left) participates at Festival

VOICE: *Todd, you and Angela founded Mission Connect to create awareness of Islam and to get Christians involved relationally with Muslims. Tell our readers about your organization and some of your goals.*

Todd: We launched this new ministry to address what we see as a significant blind spot for most churches – ministry to Muslims. Whether we are talking globally or nationally, churches have not made ministry to Muslims a priority. With that dynamic in mind, the following two statistics are alarming: (1) Worldwide, Islam is growing faster than any other religion; and (2) In the United States, Islam is growing six times faster than the overall population. So we see a great need for churches to intentionally focus more of their missions endeavors on Muslims.

In addition to mobilizing churches to reach out to Muslims, we are actively involved in ministry to Muslims ourselves. Our initial focus in this capacity is on Somali Bantu refugees. In 2003, they began arriving in cities across America. Though only a few hundred were originally resettled in Louisville, others have moved to Louisville for various reasons. This brings the Somali Bantu population in Louisville to more than 1,000 (and Louisville has a total Muslim population of more than 15,000). We are reaching out to them in four key ways:

1. **Meeting Needs:** One of the best ways for us to meet families is to help them. To date, this has included English classes, driving lessons, winterizing their homes, providing donations of furniture and clothing, etc.
2. **Building Community:** The Somali Bantu community in Louisville has been slow to integrate with Americans and remains very isolated. We want to help Christians in and around Louisville enter into their lives and become a joyfully accepted part of their community.
3. **Developing Personal Relationships:** By meeting their needs and building community, we have the opportunity to develop personal relationships. This leads very naturally to...

4. **Sharing our Faith:** Meaningful relationships with our Muslim friends provide an opportunity for sharing our faith.

VOICE: *Our readers may be unaware of the massive migration of Muslims into the US and that significant numbers of these are Somalia refugees. Tell us about them.*

Todd: The Somali Bantu are the former slave population of Somalia. Though they have been free for a number of years, they were still at the bottom of the societal totem pole in Somalia. So when civil war erupted in the early 1990's, the Somali Bantu fled to the neighboring country of Kenya. Most of them spent between 10 and 15 years in Kenyan refugee camps before making the trip to America to begin a new life. Life in the refugee camps was very hard. Infant mortality rates were among the highest

in the world. These people have suffered in many ways and have known hardship their entire lives. And now they face the daunting task of learning a new language and finding a way to fit into a culture very different from their own.

VOICE: *Todd, you are working in partnership with KCU to make an impact on the Somali people living in Louisville, Kentucky. What are some of the ways you are involving our students and what results do you want to see?*

Todd: We have at least one outreach event each month that helps us strengthen our connection to the Somali Bantu community in Louisville. KCU students are helping us during the school year.

These events include a special "Game Day" for kids, a winterizing homes project, a Somali Bantu Festival, and a Christmas Party for the kids. We are also encouraging students to apply their area of formal training or special interest in our ministry. Nursing students, for example, will have the opportunity to conduct a health and nutrition clinic. The soccer team will host a soccer camp for kids, some Social Work majors will be able to complete their required practicum among Muslims.


We hope to see a variety of results from these interactions. First, we hope to tear

down misconceptions and other relational barriers that exist between Christians and Muslims. Second, we believe KCU students will benefit from exposure to a different culture. Third, and most importantly, we hope that these interactions will help Muslims take steps toward accepting Jesus Christ. We want to see Christ's reputation built up among our Muslims friends as KCU students reflect His goodness and shine brightly through simple acts of service.

VOICE: *KCU faculty are also plugged into this work and we know you have plans to create a dialogue between some of KCU's Bible and Ministry faculty and the Somali Bantu elders. Are these Muslim leaders open to discussing the distinctions between Islam and Christianity and what would you like to see develop from this relationship?*

Todd: The Muslim elders are open to such a dialogue and I believe this will be a great benefit to everyone. KCU faculty will have a rare opportunity to learn about Muslim beliefs and practices firsthand from Muslim leaders. The Muslim elders, on the other hand, will receive the clearest explanation of the gospel that they've ever had. I'm excited about this because so many Muslims don't understand our basic claims as Christians. My hope is that this dialogue will peak their curiosity about what we believe and help them feel safe to ask questions. If they reject the gospel after hearing it, that's one thing. But if they never have the opportunity to hear it, then we have not been obedient to Christ.

VOICE: *How can our readers become more informed regarding Islam and get involved in this important outreach to Muslims?*

Todd: We can be reached at (502) 529-9001 or by e-mail at tkeane@insightbb.com. We are happy to send additional information to anyone who would like to receive it and we are more than glad to discuss any aspect of our ministry. Again, our passion is to see God's people reach out to lost Muslims; to the degree that we can help churches and individuals do that, we feel we are accomplishing our mission. 



Todd, Angela, & Moriah Keane



Somali Bantu children in Louisville, Kentucky

Football Program Prepares For Inaugural Season

by Dane Damron, Head Football Coach

Our football program is moving ahead of schedule. We had the great opportunity to bring in over 30 young men to campus in August who jumped at the opportunity to be the foundation of our program. These young men have accepted the challenge to be wise builders and build our foundation on The Rock. The impact that this great University has had on our players has been awesome. We have had three young men accept Jesus as their personal Savior and several that now realize that God is in control and they are letting Him lead their lives.


We are practicing two times a week and the players are lifting weights three times a week. Study Hall is held once a week and we are doing our absolute best to monitor each player's academic standing. This is a difficult year for these young men because we are preparing for a season that is a year away.



The students have been wonderful in accepting our young men into the fabric of our campus community. One thing that has happened as a result of not having a season is that it has allowed our young men to take part in intramurals and other activities, allowing them to get to know other students. Each week players are required to turn in a grade sheet that is signed by their professors. Our faculty has been very cooperative with this.

Our mission statement for football is "KCU Football seeks to develop the total individual – spirit, mind and body, through championship football in a Christian environment." We want our players to develop a personal relationship with Christ, to graduate with a degree from this top 50 southern University, and to compete for championships on the field.

We will work diligently to achieve all three of these goals. We will begin play next year and look to compete for the NCCAA "Victory Bowl" Championship in 2008. Currently, we are in the process of planning a football/soccer facility that will rival any small college facility in the Commonwealth.

As you can see, we are extremely excited about what is happening in regards to football on our campus. We ask each of you for continued prayer that our football program will live up to the standards of this great University and we will be able to follow the mission of KCU "to make disciples" of the young men that will be attracted to us because of the football program. 




A Player's Perspective...

"Honestly, I couldn't be any happier with my experiences and time spent here at KCU so far. I have made new friends, and feel those relationships will last forever. The faculty truly care about the students. This eases some of the pressure of classes just knowing they are willing to help. I came to KCU with some uneasiness and doubts, but I know now that I am home and this school is special to me and where God wants me to be.

I am thrilled to have a second chance to play college football, and I know that it brings a new air to KCU. It is a great honor to be a part of the first Christian football team in our brotherhood and for this school. I look to do great things due to that fact alone and hope to take on the role as a vocal and physical leader on and off the field. I thank everyone who has supported me up to now and everyone who has become my friend and I hope to make many more. God Bless!" – Josh White



Homecoming 2007

Make plans to join us February 9, 2007 for our annual Basketball Homecoming festivities. We will recognize former baseball players and coaches. We will also have a 3-point shootout during halftime of the women's game. Our annual stromboli and pizza reception will be held in Waters Cafeteria immediately following the men's game. 



New Faces



Charise Lindsay recently joined the KCU School of Music as Assistant Professor of Music Education. Dr. Lindsay holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from Florida State

University and a Master of Music degree from Butler University. She received her undergraduate degree from Milligan College and has served as a teaching assistant at Florida State University and Butler University, and an adjunct instructor at Indiana University/Purdue University.



Luana Tenge has been appointed Assistant Professor in the KCU School of Nursing. Ms. Tenge holds a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University

of Akron and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Ohio University. Ms. Tenge has extensive experience in both nursing practice and nursing education and has served as a classroom nursing instructor at Maysville Community College and Morehead State University.



Recognizing that distance education is a vital part of the landscape of higher education, KCU has appointed its first Director of Distance Learning.

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Education Professional Standards Board Approves Two New Teacher Preparation Programs




KCU's Keeran School of Education has two new teacher education programs as of August 21, 2006. Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board approved the addition of Secondary School English and Secondary School Social Studies to the program offerings at KCU.

With the new programs, KCU now offers approved, performance-based teacher preparation programs in Elementary School for Primary Through Grade 5; Middle School for Grades 5-9 in four teaching fields, English and Communi-

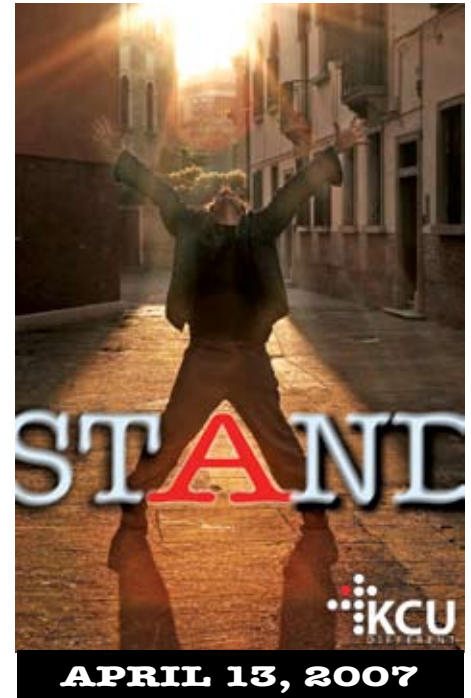
cations, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies; All Grades: Integrated Music; Secondary School for Grades 8-12 English; and Secondary School for Grades 8-12 Social Studies.

"Prospective students have consistently expressed interest in secondary education at KCU," states Dr. Sherry L. Curtis, Dean of the Keeran School of Education at KCU. "With the addition of the new programs, students will now have the opportunity to enroll in KCU teacher preparation programs that will prepare them to teach in elementary, middle and high schools in Kentucky and throughout the nation."

Dr. Curtis and the faculty of the Keeran School of Education are excited about the addition of two new programs and the potential these programs have to recruit more future teachers to KCU and the Keeran School of Education. For more information about any of the programs offered by KCU's Keeran School of Education, contact Dr. Curtis at 606-474-3285/3264, slcurtis@kcu.edu or teachered@kcu.edu and visit our website at www.kcu.edu. 

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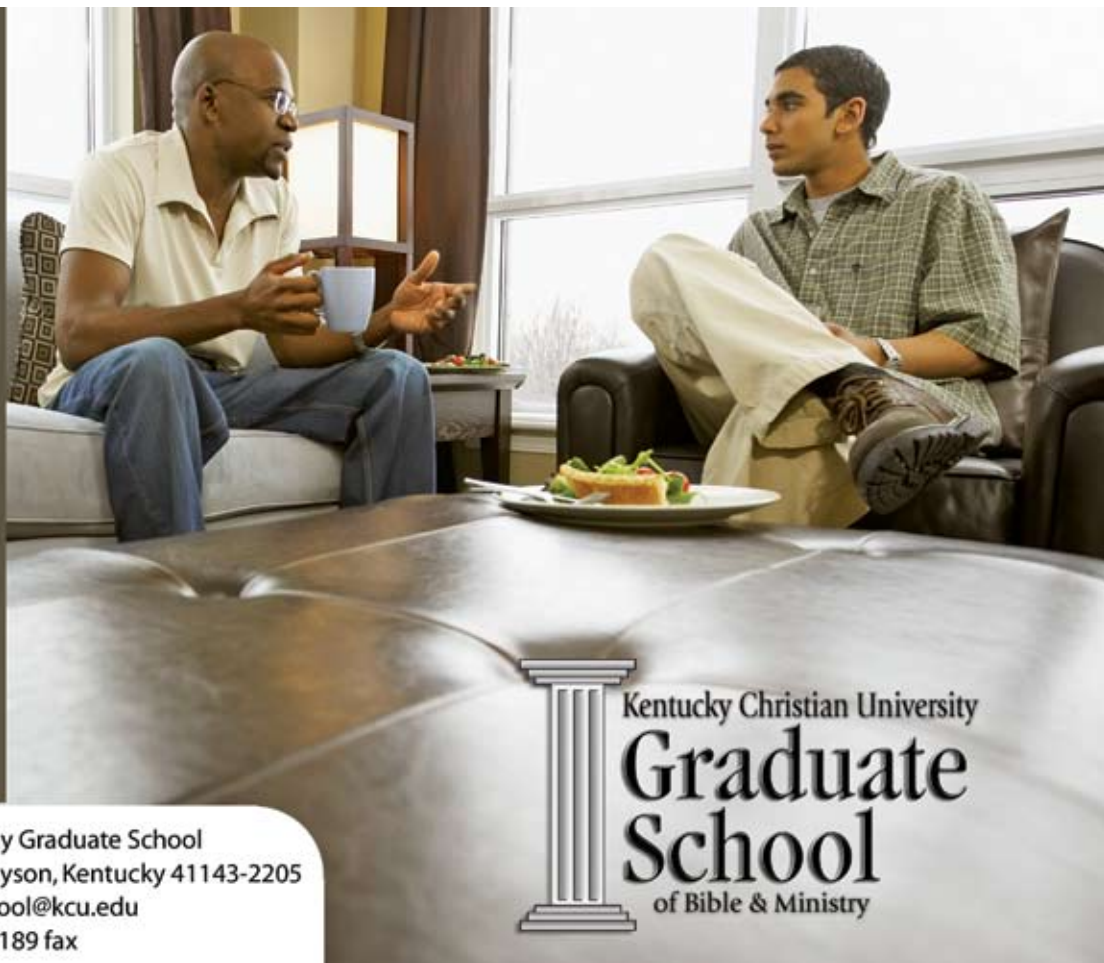
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NEWS & EVENTS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS



Helen's Highlights

Helen Yankey
 Alumni Relations

Our Alumni and Friends Reception during the NACC this past summer was a wonderful time of fellowship and reminiscing with our alumni friends. This is always a highlight in my year as I get to see so many of you gathered in one place.

Our alumni men's soccer game broke all former participation records. We had 27 alumni men return to play. Pictures of the alumni men and women can be found on page 25.

FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

Plan to be here for the Feast of Christmas program this year. Our alumni night is Friday, December 1. Our alumni reception will take place in the upstairs lobby of Lusby Center following the performance.

HOMECOMING

I would like to recognize all former baseball players and coaches at homecoming this year on February 9, 2007.

Plan to be here to be recognized during halftime of the men's game (approximately 8:00 p.m.). Please sign in before entering the gym. We also plan to have a three point shoot out for men and women during halftime of the ladies' game (approximately 6:00 p.m.). I will have trophies for the first place winners. Our annual stromboli and pizza reception will be held in the cafeteria immediately following the men's game.

I would like to ask for help in finding good addresses for many of our alumni who have moved yet haven't sent me a change of address. I had a suggestion from one of our class presidents. He suggested that the class officers divide the list of names from their class and try to find those with bad addresses. If you are willing to help with this project, please contact the alumni office.

Please let me know if you have a change in your mailing or e-mail address. Many of the teacher's e-mail addresses have changed. If yours has changed, please send an update.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Greek-Spanish Lexicon of the Greek New Testament. Nash is committed to helping them in this project. **Francis Nash** ('71), Director of the para-church missionary organization, Workers for Mexico, is procuring the necessary resources, books, and equipment for the proposed Lexicon. KCU Box 611, 100 Academic Pkwy., Grayson, KY 41143.

1960's

Cliff ('64) and **Sue (Deal)** (attn: '62-'65) **Beck** have moved into a new home. 175 Allison Ave., Killbuck, OH 44637. sbeck@co.holmes.oh.us.

Ray ('67) and **Shirley (Hylton)** ('63) **Kelley** have two children, James William Kelley and Tara (Kelley) Reed. Ray is the Preaching Minister at Live Oak Christian Church. Shirley is an administrative assistant. P.O. Box 455, Live Oak, FL 32064. liveoakchristian@alltel.net.

1970's

Wayne ('78) and **Karen (Lear)** (attn: '77-'78) **Boring** have begun their 23rd year with the First Christian Church in Fayette City, PA, where Wayne is the Senior Minister. Karen works at the local bakery. They have three children. Jeff is a computer aided draftsman in Johnstown, PA. **Stephen** ('05)

and daughter-in-law **Bethany (Searle)** ('04) **Boring** live in Sierra Vista, AZ where Stephen manages a restaurant and Bethany is the Children's Director at First Christian Church. Mindi is a junior at KCU. P.O. Box 635, Fayette City, PA 15438.

Danny ('70) and **Delite (Foy)** ('71) **Dodds** completed their 15th year of ministry with the South Side Church of Christ in March of 2006. P.O. Box 582, Washington Court House, OH 43160.

Pam "Snapper" (Murrell) (attn: '76-'77) and Richard **Israel**. Pam has one daughter, Chrissy, and a step-son Nick. Pam graduated from the University of Florida in 1990, and she is now the Health Services Director of Jennings Villa Children's Home, and also works for the American Red Cross Disaster Team. 54 N. Gum St., North Vernon, IN 47265. pamisrael@verizon.net.

Ralph ('76) and Lynne **Lepley** have recently incorporated with a partner in establishing the Southeast Regional Christian Peacemakers Network. General information on the model can be obtained by going to the website at www.Peacemaker.net. Ralph teaches religion at Mitchell College. Lynne is currently writing a new series of Christian books for junior high girls for Zondervan Publishing House. 373 Turnersburg Hwy., Statesville, NC 28625.

Jim Owston ('77 and '78) was a co-presenter at the 2006 WebCT Impact Conference in Chicago. Jim

1940's

Dr. Donald A. ('41) and **Elizabeth (Burchett)** ('58) **Nash** announce that two of Dr. Nash's books are being trans-

lated into Spanish. This work is being done by the Director of the Church of Christ Yanez Institute of the Bible in Guadalupe, Mexico, Jose Manuel and his faculty and staff. This group is planning to compile a

is the Senior Academic Officer for Instructional Technology at Mountain State University, P.O. Box 9003, Beckley, WV 25802-9003.

Ron ('70) and **Anne Russell** have five children; 18 grandchildren; and one great grand-daughter. Ron is a Maintenance Supervisor for Grace Community Jr. and Sr. High School (Tyler, TX). Ron uses his Biblical overview to impart stewardship principles to his crew. 13665 Flagstaff Dr., Tyler, TX 75707. Ronna63@sbcglobal.net.

Renee (Smith) (attn: '78-'79) and **Jess White** have two children, Ryan and Lizzie. They are both freshman at KCU. Renee is working as the secretary at Lehigh Acres Christian Church. Jess is an EMT and part time youth minister. 712 Fifth Ave., Lehigh Acres, FL 33972. Whitejr2001@aol.com.

John (attn: '75-'78) and **Martha Wright** celebrate 30 years of marriage and 30 years in the pulpit ministry in 2006. John is also celebrating 10 years as Minister of Bishopville Church of Christ. Martha is an RN. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Jessica. 13 Fairview Ave., Glouster, OH 45732. bishopville767@yahoo.com.

1980's

Bonnie Lou (Price) Gilbert ('81) has assumed the position of Director of Alumni at Virginia Tech. 1787 Bluegrass Trl., Newport, VA 24128.

Jenny Hooper (attn: '84-'88). 165 Meadowlark Ln., Columbus, OH 43214. missjenny22@copper.net.

Bill ('82) and **Linda (Barber)** ('82) **Hunt** have two children, Rebecca and Rachel. Bill is a Minister. Linda is a 5th Grade Teacher for the Licking Heights School District. 312 Enos Loomis St., Pataskala, OH 43062. blond51582@aol.com.

Randy ('83) and **Lori (Settle)** ('83) **Nation** recently celebrated 25 years in the ministry. Randy is the Senior Minister at Woodford Community Christian Church. They have four children, Kiel (a KCU student), Lindsay (17), Brianne (15), Lora (12). 478 Kuhlman Dr., Versailles, KY 40383. randy@woodfordcommunity.org or nation6@netzero.net.

Thomas ('84) and **Sharon O'Brien** have returned to serve the First Christian Church of Ellwood City, PA. Emily (9) was

baptized by her father during Vacation Bible School in June. Their other two children are Andrew (6) and Chelsea (3). 507 Chewton Wurtemberg Rd., Wampum, PA 16157.

Paige (Duvall) (attn: '82-'84) and **Dean Perkins** bought their first home in August of 2004. Paige has been employed with Verizon for the past six years as an operator. She transferred to Morehead State University in 1984 and graduated from there with a bachelor of social work. 2746 Baybrook Dr., Lexington, KY 40517. pdperkins@insightbb.com.

Carol Renee Yocum (attn: '84-'87) has two children, Cameron (18) and Devin (16). 810 Desert Cir., Fountain, CO 80817. renee.yocum@adelphia.net.

1990's

Danielle (Ridenbaugh) ('95) and **Andy Ard** have two children, Austin (4) and Caleb (3). Andy is a Youth Minister and Danielle is a 3rd Grade Teacher for Sarasota County Schools. 4645 Spahn St., Sarasota, FL 34232. dardvark@msn.com.

Josh ('99) and **Angie (Shimek)** ('99) **Blair** announce the birth of Eli Jacob on September 20, 2006. 527 E. 4th St., Centralia, IL 62801.

Greg ('92) and **Stanya (DeVold)** ('93) **Campbell** have two children, Ethan (9) and Zac (2). Greg is the Worship and Fine Arts Minister of Lakeshore Christian Church. 3649 Burwick Pl., Antioch, TN 37013. gregger@bellsouth.net.

Tony ('97) and **Karen (Bloemker)** ('99) **Clay** announce the birth of their son Matthew Allen. Matthew joins sister Allison (2). 1125 S. North St., Washington Court House, OH 43160.

Tammy (Murphy) ('96) and **Mike Frye** announce the birth of their daughter, Maryanne Murphy Frye on September 5, 2006. Mike is a Paralegal in the United States Air Force. PSC 9 Box 1952, APO, AE, VA 09123. mtf434@hotmail.com.

Robert ('97) and **Amanda Hinton** announce the birth of their daughter Abigail on August 26, 2006. They have three other children, Jacob (7), Adam (6), and Joshua (1). Robert works for Wood County Schools as a Substitute Teacher. 101 Gibbnes Ln. Apt. E, Belpre, OH 45714. amandashusband1219@yahoo.com.

Julie Jackson ('95) began working as in-house counsel for Takeda Pharmaceuticals on June 12, 2006. 1099 Shady Tree Ln., Wheeling, IL 60090. juljacks@msn.com.

April (Cooper) ('93) married **Todd Keelin** on August 26, 2006. April has one daughter, Morgan (7), and Todd has two children, Kylie (9) and Caleb (6). April has been teaching in Grayson, KY as an Elementary Music Teacher for eleven years. Todd works for CSX Railroad. 104 Lycan Rd., Ashland, KY 41101. April.Keelin@Carter.kyschools.us.

Jeremy ('98) and **Dawn (Aurigema)** ('98) **Klein** announce the birth of Alivia Marie on May 31,

Alumni

2006-2007 CALENDAR

Alumni Reception Following Feast of Christmas • December 1, 2006

Reception in the upstairs lobby of Lusby Center

Homecoming • February 9, 2007

Reception following the men's game in Waters Cafeteria

New Day (formerly Ladies' Day) March 30-31, 2007

Watch for the alumni welcome board

Register Online.

For your convenience, many of the above events have online registration.

Alumni Banquet • May 11, 2007

6:00 p.m. in Lusby Center Auditorium

Commencement • May 12, 2007

10:00 a.m. in Lusby Center Auditorium

North American Christian Convention July 3-6, 2007

Reception for Alumni & Friends

Alumni Soccer Games • August 25, 2007

Alumni women vs. KCU Lady Knights soccer
Alumni men vs. KCU Knights soccer
Times TBA *Online registration*

2006. She joins Alex (4), 7340 Lake Knoll Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432. **Wes** (attn: '96-'98) and **Cathy (Meldrim)** (attn: '95-'98) **Luzadder** have a daughter Arielle (3). Cathy graduated in May 2006 with a Masters Degree in School Psychology from Roberts Wesleyan College. She is currently working for the Churchville-Chili School District in Rochester, NY. Wes works at Roberts Wesleyan College as a computer support technician.

John (attn: '85-'89) and **Anita (Witt)** ('95) **Martin** have three children, Robert, Will, and T.J. Anita is a Preschool Teacher at East Liverpool Christian School, 211 W. 7th St., East Liverpool, OH 43920. 9068martin@comcast.net.

Jason (attn: '93-'95) and **Dera (Cone)** ('98) **Polk** announce the birth of their son Landon Kyler Scott Polk, born on July 20, 2006. 115 Jeremy Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601. deralynn@gmail.com.

Bryan ('98) and **Wendy (Steh)** ('99) **Springvloed** announce the birth of their son James Elijah Springvloed on January 26, 2006. 1204 N. Garfield St. Apt. A, Marion, IL 62959.

Amy (Johnson) ('94) and Jay **Stout** have two children, Kyle Hathaway (8) and Alivia (2). Due to multiple sclerosis Amy has retired from teaching for Martinsville City Public Schools. 110 Farmington Ct., Martinsville, VA 24112. sc3lilman@va.net.

2000's

Albert ('00) and **Jill (Muter)** ('00) **Bailey** have two children, Aaron (2) and Elizabeth (1). They began a new ministry at First Church of Christ in Caldwell Ohio in April 2006. 15120 St. Rt. 78, Caldwell, OH 43724. albertjillbailey@yahoo.com.

Crystal (Hart) ('03) and Corey

The Next Generation of KCU Alumni



Row 1 (Left to Right): **Heather Rose**, daughter of Tammy (Barrell) Rose, granddaughter of Larry and Anne (Parke) Barrell; **Amy Girton**, daughter of Mike and Kathy (Whitacre) Girton and granddaughter of Fred Whitacre; **Chelsie Albrecht**, granddaughter of Fred Albrecht; **Ashlee Washburn**, daughter of Tom and Debbie (Russell) Washburn; **Kelsey Jo Sullivan**, daughter of Jon and Kimberly (Oliver) Sullivan; **Kendra Sullivan**, daughter of Jon and Kimberly (Oliver) Sullivan; **Rachel Hunt**, daughter of Bill and Linda (Barber) Hunt; **Jodi Thomas**, daughter of Jonathan Thomas, and granddaughter of Sheldon and Betty (Bliffen) Thomas.

Row 2 (Left to Right): **Leah Vujeovich**, daughter of Van Vujeovich; **Sarah Erwin**, daughter of Terry Erwin and granddaughter of Rod Kasler; **Jessica Lynn**, daughter of Michael Lynn; **Rebecca Greene**, daughter of Jeff and Patty (Bendicksen) Greene; **Jeremiah Stivers**, son of Ed and Phyllis (Jache) Stivers; **Lauren Helton**, daughter of Jeff Helton; **Kyle Martin**, son of Phil and Kim (Sellars) Martin.

Row 3 (Left to Right): **Aleena Tompkins**, daughter of Roberta (Apperson) Hodge Tompkins; **Cheryl Roberts**, granddaughter of Bill and Ann Kennedy; **Cassie Evans**, daughter of Elaine (Brannan) Evans; **David Underwood**, son of Hillary and Susan (Amburgey) Underwood; **Kelli Isaacs**, daughter of Keith and Karen (Burbrink) Isaacs, and granddaughter of Tom and Nancy Burbrink; **Tiffany Lindeman**, daughter of Ron and Anita Lindeman; **Katherine Wagner**, God-child of Brian and Sylvia (Lusby) Giese; **Ryan Cox**, son of Maxine (Wise) Cox, and grandson of Alonzo Wise.

Row 4 (Left to Right): **Whitney Yankey**, daughter of Terry and Helen (Eads) Yankey; **Dave Matthews**, son of Jim and Margaret (Cochran) Matthews; **Emily Cluff**, daughter of Daniel Cluff and Julie (Ott) Kirkbride, granddaughter of Joseph Cluff and Stanley Ott; **Daniel White**, son of Larry and Terry (Schlauch) White; **Jordan Stanley**, son of Jeffrey and Sherry (Lynch) Stanley; **Seth Amerine**, son of Tony and Cheri (Kinnett) Amerine; **Tim Erwin**, son of Terry Erwin; **Seth Baker**, son of Tommy and Janet (Sharp) Baker; **Ryan White**, son of Renee (Smith) White.

Not Pictured: **Luke Dixon**, son of Bruce and Donna (Ramsey) Dixon; **Ashley Baldwin**, daughter of Andrea (Brumley) Baldwin; **Mindi Boring**, daughter of Wayne and Karen (Lear) Boring; **Kristy Lindeman**, daughter of Ron and Anita Lindeman; **Kiel Nation**, son of Randy and Lori (Settle) Nation; **Erich Nischan**, son of Tim and Tammy Nischan.



Annual Alumni Soccer Games

A record number of former soccer players returned for the annual "grudge match" with the KCU soccer teams. Despite their record numbers, the alumni were handily defeated by the current teams. A picnic followed the games which allowed a time of fellowship for alumni, students, faculty and staff.

Brown. Corey is a Design Specialist at AT&T in Indianapolis. Crystal is an 8th Grade Science Teacher at Center Grove Community School. 24 Hidden Bay Dr. Apt. D, Greenwood, IN 46142. brownnc@centergrove.k12.in.us.

Daniel ('06) and Megan (Ross) ('06) Charlton were married on June 24, 2006. 7910 Vinings Oak Ln., Apt 227, Matthews, NC 28105. danielacharlton@gmail.com. Megan.Charlton@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Amy (Reed) ('00) and Josh Givens announce the birth of Riley Joshua Givens, on July 20, 2005. Josh works in sales at Trane Parts Center in Lexington. Amy is a 3rd-4th Grade Literacy Teacher at Camargo Elementary School. 227 Nest Egg Rd., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. Amy.Givens@montgomery.kyschools.us.

Steve ('00) and Sara (Campbell) ('00) Harley announce the birth of Alivia Mae on November 16, 2005. 101 Willard Cir., Hurricane, WV 25526. stevesaraharley@hotmail.com.

Jeremy ('03) and Audra (Lane) ('02) Hazelton announce the birth of Aynsley K. on September 2, 2006. 9638 New Castle Dr., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130. Jeremymhazelton@hotmail.com.

Scott ('03) and Janet (Wix)

KCU alumni always have a good time getting together and fellowshiping. The Alumni and Friends Reception at the North American Christian Convention in July was no exception. A huge crowd shared together for hours at the reception. A host of alumni and friends frequented the KCU booth during the convention.



('01) **Hines** announce the birth of Chesna May on May 4, 2006. 937 Fairfield Ln., McDonald, PA 15057. janethines@yahoo.com.

Jordan ('05) and **Sara (Wilds)** (attn: '03-'05) **Johnson** work for the Last Chance Program for students in Fayette County (Lexington). Jordan was hired this summer as Offensive Line Coach at Bryan Station High School. Sara is a Social Worker for Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program. 2261 Prescott Ln., Lexington, KY 40511. Jordan.Johnson@fayette.kyschools.us.

Allison (Clark) ('00) and **Randy Lewis** announce the birth of Brianna Kay Lewis on May 29, 2006. She joins big brother Logan (8). 7595 Ironworks Rd., Winchester, KY 40391. your_special_day@hotmail.com.

Mark ('05) and **Kara (Price)** ('04) **Messmore**. Mark is the Associate Minister of Discipleship and Small Groups at the Christian Church of Jasper. Kara graduated from the University of Louisville with

her Masters in Social Work and Marriage & Family Therapy in May. 1037 Dorbett St., Jasper, IN 47546. kmessmore@hotmail.com.

David ('00) and **Anne (Nelson)** ('02) **Plumley** announce the birth of their son, Joshua David, born on August 2, 2006. David is the Student Minister at Southside Church of Christ. Anne is a Teacher at Fairfield Middle School. 615 Comfort Ln., Washington Court House, OH 43160. plumley@hotmail.com.

Joel ('05) and **Randi (Goodwin)** ('05) **Reid** announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Marie Reid, on May 9, 2006. Joel is the Worship/Youth Minister and Randi is the Director of Children's Ministries at Gallipolis Christian Church. 1696 Mill Creek Rd., Gallipolis, OH 45631. joel_reid187@yahoo.com.

Alicia (Hall) ('01) and **Matt Sanders** have one child, William Paul (1). Alicia works part time at Hope Community Church. Matt also works at Hope Community as the Music Teacher/Lead Worshipper.

4423 Brook Hollow Cir., Winter Springs, FL 32708. Alicia@hopeteam.org.

Lorena (Hinton) (attn: '98-'00) and **John Southall** announce the birth of their son Ian Charles Gardner, born on October 7, 2005. He joins McCaylee Grace (3). John works as a Union Millwright. 1275 Greenlees Rd., Fleming, OH 45729. ianmacksmom@hotmail.com.

Paul Walker ('02) works for Imperial Marble and Little York Christian Church. 384 West Cherry, Scottsburg, IN 47170. paul.walker@insightbb.com.

Justin ('06) and **Amber (Whitacre)** ('06) **Davis** were married on June 17, 2006. Justin is the Children's Minister at Boone's Creek Christian Church outside Johnson City, TN. 1618 Old Gray Station Rd., Gray, TN 37615. adavis61706@yahoo.com.

Tonya Workman ('03) is a Dorm Minister/Teacher at New Creations Chapel. 6400 National Rd. E., Richmond, IN 47374. tworkman@newcreationschapel.org.

In Memoriam

Helen Bright, former KCU bookstore manager, died April 19, 2006. Her husband **Gerald Bright**, ('38) and former KCU professor, will be living with his daughter. 57 W. Church St., Stanton, KY 40380.

Joshua Glover (attn: '00-'01) died on August 16, 2006 as the result of a motorcycle accident. Surviving are his parents Fred and Jeanette Glover and brother **Joseph** ('01). 11983 N. Little Point Rd., Stilesville, IN 46180

Dr. James E. Quisenberry ('55) former KCU Professor and graduate passed away on October 15, 2006. He most recently served at Farmers Christian Church in Farmers, KY. He is survived by his wife, **Martha** (attn: '53-'54) and daughters Ann (Quisenberry) White, and **Lynn (Quisenberry)** (attn: '86) **Hobstetter** and husband **Bill** ('91). Martha: 302 Jewell Ln., Morehead, KY 40351. Bill and Lynn: 817 Heavenly Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

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March 1-2



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May 11

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May 11



May 12



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