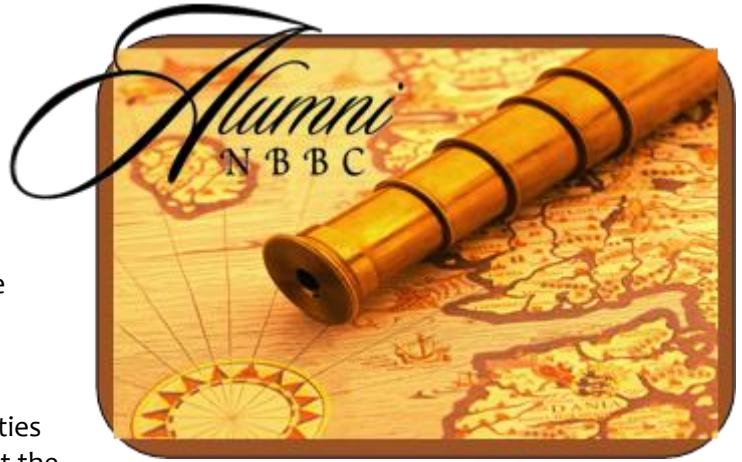


**March 23, 2009**

Dear Alumni,

This morning the sky was cloudy and gray, it was 29° but the snow is practically gone and the students are back from Spring Break. I was greeted by the many smiling, happy students (or is that a dazed look I see?). But we are glad to have everyone back for the last half of the semester.



It will be busy as you know... Easter, Missions Conference, Springfest and lots of classes and activities and ministry will keep us going to the end. But it isn't the activity that really keeps us going is it? I hope not. That can lead to a really barren life – even in the ministry. There is a great joy – it is the God whom we serve. **He** is our motivation and strength, the driving force behind what we do and why we do it. May we never attempt to live our lives or do the work of the ministry apart from His empowering grace!

We would love to hear from you. Let us know where you are, what you are doing and how you are seeing God at work. It will be a blessing to hear from you regarding these matters  
I hope you have a blessed week!

In Christ,

Dr. Wynne Kimbrough

### **Looking For...**

We would like to locate alumni with whom we have lost contact. If you have an address – mail or email of any of the following graduates, we would love to try to contact them.

#### **Class of 1987**

- Tim Baker
- Diana Bentz
- Rick and Kim Brown
- Glenn Houle
- Rob Lambert
- Jerry Schmidt
- Chris Somers
- J. Bryan Stevens

If you have any information, please contact Jennifer Keith at [alumni@nbbc.edu](mailto:alumni@nbbc.edu). Thank you!

### **Verses of the Week**

“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.” ~  
Philippians 1:11

### **Name of God**

El Simchath Gili– God My Exceeding Joy (Ps. 43:4)

### **This Week At Northland**

March 23 – Classes resume

### ***If you missed the HEART Conference...***

If you are interested in messages from the 2009 HEART Conference, go to this address:  
<http://www.northlandstore.org/index.html> for more information.

If you would like to listen to messages given in chapel during the school year, please go to this address:  
<http://www.nbbc.edu/ministries/podcast.html>

### ***NBBC Alumni Website***

The pictures from the HEART Conference are now posted on the alumni website. Please [click here](#) for the website. You will need to log in order to see the picture gallery.

Do you have suggestions for us about the Alumni website? What would you like to see on it? Please send your suggestions to Jennifer Keith at [alumni@nbbc.edu](mailto:alumni@nbbc.edu). Thank you! We love hearing from you!

### ***Missions Conference – We need YOUR help!***

As many of you will remember, early April at Northland means Missions Conference. We are in the final stages of getting ready for our conference this year which will be April 6-10 on the theme “Every Kindred, and Tongue, and People, and Nation.” The speakers for this year’s conference include Gary Anderson (BMM), Gerry Baughman (BIMI), Bill Branks (Church planter in Chicago), Jason Stover (Poland), John Zimmer (Palau) and many other workshop speakers (more information at [www.missions.nbbc.edu](http://www.missions.nbbc.edu))

During this year’s conference, we would like to highlight what God is doing around the world. Could you send a picture of you, your family or your ministry and a short testimony about specific things God has been doing in your ministry? We will display these testimonies and pictures around campus during the conference. It is our goal to use these testimonies to encourage students about what God is doing from “Every Kindred, and Tongue, and People, and Nation.” Please email Denny Vauters directly ([dvauters@nbbc.edu](mailto:dvauters@nbbc.edu)) by Monday March 30.

Thank you for your part in this year’s Missions Conference  
Neal Cushman  
Missions Director

### ***Travel Schedules:***

Dr. Olson - March 27-29 – Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Kansas City, KS  
Dr. Ollila - March 23-24 – Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC  
March 29-April 1 – Colchester Bible Baptist Church in Colchester, CT

### ***Encouraging Emails:***

Thank you to those who have emailed us with some things that have encouraged you. We have included some of them here. They will encourage you as well.

### ***James ('83) and Mary ('80 Allard) Hawkins:***

God is good. He has shown me the way to pray. My girls are in the military..Rebecca is going to Texas as an 2nd Lieutenant in the army.. She will be going off to Korea to serve in the army. Please pray for her as she serves her country. My other daughter is also a 2nd Lieutenant in the national guards she is always gone somewhere.

**We would love to hear from more of you so just send us a note. Keep it brief but perhaps state it like this, “I have been encouraged recently by\_\_\_\_\_.”**

### ***Alumni Updates:***

#### **Vonda Jones ('98):**

Dear Praying Friends,

It is amazing how quickly time is going! I have now been in Thailand for almost 10 months! I am keeping very busy with church activities as well as with language study. We have changed how we do our children's program on Sunday mornings, and the children are really enjoying it. During the Sunday school hour, we have the Bible story and craft time (sometimes the craft runs into the next hour). After the song service in the auditorium, the children go back to their room, and we give them the opportunity to say their verse from the previous week as well as work on the next week's verse. We have been very excited because the majority of the children are saying their verse each week. We have also been having an ongoing challenge to learn the books of the New Testament, and several of the children have done this as well. Praise the Lord for their excitement to hide God's Word in their hearts. The remainder of the second hour is spent with games. Every other Sunday I am in the Sunday school hour, and the opposite Sunday I'm in the junior church hour. We have five ladies who rotate teaching the Bible story.

Language studies are continuing steadily. I am now studying five mornings a week for about 1 1/2 hours each day. I then try to study an additional few hours on my own each day. I am in the process of trying to learn to read Thai, which is quite challenging. Please continue to pray for me. Recently, my Internet was down, so I had to go to the telephone company to request a repairman to come to my home to fix the problem. I was trying to communicate in Thai as much as possible. (One lady spoke some English, which was a help!) In the course of the conversation, I stated that I needed to have a repairman come to my house, and she said that yes, I did need a repairman. I left the telephone company office congratulating myself that I had handled the majority of the conversation in Thai! On the way home however, I was reviewing the conversation in my mind and realized that instead of asking for a repairman, I had used the word for elephant. Thankfully, the lady understood that I wanted a repairman, not an elephant to come to my home! The words are spelled and pronounced the same, but with a different tone!

The schools are now closed for summer break before starting up again in May, so we have also taken a break from our English teaching. Please pray that we will continue to be able to have contact with the students who have come to our classes. In May I am planning to start teaching a ladies' Bible study on Sunday evenings. My plan to teach on Friday nights did not work out, so we are trying for a different day with the prayer that more ladies will be able to attend. Please pray for wisdom as we start this new ministry.

You can see updates and pictures of my life and ministry here in Surin at my website:

[www.vondatothailand.org](http://www.vondatothailand.org) Thank you so much for your continued prayers for me.

In Him,

Vonda Jones

[vondazthailand@gmail.com](mailto:vondazthailand@gmail.com)

### ***Alumni Prayer Requests:***

#### **Eric ('01) and Cassandra Pardine:**

Dear Friends and Family,

Hi, it's me, Joshua! I'm at home again with Mommy and Daddy because they didn't admit me to the hospital today. It seems that the Heart Institute is behind in its surgery schedule and they also sent home two other children.

On Tuesday we have an appointment to see the one of the doctors who is the Head of the Cardiac Department (or one of the heads). He will tell us why I couldn't have my surgery on Monday and give us a new surgery date.

I know that God is in control of my situation. I even got to share a little about mommy's Christian school with some people in the waiting room and I gave them the information so that they could visit it sometime.

Thank you for praying for me. Could you keep praying?

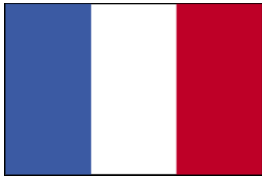
With love,

Joshua Michael

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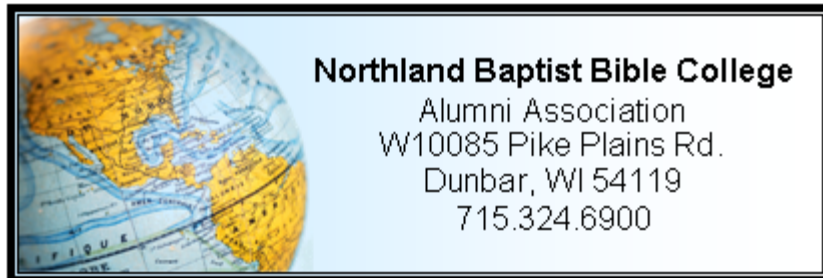
### ***God's Word for Every Language...***

Each week for the alumni update we are featuring John 3:16 in the languages where Northland graduates are serving on the mission field.



#### **John 3:16 in French:**

“Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde qu'il a donné son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne périsse point, mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle.”



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The image is a rectangular box with a black border. On the left side, there is a small map of the world showing the Americas. To the right of the map, the text provides the contact information for the Northland Baptist Bible College Alumni Association.