

March 9, 2009

Dear Alumni,

Perhaps you have seen the Northland calendar but this Friday is the beginning of mid-semester break... everyone is glad for that! It has been a long cold winter up here and many students and staff will have the opportunity to go to a warmer climate for a few days. If not, then there will still be a few moments to relax from the pace at school.



Have you had or taken time to apply Psalm 46:14 “Be still, and know that I am God...” Aren’t those comforting words? It really does adjust our focus when we acknowledge God... the God of everyday, the God of every situation and circumstance, the sovereign God who rules over all. It is a comfort to me but it comes packaged in “stillness”. I understand that word to mean “cease; stop; don’t worry; relax.” I have a tendency to get uptight. God says, “I’m in control!” I hope the truths you have learned from Scripture will give you calm assurance today. Pray for us during the upcoming break.

Have a great week - we would love to hear from you.

In Christ,

Dr. Wynne Kimbrough

~There will not be an Alumni Update for next Monday, March 16th due to the semester break. The Alumni Updates will continue on March 23. Thank you!

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. If you have any information, please contact Jennifer Keith at alumni@nbbc.edu. Thank you!

Class of 1986

- Ken Ellison
- Karen Frisch
- Kim Hammond
- Stan Marske
- Dave Miller
- Mary Orysen
- Gary Phelps
- Wade Pittenger
- Dori Ross
- Scott Williquette
- Dave Wilson

Verse of the Week

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ.” – Philippians 4:14

Name of God

Elohim Shophetim Ba-arets – God that Judgeth in the Earth (Ps. 58:11)

This Week At Northland

March 5-11 – Student Body Presidential Campaigns

March 13-14 – Northland hosts the WFBC Ladies Retreat

March 13 -22 – Spring Break

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>

NBBE 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. Thank you! We love hearing from you!

Travel Schedules:

Dr. Ollila - March 20-22 – Hillcrest Baptist Church in Logansport, IN

Dr. McLachlan – March 9-13 - Appalachian Baptist Bible College in Bradley, WV

March 15 - Fellowship Baptist Church in Galipolis, OH

Dr. Horn – March 21-30 – Israel Tour

Keven Brownfield - March 8-11, Calvary Baptist Church, Mt Vernon IN

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.

Julie Myer ('00):

I have been encouraged by the book of Joshua where the Father continually promises, "I will be with you."

Timothy ('99) and Christa ('97 Stevenson) Nyce:

Dr. Kimbrough,

Thanks for the reminder of Dr. Von's "way to start the day" - it had been a while since I'd heard this or even consciously thought of it, yet as I started to read this, all 4 points came right back to me as if I'd just heard it yesterday. Just one of the little ways God's truths were instilled in me 14 years ago. Thanks for refreshing my memory & being a blessing!

Christa Nyce

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 _____."

Announcements:

Dear praying friends and especially educators,

The last few months have made me realize just how important education for our m.k.s can be for survival on the foreign field.

Metro Delhi International School was founded by Dan's brother in 2002 with the vision of supporting families in our line of work. He and his wife were here in Delhi when there weren't as many workers. There weren't any options of International Christian education for my niece and nephew. Having received his Master's in School Administration from Bob Jones University, Dan's brother was equipped to follow the Lord's leading in starting our school.

Asha and Isaiah have been attending the school since KG. Both have had a positive experience and have scored high for most subjects on the SAT exam. I also appreciate the spiritual input of the teachers and staff.

This next year is one of quite a transition. We are in need of a head principal/school administrator who has experience. The current principal has been with the school for about 5 years and now desires to follow her call to help develop Indian Christian schools. We also would like to have more applications come in for teaching positions. The school gives priority to teachers who are state certified or are certified in their home countries.

India is an exciting, challenging, and needy nation in which to serve. Please forward this e-mail on to those who may be interested in working at our kids' school! The school needs are listed on 2 websites: mission: teach and mdis.net.

I have served on the educational committee for 3 years now, and any preliminary questions can be directed to me.

Serving together,
Laura Gillette
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Alumni Updates:

Jeremy ('07) and Bonny Clark:

Dear Friends and Family,

Even though this second term has just begun, we have already had some great opportunities with our students. We were able to teach about Valentine's Day. Using this holiday, we were able to teach about love and have a discussion about what true love is. We were able to use the love passage (1 Cor. 13) to discuss this. This past Friday we were able to have a "Valentine's" party with students who have had Bible studies in the past but have not accepted salvation yet. We had a great turn out for the party, and we also had two of our more mature Chinese brothers and sisters come. The Gospel and God's love were clearly explained, and after the party many of the students had good conversations with other believers and their teachers. Three of the students that came are the students that we will be studying "Chinese" with during the rest of this term. Please pray that we will have good follow-up discussions with these students and that we will see them accept Christ before the end of the term.

The next evening (Saturday) we were able to have a similar party with other believers. I was able to give a challenge from the love passage. It went very well. This term we are going to have weekly times of petitioning and study with all of these brothers and sisters. We are going to go through a course to help them be more founded in truth. We are also going to be working with some of them who have been brothers and sisters longer to train them how to teach newer sisters and brothers in the future. We have seen some great growth in some of them this past semester.

Please pray for our family as this term will be very busy. Extra study times and this weekly meeting will make lesson prep time and family time tighter. We will need wisdom on how to balance everything this term.

Pressing on,
Jeremy, Bonny, and Abel

Alumni Prayer Requests:

Julie Myer ('00):

I've had a couple different opportunities recently that I'd like you to keep in mind.

First, I have a coworker who asked me to take him to a meeting on Sunday. He's seen Gardens on TV and is curious. Please think about that situation. We'll be there at the meeting while you're sleeping Saturday night.

Second, a friend of mine here has been sick for a couple weeks. She's in the hospital getting all kinds of test, but the doctors haven't found out what's wrong yet. I haven't been to see her because at first she didn't want visitors, and then I got a cold. I've talked with her about the Father before, but there's just no response. She just can't seem to get her head around the fact that there is a Father at all.

Third, and most urgently, please, please think about Michael (about 30 years old). He's a dear friend from way back when I first got here to China in 2002. I've mentioned him before. He's the one with leukemia. (I might have mentioned that when we've talked about the Father in the past, he was never very receptive.) When I did get in touch with him, I found out that last Sunday evening he almost died (his mother even signed the little "your son is about to die" notice), but he finally pulled through. I was able to talk to him on the phone a couple nights ago, and he's so upbeat and optimistic. Since then, he's been in a "germless room" (in other words, a sterile ward) and isn't even allowed to use his cell phone.

Of course, I've mentioned the Father to him and have told him I'm "thinking" about him. He's always very thankful for my thoughts, but he has absolutely no response to my questions or comments. In some ways he very practically faces reality, but in other ways, he is ignoring reality. He wants to feel like a normal person, not a dying person. I understand (as much as someone who has never been there can, I mean). I'm currently in touch with his girlfriend. I don't know if she's seen the messages I sent to him before or not. I gave her some verses and brought up the topic of Him. She has a very similar response to Michael's--thanks for your kindness. It means a lot. She does go one step farther by using a Chinese expression kind of like saying "the heavens" which is a very abstract reference to something out there who might be able to help.

Ask for Him to work in the hearts of Michael and his girlfriend. Ask for wisdom for me. Michael is probably a couple thousand miles away from me. I really, really want to fly down and visit him and talk to him face to face. Ask that I'd have the wisdom to know if and when I should do that. Ask for wisdom in what to say in my messages to him and his girlfriend.

Thanks for thinking! I will be sure to keep you updated if anything significant happens.

Julie

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 Hindi:

क्योंकि परमेश्वर ने संसार से ऐसा
प्रेम रखा कि अपना एकलौता पुत्र
दे दिया कि जो कोई उस पर विश्वास
करे, नष्ट न हो परन्तु शाश्वत
जीवन पाए।



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