Onesimus Report

This has been a great year and a learning year for me as Alumni Relations Coordinator. I’ve been “flying by the seat of my pants” so to speak because this position did not exist until July of 2011. It’s also been great to pray with many of you, to visit your churches, youth groups, homes, and to follow you on Facebook. Although I thoroughly enjoyed and was blessed in the travelling and visiting, our Spring Conference was probably the highlight of the year with the alumni dinner serving around one hundred and fifty, and auctions and golf tournament raising nearly $10,000 toward scholarships. The afterglows were also a great time of reconnecting, hugs, and laughter.

A big thanks to our alumni officers and a little update on them too. Jason Carr and family are now in Twin Falls at Community Christian Church enjoying a relatively new baby (expecting one more too) and a new house. Nick Duffel (Ten Mile Christian Church) and his wife Beth are planning to add a new member to their family. Steve Naglak and wife Carrie are doing the summer stuff at New Beginnings Church in Kuna. Katie Morris and husband Caleb are anticipating a new arrival sometime in late October.

Also, give us your feedback - Do you prefer to receive the newsletter in the present ‘flier’ format or in an envelope.

In the Works

It’s coming. HOMECOMING!
So mark your calendars now for a “family focused” good time October 18 – 20. Keep a lookout for more details but here are some morsels to stimulate your appetite.

Theme: CONNECTED
Speakers: Dave and Hester Christensen
Fun stuff: corn maze, Zoo Boise, Cocktail Hour, Tailgate Party, Prayer Partners

Prayerboard

Will Nockles – taking medication and preparing for surgery due to an Ateriovenous Malformation (a cluster of blood vessels assimilated in his brain causing seizures).
Mark Stevens – undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from surgery due to colon cancer.
Congratulations to Tony Parker (2000) who was selected as Distinguished Alumni of the year for 2012. His missionary and dentistry work takes him to areas previously untouched by the gospel.

We are careful in sharing some of the details of his endeavors because of the delicate nature of these situations, but suffice it to say the Lord is blessing him and others.

Our prayers are with you, Tony.

Goodbye friend

This year, one of our friends passed on to a heavenly home. Neila Irene (Richardson) Obenchain, who passed from this life April 15, 2012, attended BBC in the 1950’s and was married to “Dewey” Obenchain. Together they ministered in Boise, Idaho Falls, and Weiser, Idaho; Glide, Oregon; Spokane and Colfax, Washington; and Ronan, Montana. She taught Sunday School, played piano and led choirs. She also helped at the Kootenai Christian Service Camp.

Spotlight on Kevin Bates

In the heart of the quaint berg of Sherwood, Oregon, sits a coffee house called Symposium. It is almost the hub of the city and lights are on there from about 6:00 a.m. until midnight. Graduates of BBC oversee, develop and maintain both this facility and Sunday services for the church “Resonate” that meets in the local school. Kevin Bates comments that “through a missional outreach to our region and a relational environment for those that make the choice to worship and grow in their faith, we will achieve the incarnational presence of Christ within our community.” This community emphasis has had its rewards as this church has helped to “run after school homework programs, taught ESL classes, provided dinner and food items for teachers, and volunteered in semester events for the school district.”

This unique approach to ministry is thriving as people are touched by the caring spirit of the Lord and BBC graduates. When in or near Sherwood, stop in for some coffee and loving care. (Ministry team: Kevin and Amanda Bates (2001, 2002), Bethany Stoller (2010), Aaron King, Todd King and Jake Pflug.

Where are they now?

Martin and Paula Flaherty are back in the Boise area. They will be ministering with Deer Flat Church, Caldwell.

Chaplain Cory Arnold, now stationed in south Korea was awarded the Bronze star.

We need your input! Where are you now?

Baby T-shirts

35 were given out this year. Lots of alumni babies!

Elena and new brother Eyrie. (Eyrie is still waiting for his T-shirt.)

Sean, Anna and Elena Kluckow

Isaiah Patterson

Son of Paule & Mollie Patterson

Reegan Nicole Daughter of Steve & Monique Botsford

Abigail Daughter of Jeana & Nicholas Baird

Elliott Grace Daughter of Jesse & Jessica Davolt

Annalise Daughter of Angela & Taylor Hayden