Reaching students in a life-shaping season
The Global Microcosms Among Us

In this Advance, you will hear the university campus referred to as a microcosm of global culture. You could almost say that every tribe, from every nation, speaking every tongue, can be found on the world’s university campuses. What a mission field right here in our own backyard! Let me introduce you to two of my own experiences with this global microcosm.

During the 1998–1999 academic year, my wife, Jan, and I were studying French at Blaise Pascal University in Clermont-Ferrand, France. I remember asking the Lord if He would not allow us to stay in France and reach out to university students. Why? As I moved across that campus day after day, I met Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses but not evangelical believers reaching out with the gospel to this global microcosm. Students came to study science, engineering, and medicine from literally the four corners of the world. They came from places like Vietnam, North Korea, China, the Asian subcontinent, Africa, and North America—and these were just the ones I had classes with. What a massive missions opportunity to reach out to this global community.

Two years ago, I visited another part of the world, Salt Lake City, Utah, to catch a glimpse of our church planting ministry in that very Mormon world. Although my heart was touched by Mormonism’s systemic influences in that cultural context, it was my visit to Utah Valley University with our CBFI missionaries Mike and Sharon Keller that really drew my heart to the overwhelming need for evangelism. There at that state university, up to 90 percent of its 37,000 students are Mormon. And they come from all over the world, drawn because of Mormonism. As it was in France, the university context brings to our doorstep a microcosm waiting to hear truth.

I can think of no other ministry in the BMM world that has so great a capacity for impacting lives. If you are looking for an opportunity to touch the world with the truth, please consider joining the CBFI team in these ever-growing and ever-changing microcosms.

Truly by grace alone,

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A life-shaping
In American cities, large and small, a microcosm exists: the college campus. In it, you’ll find a cross-section of North America and the entire world. These microcosms are unparalleled mission fields, a way to reach the world from our own backyard.

In just four pivotal years, university experiences shape students indelibly. Some will abandon Christian beliefs or become more firmly entrenched in their parents’ secularism. But when Christian mentorship is available, students can find the saving power of Jesus Christ, be discipled, and spread His testimony wherever God leads them in life. For this very reason, Campus Bible Fellowship International was formed.

One of CBFI’s strongest distinctives is its connectivity to local churches, which work in partnership with CBFI missionaries. Students are actively integrated into these churches. And, through CBFI, church members use their gifts (as simply as baking cookies or hosting in-home events) to reach campuses for Christ.

By seizing the opportunities on their communities’ campuses, churches imprint Christ’s testimony onto the lives of students from North America and the entire world. Campus ministry is a measureless, life-shaping venue for Great Commission ministry, making world missions no longer a world away!
Where we serve
An overview of CBFI missionaries

BOULDER, COLORADO
Tom and Nancy Miller
University of Colorado: reaching a cross-section of the world’s peoples, with unique opportunities to reach atheists, pluralists, and Muslims.

Interesting facts: The Millers attend concerts and lectures, play basketball in the rec center, eat with students, and teach conversational English. God often uses these times to open deeper conversations to share the gospel.

MIAMI, FLORIDA
Ken and Marty Taylor
Florida International University: reaching a multicultural student body, with Hispanics and Catholics being the dominant ethnic and religious groups.

Interesting facts: FIU has more than 55,000 students from over 100 countries. The Taylors have seen both students and FIU staff receive Christ as Savior.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
Steve and Charlene Giegerich
Indiana University at South Bend + Notre Dame: reaching internationals mainly from Africa and China.

Interesting Facts: Steve has taken Spanish and jogging classes to meet students. The Giegeriches have a campus house to reach Notre Dame students.

IOWA CITY, IOWA
Elva Craig + a couple on loan
University of Iowa: reaching internationals, mainly from China.

Interesting Facts: Elva has taught English classes for 30 years, and her CBFI group has an annual furniture giveaway for internationals.
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK
Dave and Elizabeth Mayner
Binghamton University and SUNY—Broome: reaching mainly Americans. The BU student body is 25–30 percent Jewish.

Interesting facts: The Mayners give out about a dozen Bibles weekly through their literature table. They reach athletes by providing meals. Their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner draws 100–200 people, and their Procrastination Station (free pizza or gelato) attracts students during finals week.

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK
Paul and Sandy Jewell
Syracuse University + other area campuses: reaching students from all 50 states and 100 countries.

Interesting facts: The Jewells have not targeted particular groups but have had ministries to athletes and internationals.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
Jeff and Kim Abernethy
University of North Carolina–Charlotte: reaching a cross-section of the world’s peoples, with opportunities to counsel struggling students.

Interesting facts: The Abernethys’ weekly meal has been a gateway into the lives of students who hesitate to first attend a Bible study. It’s also been a fantastic partnership with area churches who help prepare the food.

CLEVELAND, OHIO
Mary Amesbury
Cleveland State University: reaching many students who are the first in their families to go to college, with a high percentage of African Americans and nontraditional-age students.

Interesting facts: Mary works solo but in partnership with a missionary pastor from another agency. She is passionate about raising up male leadership by having young male students take on leadership roles.

FAIRBORN, OHIO
Gary and Betty Holtz
Wright State University: reaching internationals mostly from China, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. The Holtzes also serve as CBFI’s coordinators.

Interesting facts: The Holtzes use conversational English classes to reach students and visiting scholars.

OREM, UTAH
Mike and Sharon Keller
Utah Valley University: reaching North American and international Mormons.

Interesting facts: A large proportion of students are already married because of the emphasis Mormonism places on marriage.

SALAMANCA, SPAIN
Jodi Harrison
University of Salamanca: Jodi works with ICTHUS, a university ministry started by missionaries Kent and Belén Albright.

Interesting facts: Originally called Campus Bible Fellowship, the organization’s name was changed to Campus Bible Fellowship International to expand the ministry’s reach into foreign universities. We are seeking additional CBFI missionaries to serve internationally.

CBFI APPOINTEES
Tim and Beth Tanner plan to minister in a CBFI team ministry.

Jean Tsen plans to work alongside church-planting missionaries Bill and Deb Edmondson, who reach internationals in Boston.
Campus Bible Fellowship International dates to 1965 when pastor Hal Miller started Bible studies with athletes at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. At the same time, Baptist Mid-Missions was seeking to start a campus ministry. In 1966, Hal and his wife, Patty, joined BMM to become CBFI’s first missionaries. They actively started chapters across Iowa, including the University of Iowa ministry in Iowa City. The Millers’ son Tom and his wife, Nancy, along with coworker Elva Craig, became its full-time missionaries in 1982.

Today, Elva continues the ministry in partnership with newer coworkers and with Faith Baptist Church in Iowa City. A strong local-church connection distinguishes CBFI from many university ministries. CBFI provides a venue for local churches to pursue Great Commission ministry, and students are encouraged to join and contribute to local churches. Faith Baptist Church (FBC) believes so strongly in CBFI that it added its own campus pastor. A portion of the church budget is dedicated solely to CBFI.

Every fall, FBC helps CBFI kick off the academic year with a furniture giveaway for international students. Church members and area churches donate furniture to help internationals set up their apartments and dorms. Church members readily mix with students, showing them Christ’s kindness. Many internationals begin attending CBFI and FBC and receive Christ this way. The church also bought two vans that CBFI uses, and it (along with four area churches) helped buy the campus house, a home dedicated to CBFI ministry. The church’s campus pastor and wife, Jake and Becky Mangold, live on the house’s second floor.

Jake and Becky, along with church member Sarah Lounsbrough (an adult BMM MK), work with American

Get to Know Gen Z
“Gen Z” are the 69-70 million children born between 1999 and 2015. They are now entering college. According to Impact 360, they are “the least Christian and most racially, religiously, and sexually diverse generation in American history.” Although they are a generation still taking shape, 13 percent identify as atheists, compared to six percent of all adults. This figure is nearly double that of Millennials (seven percent).

students. Elva works with internationals, helped by BMM coworkers John and Rebecca (on loan from a Creative Access Nation), and by Ann Den Uyl, an ABWE missionary Elva discipled as a CBFI student in the 1970s. Church members are key coworkers also. Once a month they host student fellowships in their homes. The interaction provides a warm family atmosphere for students, and it offers good home cooking—always a draw for students!

After more than 35 years at the University of Iowa, Elva has seen the long-term impact of CBFI. The children of many American CBFI grads have become CBFI students themselves. Recently, Elva worked with her first second-generation international student, the daughter of a Singaporean student saved and discipled through CBFI.

Carrie, a student from China, had sought the meaning of life after recovering from a brain tumor. She found Christ through CBFI and later led her parents, two sisters, and mother-in-law to the Lord.

Anita, a former international student, led her mother to the Lord in Hong Kong five months before her mother’s death. Anita also led her two sisters to Christ. Would a missionary have reached these in time? No one can say, but CBFI sends its graduates out as witnesses to places missionaries may never reach. And that’s life-changing, world-shaping impact!

Enduring Impact

Think of a stone thrown from a slingshot. Where the stone lands depends on where it’s aimed. Campus Bible Fellowship International changes lives because it points students toward Christ and His purposes for them. Countless CBFI alumni have gone on to glorify God with their lives and to spread His gospel wherever He has led them.

Read the stories of CBFI alumni Bill and Deb Edmondson, Steve and Charlene Giegerich, Ken and Marty Taylor, and Nancy Freund at www.bmm.org (click on Learn>articles). Also on our website in July/August, we’ll post a video about CBFI founders Hal and Patty Miller, who will receive BMM’s William C. Haas Lifetime Service Award, our highest honor.
In the small town of Creston, Iowa, First Baptist Church (FBC) takes seriously its obligation to send the gospel to the world, shown by their continued support of a number of missionaries. But FBC also understands that missions starts right outside their front door. A mission field with enormous potential sits just two-and-a-half blocks away: Southwestern Community College (SWCC).

Growing a ministry

With 1700+ students, including internationals, SWCC shapes the minds of young people in southwest Iowa and around the world. Seeing this opportunity, church members began leading Bible studies in the men’s dorms 10 years ago. Every fall, the ladies’ mission group distributed homemade cookies in the dorms. When the college no longer permitted this, the church sought other venues to reach students.

About three years ago, BMM missionary appointees Ron and Joy Hemsworth settled in Creston as they raised support to serve at BMM’s retirement village, Missionary Acres. Each time the Hemsworths drove by SWCC, they thought out loud, “We need to get a formal ministry going there!” The suggestion excited FBC Pastor Dave Tebbenkamp, who had worked in campus ministry as a youth pastor in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and who had volunteered with CBFI at the University of Iowa (see article p. 8). With wholehearted support from Pastor Tebbenkamp and church college leaders Blake and Kim Lauffer, the Hemsworths organized a Wednesday night Bible study and meal, dubbed “Impact College Ministry.” They sought advice from CBFI missionary Tom Miller, who sent a copy of CBFI’s discipleship manual, Disciples in Deed.

Church member Earldean Miller, a former Iowa City CBFI volunteer, couldn’t wait to participate. She had recently purchased a home, hoping to use it for ministry, and she now hosts the college Bible study and meal each week (photo above). Other FBC members are also helping in the ministry.

Shaping minds and hearts

Starting with six students in fall 2016, the Bible study now averages 16 and has visitors weekly. Much of the interest has been fueled by FBC’s own college students. They have met other Christians on campus, and their mutual interest is filling Earldean’s home with students who hear the challenge of God’s Word weekly. Students are finding Christ as Savior, including a classmate of the Hemsworths’ son Jacob. The Hemsworths hope to finish support raising this summer and move to Missionary Acres. First Baptist Church is ready to take the reins and keep this ministry thriving.
Campus Bible Fellowship International encourages every church or individual to see a mission field in their local campuses. CBFI Coordinators Gary and Betty Holtz have helped churches in Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia start their own campus ministries, and CBFI chapters founded by Hal and Patty Miller and other CBFI missionaries continue to reach students across the US.

What colleges are in your area? Explore the potential of campus ministry as an outreach of your church or discover how you can be a Campus Bible Fellowship International missionary. Contact the Holtzes at gholtz.cbf@juno.com or BMM North America Administrator Steve Butler at sbutler@bmm.org or 440-826-3930.

[To order a copy of CBFI’s discipleship manual, Disciples in Deed, visit www.bmm.org and click on Learn>Resources.]
Great is our GOD

The story of Baptist Mid-Missions

Photos, clockwise, top right: Anderson Clayton employees; Guy McLain and his wife, Inez, with Pedro Mitoso and family; Dr. Galen Crozier (right), his wife, Mabel (third from right), and early BMM India missionaries; Dr. Crozier performing surgery!
1930s

In 1929, the Great Depression swept away financial prosperity worldwide. Thankfully, it had little power to impact spiritual prosperity. The 1930s marked a rapid expansion for Baptist Mid-Missions. During this decade, BMM grew from about two dozen missionaries to more than 120. We enlarged to encompass Liberia, Haiti, Brazil, India, Peru, and Jamaica, plus the visionary North American fields of mountain ministries and Messianic ministries.

By the 1930s, BMM gained its first full-time representative, M. E. Hawkins, who traveled thousands of miles representing the young agency. Robert T. Ketcham, president of the newly formed General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) became a BMM Council member who championed BMM’s cause. Through these efforts, Baptist Mid-Missions attracted young people by the droves. During our February 1936 missionary conference, about 60 people consecrated their lives to the Lord. In August’s conference, 100 young people stated their desire to follow Christ.

One young person who joined our ranks was Guy McLain, a then-bachelor who pioneered BMM’s work in northeast Brazil in the early ’30s. A woman in the city of Juazeiro do Norte had prayed for 20 years that God would start a church in her city. Guy boldly became that answer. Juazeiro was considered Brazil’s most fanatical city due to its Padre Cicero cult, which worshiped a deceased Catholic priest thought to be the Messiah. Missionaries and Brazilians warned Guy that if he tried to start a church in Juazeiro, he would face trouble. But like the Apostle Paul, he determined that “none of these things move me” (Acts 20:24).

By God’s amazing sovereignty, Guy made key contacts almost immediately in Juazeiro. When a TB patient was brought to the hotel in which he first stayed, Guy gained the townspeople’s respect by helping the physician nurse him back to health. Against the wishes of local religious leaders, the doctor rented his house to Guy for a home and church. When Guy started evangelistic English classes for employees of the American-owned Anderson Clayton cotton company, Pedro Mitoso was saved. Because of persecution, he lost his job and had to move to Fortaleza, but there Pedro started a Bible study that eventually grew into a church. Although Guy and other Brazil missionaries who joined him were physically threatened from all sides, they persevered. Today northeast Brazil abounds with mature, replicating national churches and a BMM-founded seminary that has produced hundreds of full-time Christian workers.

On the other side of the world, Dr. Galen Crozier’s heart burned for India’s Manipuri people. His mission board had retired him before he could reach these souls for Christ. Hearing of BMM, Dr. Crozier spoke with Rev. Allan Lewis, pastor of Hough Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and later BMM’s first full-time president. Baptist Mid-Missions opened India as a field, and Dr. Crozier’s vision ignited the fire of a great work in this country. With new missionaries joining Dr. Crozier, a dispensary was started, which grew into a hospital and leprosy colony. A church was organized and expanded through village outreach. Scripture translation was initiated, and this area is now filled with strong national churches. It continues to be a vibrant location for Bibles International’s translation and literacy work.

Across the world, the pioneering spirits of missionaries like Guy McLain and Galen Crozier propelled the gospel farther distances. God’s Word went deeper as training institutions were set up to anchor young churches and leaders in Scriptural truth, ensuring that the work God accomplished through BMM missionaries would flourish in the years to come.

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The impact of World War II on missions.
INVESTING FOR IMPACT

Bob gathered papers as his wife, Shelley, brought steaming cups of coffee to the table. It was time for their financial planning meeting.

“Think back with me,” Shelley began. “Starting out with nothing. Remember? Playing dominoes in the evening with that huge bowl of popcorn—that was our entertainment!” They reminisced about the Lord’s provision throughout their years together. Making their first will was driven by the desire to name godly guardians for their daughter, and then the boys came along.

IMPACT MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

“Things really changed when Billy went off to college. He told us, 'Later!' and ran to the car. When the screen door slammed behind him, we were empty-nesters.” They reminisced. That moment was their transition point: in addition to giving to their church, they had started giving to Baptist Mid-Missions. At first it was $20/month, but combined with others, their gifts to BMM's Missionary Services Fund impacted missions worldwide.

“CD rates today are 2.75 percent for a five-year CD. Does that even keep up with inflation? We need a better solution, so let’s compare that to BMM’s charitable gift annuity rates.” Bob turned to the computer and typed www.bmm.org/give. “Nice that we can do this in the privacy of our home,” Shelley said. “And that it is free and confidential,” he agreed. Moments later, Bob clicked on Planned Giving and Gift Annuities,

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entered their ages in BMM’s Gift Calculator—and smiled. “We are both 65, and the gift annuity rate for us is 4.2 percent.”

Shelley asked, “We could get a higher rate with a commercial annuity, right?”

**A CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE**

“Yes, but the difference is that these are gifts that pay income to us while we live. And when we are with the Lord, the remainder will go right to BMM’s Great Commission work.”

Shelley said, “Well, we also have Grandpa’s stock investments. I wonder if we could make a gift of those—we don’t rely on them for anything.” Bob looked at Shelley.

**AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAX**

“That’s one way to avoid the tax on capital gains that would be due if we sold it,” she added. “Baptist Mid-Missions would receive and sell the stock, and every dollar would go to the Lord’s work.”

“In the end, we have our IRA accounts and our other investments. What should we plan for with those?” Bob asked. Shelley answered, “We should make gifts to the kids from the investments and give the IRAs to the church and BMM so the kids won’t be taxed.”

“Should we do that in our wills?” Again, Shelley answered, “No, we don’t want to pay more in probate fees. The investments and the IRAs can be transferred like our bank accounts, by naming BMM or our church or children as beneficiaries. The money goes directly to them after we are gone.”

“And then we will be with the Lord,” he said, “and we will have done our best.” Shelley smiled.

For more gift planning options, visit [www.bmm.org/give](http://www.bmm.org/give) or e-mail [stewardship.ministries@bmm.org](mailto:stewardship.ministries@bmm.org).

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