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## 한국의 The Korean Connection



## Letter from the President



Golden Gate Seminary is well-known for our missions culture and emphasis on intercultural understanding. While those characteristics have been shaped by many individuals and people groups, perhaps none have positively impacted these strengths more than the Korean community. Their contribution to this institution's success is evidenced in the lives of hundreds of alumni who are ministering, leading churches, and guiding people to faith in Christ. While many seminaries have Korean students, Golden Gate is blessed in the extraordinary way the Korean community has adopted this institution to accomplish the Great Commission.

A few years ago, Dr. Dan Moon, Dr. David Gill, Dr. Daniel Dongwon Lee, and other Southern Baptist leaders had a vision for challenging Korean Southern Baptists in a world-wide mission endeavor. Their vision became the Global Missions Summit, a key initiative of the International Mission Board. This group is determined to send 1,000 Korean-heritage missionaries around the world. Not only do I have the privilege of serving as an advisor to this group, I believe Golden Gate Seminary and our alumni are key to accomplishing the goal.

# 한 The Korean Connection

Our students and graduates are successful in projects like this because of the quality theological education they receive at Golden Gate. Our charge to tell others about Jesus is much broader than any particular ethnic or cultural group. The Seminary's multi-faceted approach to intercultural missions, evangelism and church planting, equips students for all aspects of global ministry and missions to people groups around the world.

It's good to be a global seminary. And, as you will read in the pages that follow, it's particularly good to serve alongside and learn from passionate Korean Christians – friends, colleagues, and models who inspire us to greater service.

I hope you are challenged by the stories of our Korean alumni and others who are effectively sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and student referrals. Through our cooperation with one another and dependence on Him, God will change lives for eternity!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff P. Iorg  
President

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2003 grad Rose Lee (left), with a few of her younger students, whom she taught at a local community center in Nagoya, Japan. 2005 grad Daniel Suh (center), visited her in January 2009. Read more about Rose Lee and other Korean alumni on page 4.

# 한 The Korean Influence at Golden Gate

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has conferred degrees to more than 7,000 students since the first graduating class in 1949.

In the early years, there were few non-Anglo students from the United States or from other countries and other cultures attending the Seminary. Today, Golden Gate is known for its multi-cultural focus, and the current student body at each of the five campuses consists of people from a variety of ethnicities and countries. Prominent among those ethnicities are students of Korean descent. In addition, Korean descendants are found in the faculty and staff, as well as the Seminary's Board of Trustees.

The Korean connection has become an integral part of the Golden Gate Seminary experience. The following four alumni profiles offer insight into motivations, ministries and the multicultural significance of Golden Gate Seminary.

**Chang Sun Moon**, born and raised in Korea, arrived in the United States in 1969. He graduated in 1973 from Golden Gate Seminary Northern California, and



Pastor Moon has been leading Tacoma First Baptist Church for 29 years, and credits the church's growth from 120 to 1900 members to prayer. "At 6:00 every morning, about 100 of us gather together to pray for ourselves, our church, the nation and missionaries. This prayer meeting is the power plant for ministry at Tacoma First."

began his pastoral career in 1975 as pastor of Korean Central Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida. In 1980, 120-member Tacoma First Baptist Church called him as their pastoral leader. Moon said he was drawn to the church because of the potential of ministering to international families, and he has served Tacoma First Baptist for 29 years.

Under Moon's leadership, the multi-cultural, predominantly Korean church has grown to its current size of 1,900 members. Today, an average of 1,400 attends Sunday morning services. Tacoma First is the largest church of the nearly 450 congregations that affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention and Northwest Baptist Convention.

"The purpose of a church is to reach out to the lost and help them to grow spiritually," Moon said, "and to equip them to serve the Lord. We are Southern Baptist because it is a Bible-believing denomination that is working together to reach out to a lost world."

Reflecting on his Seminary experience, Moon recalled, "I enjoyed every minute of my time at Golden Gate Seminary. I was deeply impressed by the mission thrust, especially the curriculum about missions which was created by Dr. Francis M. DuBose, including the Urban Training trips to San Francisco." He also credited Dr. Kenneth Eakins' influence in developing his love for the Old Testament.

"It is a great seminary for young people to come and learn about missions. I often highly recommend Golden Gate," Moon said.

It is also a great seminary for older people, as 2003 Master of Arts and Educational Leadership graduate **Rose Lee** can attest – she graduated at 65 years of age. Currently 70 years old, Lee and her 80-year-old husband, Wang, have been living in Japan for 5 years, teaching English and Korean to adult students as they serve with the International Mission Board.



Rose Lee (center) with some of her Japanese students, was challenged by her son that if she had faith the size of a mustard seed she would see mountains move. "We are definitely seeing mountains of language and culture fall through the power of God's love."

"It was a big challenge for me to study with many young Americans and other international students," Lee recalled. "Besides the theology classes, I learned from other people's life stories and walks with Christ. I also appreciated having the opportunities to hear the experiences of other missionaries from all over the world, which gave me the courage to persevere with my foreign mission plan."

Several Golden Gate faculty and staff made an impression on Lee, including Dr. Rick Durst, "especially for his compassion and willing ear to listen to my difficulties." Lee recalled how "Dr. Shera Melick was also very helpful

*"Ministering effectively to Korean students and churches became an important task of Golden Gate in the 80's and 90's, as our Korean student enrollment steadily increased, along with the number and size of Korean Baptist churches in the States. The fact that Golden Gate had a Korean-born Dean of Students in the 90's and has since elected five Korean-American professors signifies the Korean influence on our Seminary."*

**Kon Hwon Yang**  
Associate Director,  
Doctor of Ministry Program  
Associate Professor  
of Old Testament Studies

to me. I greatly appreciated that she invited me to her office. She advised me and lent me books to read, and generally encouraged me." After graduation, when the Lees went to Japan, Dr. Melick continued to encourage their ministry via email, as did Helen Groat, Women's Network Coordinator. "She emailed and supported our ministry through prayer. It means a lot as a foreign missionary," Lee noted.

Lee was born and raised in Seoul, Korea, and immigrated to the United States in 1964. She raised four children, and served the Concord Korean Baptist Church in Martinez, California, for 30 years with her husband. "When my husband retired from his bank work, my son challenged us to enter the mission field," Lee recollected. "He encouraged us, pointing out that Moses was 80 years old when God called him. In order to confirm my calling to unreached people and to learn more, I enrolled at Golden Gate Seminary."

Lee explained how during her seminary days, "Wang and I prayed for direction from God, and eventually our prayers began to focus on missions. God gave us a burden and desire to reach out to Japan, even though as Koreans, we grew up under the occupation and persecution of this country."

She graduated from Golden Gate at age 65, and through the IMB, they came to Japan in 2004. They are now serving in Nagoya.

"Since we arrived, I have seen open doors, divine opportunities and answered prayers," Lee wrote in an

email from Japan. "I believe that the Spirit is the key to breaking through the language and cultural barriers. And God's call and timing are essential. He has gone and is going before us, preparing His harvest while we continue to rely on Him for our strength."

Golden Gate Seminary alums **Paul and Rebekah Kim** also rely on God's strength for their efforts as church planters and disciple-makers. Born in Korea, the couple came to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1981 and founded



Paul Kim, founding pastor of the Berkland Church, has developed a team approach resulting in an effective ministry to college students throughout the United States and the world.

Berkland Baptist Church near the border of Berkeley and Oakland, California. Paul explained how the church began "with a vision to live out the Great Commandment and to join in the Great Commission." The Kims developed a ministry outreach toward young professionals and university students, as Berkland's congregation included many college students from nearby University of California, Berkeley.

Paul Kim graduated from the Northern California Campus in 2000 with a doctor of ministry

degree and Rebekah Kim graduated with a master of divinity in 1984. They referred over 30 students to Golden Gate during the 10 years they lived in the Berkeley area.

Since 1981, the Berkland church has grown into several churches located around the world. In addition to Berkeley, there are Berkland churches in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Leandro, Silicon Valley, Seattle, Davis, Irvine, Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Seoul, Tashkent, Beijing, Moscow, and more.

This church growth demonstrates Paul Kim's philosophy of church planting, which was enhanced by his education at Golden Gate. He explained how he "developed a team approach to local church planting within the university community." The Kims not only planted churches, but trained leaders to grow and maintain the churches, and then those leaders became church planters, continuing the cycle.

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Golden Gate Seminary presented Paul and Rebekah Kim with the school's Alumni Achievement Award in 2001, in honor of their church planting work around the world and development of young leaders in ministry.

Paul Kim served as a trustee of the International Mission Board, as State Convention President of the Baptist Convention of New England, and has traveled to over 70 countries to encourage IMB missionaries.

**“Golden Gate is committed to investing in the lives of both American-born and native-born Korean students, helping them to faithfully fulfill their ministry calling in the unique context of leadership.”**

**Joe Kim**

Assistant Director, Southern California Campus  
Associate Professor of Intercultural Education

Today, the Kims minister at the Berkland Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which they planted near Harvard, MIT, Brandeis and other large centers of learning. “We reach out to college students and young professionals, primarily Asians,” explained Paul.

“I credit my Golden Gate degree with giving me the confidence to write books describing my church planting philosophy,” said Paul, referring to *Biblical Principles for Church Planting and Practical Church Planting for Growth*.

Confidence is the word that describes Chi Lee, graduate of the Rocky Mountain Campus as well as the Northern California Campus with a double major of a Master of Divinity in 2008 and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership in 2009, respectively.

“Seminary has been an integral part of my adult life. I started as a very shy, very proper, newly married 25-year-old,” said Lee, who was born in South Korea. “Now I’m 40 years old and I look back and see how Seminary has helped me to develop as a person, how it has impacted who I have become. It took 2 campuses, 15 years and 40 professors to get me to the place of who I am today.”

Growing up in a conservative, Korean Presbyterian environment in Seattle, Washington, “I struggled with

Calvinism,” Lee recalled. “After learning about the Southern Baptist tenets of belief – autonomy of the local church, the priesthood of believers, intact salvation not dependent on works – I decided to follow my husband, Kyung, to Seminary.”

“Golden Gate professors gave me courage to honor and obey God’s lead in ministry, to step out in faith and to live in His provisions.” Lee has fond memories of specific professors. “My very first Seminary class in the summer of 1994 was with Dr. Liz Nahn, Archaeology and the Old Testament. She was so passionate that her love for God and teaching spilled out all over us. This was eye-opening to me.” Lee noted how the following class was “Dr. Kon Yang’s baby Hebrew class. What was most memorable was our final hour. Dr. Yang taught the class *Hava Nagila*, a Hebrew folk song of celebration. As our class of 30 students joined in doing the ancient steps, our semester of study made sense.

“Dr. Rick Durst taught me it was okay to ask questions, especially when it came to theology.” Lee mentioned Dr. Sam Williams and Dr. Dwight Honeycutt as other inspiring professors.

“I felt blessed to be in the presence of great and godly men and women on the Northern California Campus.”

After moving with her husband to Aurora, Colorado, Lee continued to take classes at Golden Gate’s Rocky Mountain Campus.

“I was blessed with great mentors and friends here, too.

Dr. Earl Waggoner and his Theology and Culture class challenged my views on my role in the community, while Dr. Steve Veteto suffered with me through baby Greek.” It was during Dr. Allan Karr’s class, *How to Start a New Church*, that their mentoring relationship began, and he assisted her and her husband, Kyung, in discovering God’s call for their ministry.



Chi Lee with family: Grace (14) and Faith (12) were born in Mill Valley, while Chi attended the Northern California Campus. Victor (10) and Joyce (9) were born in Colorado, while she attended the Rocky Mountain Campus. The children’s names are a testimony of the Lees’ ministry. Husband, Kyung, has a community ministry as a resident chaplain for an adult soccer team, as well as ping pong and tennis organizations.

**“While our Korean students comprise a significant population of the student body and furnish the campus with multi-cultural faces, I also appreciate the way in which Koreans pray for the Seminary in their morning prayers; indeed, they are an invaluable asset for Golden Gate.”**

**Chris Chun**

Associate Professor  
of Church History

Chi and Kyung began New Community Church, a church plant in Centennial, Colorado, in 2004. They minister to transitional Korean community members seeking intense care and discipleship. The church has become a refuge, a place to talk, to receive support and prayer. This ministry is a volunteer position, as is her assistance in acculturation of new immigrant Korean families into the neighborhood and school cultures. She also offers education on Asian culture and care to the professional community in the area.

Lee’s profession is in chaplaincy. She works at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. As a part-time staff chaplain, she provides spiritual care to patients, families, and staff. She is also a weekend on-call chaplain for Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colorado. She provides pastoral care to patients, families, and staff in times of crisis, trauma, grief, and loss.

“I didn’t attend Seminary with the intention of getting a degree,” said Lee. “I took classes as needed and in 2007, my husband asked me if I was ready to graduate.” She realized she had enough credits for a double masters degree. She didn’t expect to become a seminary graduate, and didn’t plan to be a hospital chaplain, either. “It took me 15 years to graduate,” she said. “God used Golden Gate Seminary to create in me the kind of person He wanted me to become. I went from introverted to extroverted; from shy, self-conscious and unsure of who I was, to someone with confidence. Through God, I became assured of who I am. He took away the fear and uncertainty, and aided us to plant a ministry of service.”

## Intersect—Crossing What Divides



Dr. Billy Kim, world-renowned evangelist, spoke at three chapel services of Intersect 09, a weeklong event promoting cross-cultural awareness on the Seminary’s Northern California Campus.

The Northern California Campus of Golden Gate Seminary celebrated Intersect 09, a five-day intercultural event held the first week of November. This year’s theme, *Crossing What Divides*, focused on overcoming the barriers that separate “us” and “them.” Sponsored by the Kim School of Global Missions, Intersect Week provided the Golden Gate community with an opportunity to dialogue about significant intercultural issues.

This year’s keynote speaker, Dr. Billy Kim, is a world-renowned evangelist and founding pastor of the 15,000-member Suwon Central Baptist Church in Suwon, Korea. He is the Chairman of the Board of Far East Broadcasting Company – Korea and the founder of Central Christian Academy Suwon and Capital Bible College and Seminary in Korea.

The weeklong event incorporated a variety of activities including presentations from four Global Studies Program graduates, chapel services with Dr. Billy Kim, and Korean musical performances. Other activities included a campus-wide, cross-cultural lunch, video theme interpretation, art show and contest, and viewing of the film *Lions for Lambs*, followed by a discussion.

Dr. Faith Kim, Golden Gate Chair of Intercultural Education and Intersect founder, explained that “Intersect helps us to recognize we are each multicultural selves and our identities are formed by intersections with each other.”

**Just as the Christian faith intersects the language, location, and cultures of people wherever they are, Christians are called to intersect with people – wherever and whoever they are – sharing the Good News of Jesus.**



# 한국 African-Korean Women's Conference

“The African culture is rich – there is music, rhythm and joy. And even though they have endured so much suffering, their patience is amazing,” said Dr. Faith Kim, Chair of Intercultural Education of Golden Gate Seminary, describing the people she met at the 2009 African-Korean Women's Conference, held in Africa in July. “They are ready for Christ and hungry for the Word of God. That's why these conferences are so important.”

Kim was one of 160 leaders who traveled from the United States and Korea in July to teach African women to assume leadership roles in their families and their churches. The five-day African-Korean Women's Conference was followed by a five-day Leaders' Seminar and Crusade, held in 14 African cities. Dozens of seminars and workshops were taught by pastors, professors and professional speakers from South Korea and the United States. Dr. Kim led seminars entitled “What Makes God, God,” “What Women Leaders Can Do for the Kingdom,” and “Global Leadership Behaviors and Communication in Cultural Context.”

Three thousand women and men from 11 African countries attended the conference. “For many, it was a 30-hour bus ride,” noted Kim, who herself spent 22 hours on 5 different planes, toting several suitcases, to reach the conference site.

“I brought one suitcase full of gifts,” recalled Kim. “Lipsticks, costume jewelry, scarves – what a pleasure to share these light-hearted items.” But she became serious as she described her conversation with a group of 250 women during a seminar.

“There are many prostitutes in the country, some of whom attended the conference. When I spoke to a group of women who were not fully committed believers and shared with them the story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, they felt validated by the story – and recognized that Jesus cares about them.” She smiled as she remembered that more than 60 of the women she spoke to were moved to make a faith commitment.

While speaking to another group of African women eager to learn about empowerment, Kim told them, “You are

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enough. You are not perfect, but you are enough. God can use you just as you are, and He loves you just as you are.” Her eyes sparkled as she recalled, “It hit a chord. Everyone stood up and spontaneously danced around. They are so free in expressing their joy.

“Several of those I met at the conferences have the hope of attending seminary some day,” Kim said, “and I told them about Golden Gate Seminary.” She noted that many of the women leaders were often doctors and lawyers, as well as presidents' wives, and most spoke at least three languages.

In addition to the more than 20 seminars which Kim led during the two and a half weeks she was in Africa, she spent personal time with several families who invited her into their homes. “Many generations live together communally,” she explained. “It is very common to have nephews, nieces, grandmothers, and aunts, as well as mothers, fathers, and children, all living in one house.” Along with the other Korean women leaders, Kim learned about Africa, and was encouraged to develop a heart for the lost people of this vast continent. 7



TOP TO BOTTOM:

1. Family Faith Kim stayed with in Kigali, Rwanda.
2. Faith Kim and children of those attending the Conference in Kigali, Rwanda.
3. Faith Kim and Senator Ida, one of 2,000 women who attended the Conference in Kampala, Uganda. They are both wearing traditional dress from their native countries.
4. Woman demonstrating “Yes, Jesus” in sign language at the Conference in Kigali, Rwanda.

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4. Woman demonstrating “Yes, Jesus” in sign language at the Conference in Kigali, Rwanda.

Photos provided by Faith Kim

## 한국의 Memo of Understanding with Korean Baptist Theological University and Seminary

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary President Jeff Iorg signed a Memo of Understanding with Korean Baptist Theological University and Seminary (KBTUS), Daejeon, South Korea, on September 9, 2009, initiating an exchange program between the two seminaries. "This agreement will enhance the association between the two schools and will develop academic and cultural relationships in the areas of education, research, spiritual endeavors and other activities," said Dr. Iorg.

The agreement allows degree-seeking students enrolled at either institution to request concurrent admission to the partner school for up to one year. In order to qualify for the program, students must have completed at least one year of study or its equivalent at the home institution and must satisfy language requirements. The agreement also encourages the collegial exchange of faculty members from the partner institutions.



*"I met Dr. Faith Kim in 2007 when she came to KBTUS, and I was appointed her teaching assistant. She encouraged me to apply as an exchange student, and I'm glad I did. She has continued to encourage me, as I experience and learn about the different culture – the classroom, the dorm, making friends. I really appreciate the opportunity I have here and thank God for what I am learning, both theologically and culturally."* – Eun E Kim

Eun E Kim was the first exchange student from KBTUS. She arrived at the Northern California Campus of Golden Gate in August 2008, prior to studying at KBTUS for two and a half years. Pursuing a Master of Arts and Educational Leadership degree, Eun E anticipates graduating in December 2010.

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## Why I Refer

### Mike Story

- Doctor of Ministry 1995 from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- Adjunct professor at Rocky Mountain Campus
- Baptist Collegiate Minister Director at Oklahoma State University
- Referred over 20 students to Golden Gate Seminary



"Whenever I've spoken on college campuses about seminary, the seminary I recommend is Golden Gate. Golden Gate addresses world issues from a biblical perspective. The culture

that the west brings to the five Golden Gate campuses is a unique theological perspective, due to the western and urban locations and the focus.

"Golden Gate Seminary offers a balance between practical, hands-on experience and theological training. The president and the faculty are involved in real life. You have a president and faculty who are in touch with the world we live in, and for that reason, are great models for the students.

"The Golden Gate Seminary system allows a solid partnership between the students and the professors. Because of the structure of the Seminary, the professors interface with and are engaged and deeply involved in the lives of their students beyond the classroom. I believe it is both Golden Gate's philosophy and its professors that make the difference for these students."

"I was taking a break from Denver Seminary, and was working in the business world as a systems engineer. I knew Mike because I was attending Community of Grace Church, where he was pastor. He knew I was thinking about returning to seminary, and encouraged me to consider Golden Gate. He told me what a great program they had, and recommended the professors as well as the program. He was right!"

### Alan Moos

Pastor, Lochwood Christian Fellowship  
Lakewood, CO

MDiv graduate from Rocky Mountain Campus

## Distinguished Alumni Honored at Luncheon in Louisville

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary honored three alumni with the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award on June 24 at the Seminary's Alumni and Friends luncheon during the 2009 Southern Baptist Annual Convention.

The first of three alumni to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award was Max Kell, a 1958 graduate. Kell, a native of Washington, pastored El Camino Baptist Church in Sacramento for 29 years, and is now pastor emeritus.

"This is a tremendous honor to be chosen out of the hundreds of Golden Gate graduates," said Kell. "Thank you for this tribute."



Golden Gate Seminary President Jeff Iorg noted that Kell had served in many denominational capacities during his career, including vice president of the California State Convention, member of the SBC educational commission, moderator of the Sacramento Southern Baptist Association, chairman of the Christian Heritage Celebration, member of the steering committee for two Sacramento Billy Graham crusades, and chairman of the Sacramento prayer breakfast.

"Max is known as a man of prayer as well as an evangelist," said Iorg. "We are delighted to recognize him as an example of the dedicated focus we hope all Golden Gate graduates will have."

The second Distinguished Alumni Award was given posthumously to Sid Smith, Jr., a native Texan who earned a Master of Religious Education degree in 1968. Smith



passed away in April 2009, at age 65. Accepting the award on his behalf was his wife, Arnetta, and son, Sid Smith, III, who is currently a student at Golden Gate.

"Sid Smith, Jr. was a Southern Baptist African-American pioneer," said Iorg, noting that he had served for more

than 40 years in a Southern Baptist denominational role, longer than any other African-American leader. "Smith left a legacy of a faith-filled leader who had deep convictions about his faith in God, as well as his culture and the African-American church," Iorg added. "Dr. Smith will be remembered as a powerful and strong mentor of many who are serving in denominational ministries for the Southern Baptist convention."

The third recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award was 98-year-old retired missionary and church planter, A.L. (Lewis) Davis, of Mena, Arkansas. Reverend Davis, a member of the first graduating class of Golden Gate in 1949, was presented the award at his home church, First Baptist Church of Mena. In his honor, the church declared that Sunday, "Lewis Davis Day."



President Iorg told the luncheon crowd how Davis "was appointed in 1962 by the Home Mission Board of the SBC as the first Southern Baptist missionary to the Sioux Nation." After 30 years, at age 65, he retired from mission work, and went on to start four churches in South Dakota. During his career, he planted a total of 24 churches in California, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota. Iorg recounted how Davis attempted another retirement at age 75, but soon accepted the pastorate at Rapid Valley Baptist Church in South Dakota, where he had previously served. There, he led the 350-member church to complete a building program and become debt-free.

On his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, Davis retired from the ministry for the third time. At 95 years of age, he wrote and published his 467-page autobiography, *My Memoirs: The Tapestry of a Life*. He is now working on a book about the Civil War.

A commemorative plaque, along with a cash award, was given to each recipient. The cash awards were given in honor of the recipients by Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of San Diego, California, long-time supporters of the Seminary.

# Following my passion and looking for open doors

By Meredith Brunson

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

Right now I am at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (GGBTS) in San Francisco, CA!

Nathan [Meredith's brother] and I got here yesterday afternoon and spent the day touring the city. A Malaysian friend who now lives in San Fran offered to pick us up from the airport and show us around. It was so great to see her after three years. She and her boyfriend were great hosts!



I immediately discovered that I love San Francisco. Mainly because it is so cultural and diverse! When you're walking down the street, you see more Asians than Caucasians! I was somewhat surprised by the beauty of this place. I couldn't help but smile as we walked around because I was so excited.

From the beginning of this trip, I felt like God has ordained my steps and put the right people in my path. On the flight to SFO, I was sitting next to a sweet older woman. I noticed that she was reading a book in Korean, so I immediately began talking to her. She asked what school I was going to visit and I said, "Have you ever heard of Golden Gate Seminary?" She chuckled and said, "I graduated from there!" GGBTS is a relatively small school, so I found it pretty neat

Meredith Brunson, of Garner, North Carolina, visited Golden Gate Seminary in March. She graduated from Campbell University in May 2009 with a degree in Communication Studies, and is currently serving as a semester missionary with the North American Mission Board in international student ministry at the University of Hawaii. She wrote about her Golden Gate visit in her blog, which we have excerpted with her permission.

that of the hundreds of people on the airplane, I would be sitting next to someone who went there! She was so sweet and gave me her contact information and answered a lot of questions I had about the school.

Nate and I spent the whole day today on campus and oh my goodness...I am in love with it! It is located on a hill and the view of the ocean and the city is breathtaking. The whole campus seems to have a common passion for missions, which really excites me. The students and faculty are all super friendly and helpful and I've felt very welcomed here.

It seems like the more I travel, the smaller the world becomes. The guy who gave us the campus tour is from Hawaii and he used to be the dorm manager where I'm going to be living next year at the University of Hawaii! Then the admissions counselor told me that she had the exact internship in Hawaii that I am going to have next year. I was able to ask her lots of questions and it was so cool to make that connection with her. And then as I was talking to another girl who works in admissions, I found out that she



worked M-Fuge in Nashville, which is where I'll be working this summer. Crazy! I never thought I'd have so many connections with people on the opposite side of the continent! I felt almost like God was using those people to confirm my being here.


I don't know if I will end up going to school here, but I'm definitely interested and will need to pray about it. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated as well!

When we were on our tour this morning, we passed Dr. Iorg, the president of the school, in the hallway. He stopped and talked to us for a while. He was very down-to-earth and I was really impressed. He told us straight up that if you're not passionate about intercultural studies and missions, then Golden Gate can be a very uncomfortable and intimidating place. BUT, if you are interested in those things, then Golden Gate is perfect.

He said something that I think will stick with me for a while. He said a lot of young people come to him and share how concerned they are about figuring out God's will for their lives. His answer to them is always, "Follow your passion, and look for open doors."



That was such an encouragement to me. I don't need to have my entire life planned out. If I follow the passions God has placed within me, He will lead me in the right direction.

So I'm not too troubled about deciding which seminary to go to, because I believe God will show me when the time is right. I am so glad I was able to make this trip and it'll be interesting to see where I will end up in a few years :) 

Photos provided by Meredith Brunson

## Seminary Receives Funding for Endowment

Golden Gate Seminary has received a gift of more than \$900,000 to complete the funding of The Ruth and Glenelle Prock Presidential Endowment. The endowment, established in 2001, was created by the Glen Prock family of Albany, California, to enable the Seminary president to support and enhance the mission and purpose of the institution.

"The Procks understood their responsibility as stewards of that which God had blessed them," noted Seminary President, Jeff Iorg. "Not only did they enhance their ability to minister in their retirement, their ministry will continue for eternity through this endowment."

Ruth Prock, a Golden Gate alumna, was a retired missionary to the deaf through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Her daughter, Glenelle, was retired from the Bank of America Corporation. In their retirement, both were active ministering to the deaf community in California and through their local church. Ruth passed away on July 28, 2001 and Glenelle on October 27, 2009.

"I personally was blessed by the relationship we enjoyed with Ruth and Glenelle," said former Seminary President, William O. Crews. "The ministry provided by the Procks as missionaries is the kind of legacy of which the Seminary can be proud. We can all rejoice that the Prock family is once again together in the presence of the Lord they so faithfully served."

The gift to the Seminary was given through a charitable remainder trust established in 1993. The Procks gave the Seminary cash and appreciated property which was sold and placed in a trust for investment. The trust then paid Ruth and Glenelle payments to supplement their retirement until their deaths. As directed by the trust, earnings from the corpus will now be used to fund the endowment.

"We are grateful that the Procks had the forethought and commitment to create a charitable remainder trust. Not only did they provide for themselves, but now their planning has provided a legacy gift that will help propel Southern Baptists' efforts in shaping Kingdom leaders at Golden Gate Seminary," said Dr. Tom Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

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*Do you have questions about charitable remainder trusts, wills, or other estate planning issues? Contact Mr. Jeff Jones, Golden Gate Seminary Director of Development, by calling toll-free 888-442-8709 or emailing [jeffjones@ggbts.edu](mailto:jeffjones@ggbts.edu).*

# Theological Database Available to Alumni at No Cost



Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is pleased to offer all its alumni free access to an online theological database from the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). Seminary alumni can now enjoy online access to the records of over 140 scholarly religious journals. This is a condensed version of the ATLA religion database that is available to current Seminary students.

What is “ATLAS”? ATLASerials (ATLAS) is ATLA’s online full-text collection of more than 140 key journals, selected by leading scholars, theologians, and clergy.

Users can read articles or research the history of a topic from as early as 1924 to the present. Currently, researchers are able to use ATLAS as a search tool to retrieve images of the pages in more than 140 different journals.

Some representative titles from the ATLAS online collection include: *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, *Church History*, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *Biblioteca Sacra*, *Interpretation*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, and *Theology Today*.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer our alumni such a rich and robust electronic resource to continue their learning beyond Golden Gate,” said Kelly Campbell, Golden Gate Seminary’s Director of Library Services. “American Theological Library Association has always been a great partner in providing quality resources for the theological field. I invite our alumni to take advantage of this free, first-class database.”

Database link: <http://ggbts.edu/alumni/atlas.aspx>

## Harold K. Graves Award

Dr. K. Milton Higgins, president of the California Baptist Foundation, received the 2009 Harold K. Graves Award for his strong support of Golden Gate Seminary. Higgins, who will retire at the end of 2009, has helped raise millions of dollars in planned gifts for the Seminary. Higgins is the only recipient of the two highest honors given by the Seminary – the Graves Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award, which he received in 1998.

Higgins was one of the first four people to complete the Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate Seminary in 1973, eleven years after he received a Bachelor of Divinity. His early ministry was spent in churches in California; then in Richland, Washington where he was asked by the



Northwest Convention to serve on the advisory board that organized the establishment of the Seminary’s Pacific Northwest Campus. He moved back to California in 1984 to begin his 25-year career with the California Baptist Foundation in Fresno. As president of the Foundation, Higgins assisted the Seminary in fundraising efforts. His most recent Seminary contribution was as a member of the Golden Gate’s search committee advisory board as they selected President Jeff Iorg in 2004.

The Graves award, named after the former Seminary president, is presented to an individual or family who demonstrates long-term faithful service to the Seminary. The award is presented annually upon recommendation and approval of the faculty.

# Francis M. DuBose, Urban Missions Leader, Dies



Francis M. DuBose, retired professor of missions and former director of urban church studies at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, died at his home in San Francisco of age-related natural causes, on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

“Dr. DuBose changed the way Golden Gate viewed its mission as an urban seminary and was a pioneer in leading Southern Baptists to embrace ministry in the city,” said Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary President Jeff Iorg. “We thank God for his legacy.”

“Francis DuBose put Golden Gate Seminary on the map as far as global and urban missions were concerned,” said Dr. Rick Durst, Director of Golden Gate Seminary’s eCampus and Professor of Historical Theology. “Dr. DuBose has left us a legacy in his published works, *How Churches Grow in an Urban World*, *The God Who Sends*, and *Classics of Christian Mission*.” Durst described how in 1974 DuBose initiated an annual Urban Training Event, which was held annually for over 25 years. “For four days, pastors, directors of missions, and students assembled under his mentorship to use San Francisco and Oakland as a living lab for learning how to reach cities for the gospel in the midst of their complexities of ethnic diversity, economic crises, and moral challenges.”

“Dr. DuBose lived a genuine passion for the city, especially the city of San Francisco,” said William O. Crews, President Emeritus of Golden Gate Seminary. “I will always remember being moved deeply when he would quote poetry he had written about the city. From a personal standpoint, Francis

was an encourager to me in my role as President. I will always be grateful for his contribution to the Seminary and to my own life.”

“Golden Gate Seminary has been known as a distinctively ‘missions’ seminary,” said Dwight Honeycutt, retired William A. Carleton Professor of Church History at Golden Gate Seminary. “That is a large part of Francis DuBose’s legacy. Within the collegiality of faculty circles, Francis kept the missionary vision before us. Not one to simply theorize about missions, his whole life was engaged with people who needed the kind of witness that Francis was always ready to provide. His was an amazingly wonderful, inspiring and productive life.”

DuBose, known as “The Shepherd of the City,” joined the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary in 1966. In 1971, he became professor of missions and director of urban church studies. In 1979, he was appointed director of the World Mission Center (now The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions). He was elected senior professor of missions in 1992 in honor of his official retirement, and continued to teach in the early 1990s.

Dr. Linda Bergquist, church planting missionary with the California Southern Baptist Convention and North American Mission Board, as well as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate Seminary, recalled that Dr. and Mrs. DuBose volunteered for almost 40 years at the Page Street Baptist Center in San Francisco. “Everything they did, they did together,” she noted. “They are both our heroes!”

“Francis and Dorothy DuBose chose the city. They made it their home, and they gave it their lives,” Bergquist explained. “They were fully engaged, activist San Franciscans who, even in retirement, chose to live near the ministry center they loved and ministered with for 40 years.”





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Coming Fall 2010

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This degree, with urban and global concentrations, will be available at our Northern California Campus. Accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges, with final action pending from Association of Theological Schools.

## A Seminary Without Walls

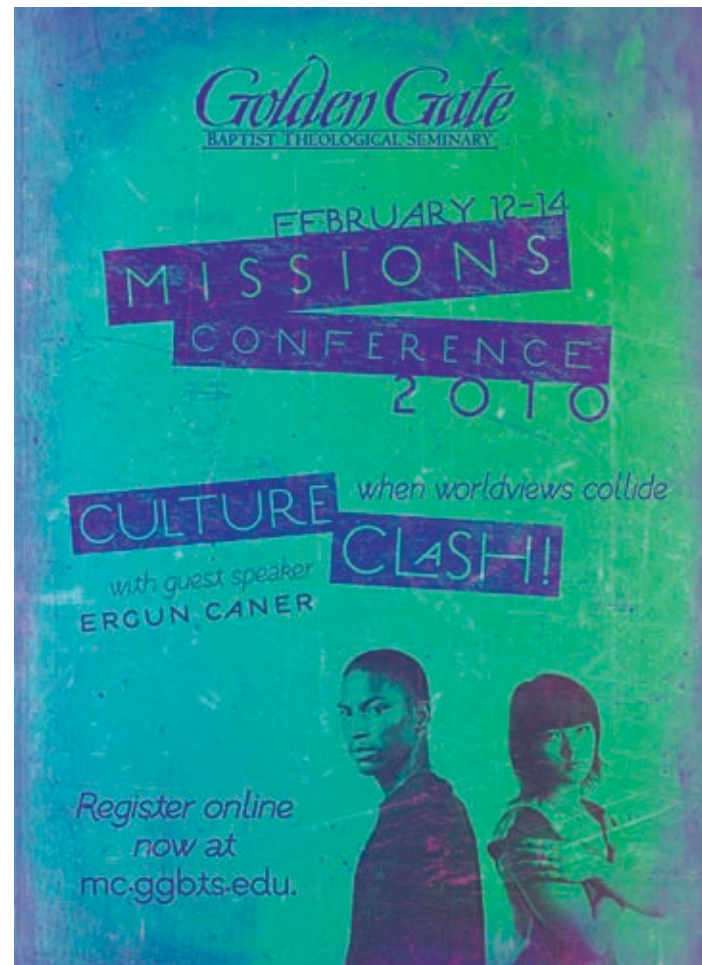
eCampus is now offering Principles and Practices of Bible Teaching, a newly-written course available for the first time this fall. It allows students to complete the Bible Teaching Certificate completely online. Aimed at the host of SBC lay Bible teachers desiring foundational studies, the certificate requires two courses in the Old Testament and two in the New Testament plus the Principles class. All five courses in the Bible Teaching Certificate are offered fully online so that Bible study leaders



can receive quality training from SBC seminary faculty wherever they have an Internet connection.

Golden Gate has been offering courses since 2006 to anyone in the world 24/7 through the eCampus. Students may take up to 50% of courses toward any Masters degree in this online format. Courses are offered in Old Testament, New Testament, Church and Baptist History, Worship, Greek and Hebrew.

A total of 129 students are currently enrolled, including a soldier in Iraq, a mother and Bible teacher in Las Vegas, a pastor in Sacramento and a missionary in Southeast Asia. All courses are accredited and applicable to any of the Masters programs offered by Golden Gate. Click on [www.ggbts.edu](http://www.ggbts.edu) and explore the eCampus.



## Faculty News

**Gary Arbino**, Chair, Biblical Studies, and Professor of Archaeology and Old Testament completed his fourth season as Field Archaeologist for the Tel Gezer Excavations in Israel. During the 2009 season, Arbino oversaw the work of a dozen supervisors leading a team of about 50 volunteers working in 28 different excavation areas. Materials from periods ranging from the Middle Bronze era (ca 2000-1500BC) to the Hellenistic era (ca 300 to 50BC) were uncovered, including a Middle Bronze fortification system and an Israelite "Pillared House" from the 8th century BC. Arbino presented some of the findings at the national conference of the American Schools of Oriental Research in November and in a preliminary report to be published on the Excavation's website ([gezerproject.org](http://gezerproject.org)) in early 2010.



**Allan Karr**, Director, Nehemiah Project and Associate Professor of Church Planting, and **Linda Bergquist**, adjunct professor, have co-authored a book entitled *Church Turned Inside Out*. Published by Jossey-Bass, it is "a guide for designers, refiners and re-aligners." It offers church leaders a new way to think about how their churches are run. The authors stress the importance of incorporating the design process when establishing a new church or planning the ongoing future of an established church. It also includes ideas for becoming a more effective church leader.



**John H. Sailhamer**, professor of Old Testament Studies at the SCC, has completed *The Meaning of the Pentateuch, Revelation, Composition and Interpretation*, published by InterVarsity Press. Persuaded of the singular vision of the Pentateuch, Sailhamer searches out clues left by the author and the later editor of the Pentateuch that discloses the meaning of this great work. By paying particular attention to the poetic seams in the text, he rediscovers a message that surprisingly brings us to the threshold of the New Testament gospel.

## Moving Forward Even When It Hurts

Why are leadership situations so challenging? Why is leading Christians so painful?

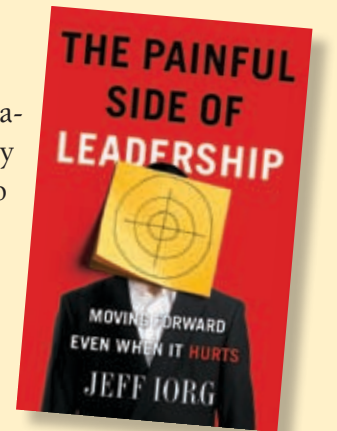
"Leading Christians is a tough job," admits Jeff Iorg, seminary president. "But it just doesn't seem that it should be so difficult. The most popular biblical image for Christian leadership is a shepherd with his sheep. Yet any experienced Christian leader will tell you this contented scene is only found in the Christmas pageant – and then, only if you're lucky."

Iorg writes candidly of his experiences and the knowledge he has gained from his previous mistakes in a newly-published book, *The Painful Side of Leadership*. Iorg explains how he wrote this book in response to many conversations he had with other leaders who were struggling with difficulties. "Over the years, I began to hear a common set of problems," he said. "Rather than trying to resolve every situation, I think of this as a guidebook, which will encourage leaders to feel empowered in situations, to be a participant in each situation, not to be a victim."

The book is published by B&H Publishing Group and is available at all booksellers nationwide and online.

"This is a highly applicable, ready-to-use guide for navigating the challenges of leadership. As you continue to expand your influence and leadership capacity, you realize that practical advice, clear counsel, and godly wisdom are everyday necessities. Those are the gifts you receive in Dr. Iorg's outstanding book."

– Jack Graham  
Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church  
Plano, TX



# Alumni Updates

## 1950s–1960s

**Ardon O. Schmidt** (1958) served as an Army Chaplain for 28 years, and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He is presently teaching at Trinity Life Bible College in Sacramento, CA.

**Thomas “Tom” Beard** (1964) was widowed February 2005, and married Billie Sue Easley Beard September 2008.

**Thomas “Tom” Plummer** (1968) pastored several small SBC churches throughout Northern California after graduation. He retired from a career in corrections for the state of California, and serves in his local church in Modesto, CA.

**Ron Wilson** (1968) retired in July after 37 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Thousand Oaks, CA. He and his wife, Alice, have moved to Georgia where he does volunteer work for the SBC.

## 1970s

**Linda Phillips** (1970, 1985) retired December 2008 from missionary service after 35 years with IMB (2 years Journeyman in Liberia and 33 in Taiwan). She is now living in Prescott, AZ, and is active in prayer ministry at Willow Hills Baptist Church and the Yavapai Baptist Association.

**Robert “Rob-ART” Morgan** (1975) is a cartoonist and webmaster.

**Tom Stringfellow** (1977, 1992) serves as Director of Missions for the Sierra Butte Baptist Association in Gridley, CA. He and his wife, Rietta, live in Magalia, CA.

**James “Jim” Harvey** (1979) wrote a book this year, entitled *Who Changed God’s Name*. A professor of Bible at Williamson Christian College in Franklin, TN, he has served as pastor of seven churches in four states, and as interim pastor of four other churches. He has conducted preaching missions to Uganda, Romania, Ukraine, Brazil, Guatemala, the Philippines, and Thailand. He also has been a curriculum writer for LifeWay Christian Resources for more than 30 years.

## 1980s

**Charles “Charlie” Reynolds** (1982) is serving as a Chaplain assigned to the Army War College Fellows Program at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University in Fairfax County, VA.

**Dennis Thomason** (1985) is currently teaching Biblical Studies at Yellowstone Baptist College in Billings, MT.

**Marie “Mona” Maclean** (1987) owns a voice-over business in Southern Florida. She recently re-married after being a widow for six years. She has an 18-year-old son, Cole.

**Abraham Lee** (1987) is senior pastor of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Baptist Church in Anaheim, CA.

**C. Exter Hardy, III** (1987) has a new 13-year-old son, Joseph Michael, who was adopted on August 20, 2009.

**Curtis Buthe** (1989) has been pastor of Cedar Hills Baptist Church in Beaverton, OR since September 1, 1994.

## 1990s

**Larry J. Harold** (1990) has been appointed by the North American Mission Board to serve as a church planter in San Francisco.

**David Howle** (1993) teaches at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX. He and his wife, Cathy, have made mission trips to Kenya, Hong Kong, and Australia. Their sons, both married, live in Whittier, CA, and Sydney, Australia.

**Michael “Mike” Moran** (1994) became the senior pastor at Grace Community Church in Auburn, CA in September 2009. Prior to this position, he was one of the pastors at First Baptist Church, Modesto, CA. He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children.

**A.J. Story** (1994) served as a mission pastor for more than three years before accepting a position as the Chaplain of Fellowship Square, a Christian-owned

independent living retirement community in east Tucson, AZ.

**Alicia Wong** (1999) has been appointed by the North American Mission Board to serve as a national evangelism missionary in Wake Forest, NC.

## 2000s

**Chip Bendel** (2000, 2008) moved with his wife, Cathleen, to Tulsa, OK in June 2009 from Las Vegas, NV.

**David Ko** (2002) is serving as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army, stationed with the 1/25 Stryker Brigade at Fort Wainwright, AK and currently deployed to Iraq.

**Lewis Eldridge** (2003) received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in 2007 from GGBTS. In August 2009, he celebrated four years as pastor at Gospel Fellowship Baptist Church in Marin City, CA.

**Glen Morris** (2004) works as an Observer/Trainer at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, VA. He and his family live nearby in Carrollton, VA.

**Joseph Dominguez** (2005) is the pastor, founder and director of School of Servanthood, located on Rancho Tres Cruces in San Antonio De Las Minas, Baja, Mexico.

**Robert Edler** (2007) and wife, Connie, recently joined Lakeway Baptist Church in The Colony, TX.

**Larry Barnes** (2007) is currently the Youth and College Minister at Scotsdale Baptist Church in El Paso, TX. His wife, Valerie, is the Children’s Director at Scotsdale Baptist Church.

**Pete and Sarah Cuison** (2007) reside in Cleveland, TN. Pete teaches middle/high Bible and Sarah teaches elementary Spanish, at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School in Cleveland.

# Seminary Sprouts



**Keira Chayasirisobhon**  
Born September 16, 2008  
Victor (2008) and Theresa Chayasirisobhon



**Vanessa Chayasirisobhon**  
Born October 8, 2009  
Victor (2008) and Theresa Chayasirisobhon



**Samantha Kate Engelland**  
Born August 24, 2009  
Ryan (2003) and Marian (2004)  
Engelland



**Elizabeth Faith Engelland**  
Born August 24, 2009  
Ryan (2003) and Marian (2004)  
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**Aubrey Jean Aiko Makena Hew**  
Born July 23, 2009  
Jason (2008) and Emily Hew



**Hannah Grace Phifer**  
Born June 30, 2009  
Amanda (2008) and Daniel Phifer (2008)



**Anna Grace Funk**  
Born April 16, 2009  
Nathan (2007) and Erin Funk



**Reese Michelle Greenwood**  
Born January 18, 2009  
Ryan (2006) and Renee Greenwood



**Lily Katheryn Walker Cuison**  
Born February 23, 2008  
Pete (2007) and Sara (2007) Cuison

# In Memoriam

- Wilma G. Eurich 1949
- Felix Hays Blackman 1949
- Lawrence Avery Brown 1950
- James E. Blair 1955
- Eldon Earl Amrine 1956
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- Clyde E. Beasley 1956
- Helen Goodner 1956
- Verla R. Roberts 1956
- Oscar Loran Hipshman 1957
- Harry Eugene Coates 1958
- Nathaniel Linzie, Sr. 1958
- Edgar B. Dalton 1960
- Lee Edward Leary 1960
- C. Patrick Hancock 1962
- Charles E. Hancock 1962, 1967, 1973
- Bradley Nelson Wallace 1963
- Robert Alan McAlear 1963
- Eugene L. Hale 1964
- Edith Howland 1965
- Hugh Glynn Hayes 1966
- Janice Jackson 1966
- Raymond N. Onaga 1966
- Sidney Smith, Jr. 1968
- John Lee Campbell 1969
- Donald Lee Bradstreet 1979
- Phillip D. Busbee 1990
- Stacey Ann Roberson 1992
- Harold Edward Brant 2000
- Gregoria R. Barbero 2004

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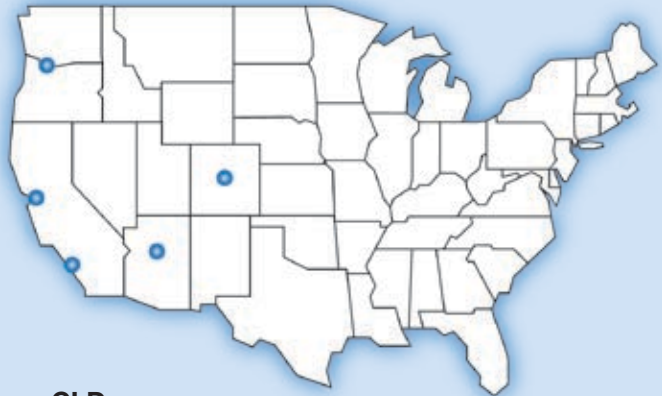
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