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## From the President

Dr. Joseph L. Castleberry, Ed.D.

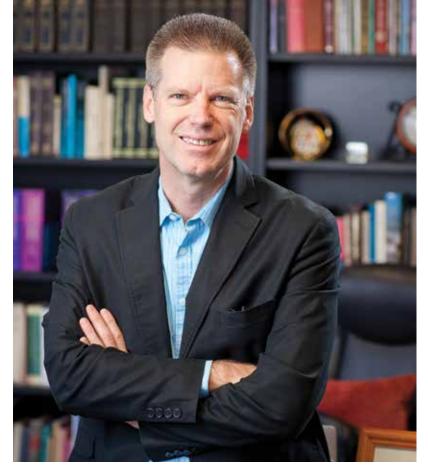
This past summer I took the Clifton Strengths Finder test along with my colleagues on the faculty and staff here at the University. One of my areas of strength as a person is that I am futuristic. I'm always thinking about the future! It drives me day and night. I can get so tangled up in the future that I trip over it before it even gets here! But I'm also a great history lover. Now in my sixth year as part of the Northwest University family, I have learned so much about our past! We have an amazing story, and I love to tell it to visitors who come to the campus. I realize the only way they can see the future I see for Northwest is in the light of our past.

The marvelous Christian poet T.S. Eliot famously wrote, "In my beginning is my end." In the *Four Quartets*, he says

Time present and time past Are both perhaps present in time future And time future contained in time past.

The Bible certainly suggests that truth, and the Book of Revelation ends the Biblical story in chapter 22 with a powerful re-employment of the language of Eden. The Tree of Life is in the New Jerusalem. God is with God's people, as it was in the Garden. The River of Life is there. The best predictor of the conditions of Heaven is Eden.

In a similar way, the present conditions of Northwest University-better still, the living legacy of our past-is the best predictor of our future. As I think about the past of our school, I reflect that the story of Northwest strongly reflects the history of God's work in our country over the last 78 years. In our early decades, we see the pioneer advance of nascent Pentecostalism through the years of the Great Depression. Our early graduates took a positive message of hope and power into a society that was devastated by economic turmoil. After World War II, G.I.s flooded into the college and prepared to be the "messengers" and "builders" of a great future, going out with the flush of success and Gospel militancy. As the gifts of the Holy Spirit began to break out in the mainline churches in the '60s,'70s, and '80s the student body became more diverse in denominational make-up and more open to different kinds of ministry and service to God. In the 90's and 2000s, a greater commitment to academic excellence arose to prepare us for ministry in "the halls of power." The new decade



presents a student body that is more focused than ever on making the love of God tangible to a world that begins locally and spreads out across the globe.

The more I study the class of 1937 and the founding of Northwest Bible Institute, the more I realize that elements of our institutional culture were included in the very foundation of our community. The same love for God, zeal for Jesus, desire for fellowship, concern for the nations, hunger for learning, and dedication to success are evident today. Everything may be new at Northwest, but nothing has changed.

From where I sit, the view to the future seems especially promising. The student body this year seems especially hungry for God. Pursuit services have been well attended and intense. Chapel has evidenced a strong spirit of worship. Student teams have been out on the streets of Seattle presenting the Gospel. We have numerous testimonies of healings, encounters with God, and even conversion experiences from students who came to Northwest without having truly given their hearts to Christ beforehand.

Today's students are just like the students of years gone by. As you read the stories of our past in this issue of Passages, understand that you are not just looking into our past, but seeing into the future as well.

Blessings,

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#### **Pursuit Conference**

Northwest University hosted its second annual Pursuit conference on October 1-3, 2012. This year's conference featured: Chad Veach, Tyler Sollie, Elijah Waters, Jon Laurenzo, UG Worship band, and NU Worship. Pursuit Conference was birthed out of NUMA's (Northwest University Ministry Association) desire to see the Northwest seek and encounter Jesus, and has quickly become a highlight of the fall semester.



## 2012 Regius Lecture and Award Presentation

On Thursday, October 18th, the College of Arts and Sciences hosted its annual Regius Award and Lecture Presentation. This year's award recipient was Rev. Bill Berger, Lead Pastor at All Saints Church on Queen Anne hill in Seattle, WA. The Regius award recognizes a graduate from a program in the College of Arts and Sciences who has made a significant contribution in his or her field of work. The 2012 Regius lecture was given by Dr. Sharon Linzey, a political scientist dedicated to higher education, human rights, and the progress of civil society in developing nations.



#### Choir Concert at Benaroya Hall

On December 4th, Northwest University Concert Choir, University Presbyterian Choir, and the Rainier Symphony presented "Christmas Traditions" at Benaroya Hall. This Christmas performance featured new carol arrangements and an audience sing-along. It was conducted by William Owen, director of the Northwest University and University Presbyterian Choirs, and music director David Waltman of the Rainier Symphony. Mr. Owen is passionate about creating art that fosters a positive impact on one's spiritual formation, and the December 4th show did not disappoint. Individually, each of the groups could produce a moving performance, but together all three transformed Benaroya Hall into an unforgettable Christmas experience.

#### World Vision Kit Build

On Wednesday, November 14th, Northwest University students partnered with World Vision to build medical Caregiver Kits. These kits equip and encourage local volunteers caring for those living with AIDS in Africa. Students were encouraged to write notes of support or prayers which were included with the medical supplies. One student described the kit build as, "One of the most practical expressions of faith I can think of for helping those in need."

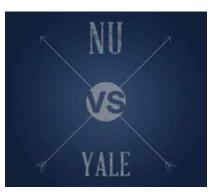


#### Christians and Culture: Proposing a Better Way

On Saturday, October 27th, the Seattle Centurions and Northwest University hosted a conference featuring nationally recognized authors and speakers. John Stonestreet of the Chuck Colson Center for Worldview spoke on living as a Christian in a Postmodern culture. John West, Vice President of the Discover Institute spoke on Scientific Materialism. The Centurions Program was founded by the late Chuck Colson. For more information, visit **seattlecenturions.org**.

#### NU Debate Team

Northwest University hosted the annual Eastside Debate Tournament. This tournament featured Yale and Simon Fraser (British Columbia) Universities. The Yale team also participated in a show debate with Northwest at Microsoft. On October 27th, Eagle debaters swept the speaker awards at the University of Puget Sound tournament.



#### Nursing Students at Union Gospel Mission

On Tuesday, October 16th, senior nursing students and faculty from the Buntain School of Nursing partnered with Seattle's Union Gospel Mission to provide basic care services for those in need. Students traveled to four different locations, including the Nickelsville Tent City in West Seattle. Students were deeply moved by the experience, and were grateful for the opportunity to put their skills to use. For more information about Northwest University's nursing program visit: **northwestu.edu/academics/nursing**.





#### NU Talent Show

On Thursday, October 25th, Northwest University Student Government hosted the annual student Talent Show. This year's theme was "Café a la Talent"—a coffee-shop style showcase of talents. The lineup included singer/songwriters, musicians, breakdancing, and human beat-boxing. This year's winner was the international CELE students' performance of Gangnam Style. Although official votes were cast via Twitter this year, the crowd's standing ovation was a sure sign of the act's popularity!



# Honoring Our EAGELES

## **3RD ANNUAL HALL OF FAME BENEFIT**

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual **Eagle Hall of Fame Benefit** on Friday, March 22, 2013. Join us as we honor student athletes, teams, coaches, and others who've made a significant impact on NU athletics while raising funds for their fellow student athletes.

Friday, March 22, 2013

Bellevue, Washington

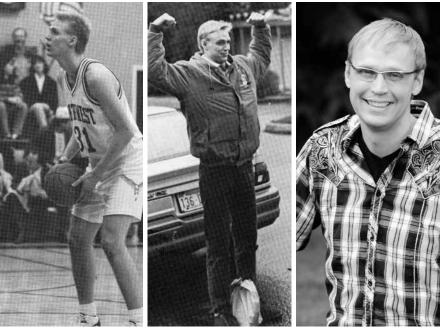
- 5:00 pm Silent Auction & Hors d'oeuvres Reception
- 7:00 pm
   Dinner and Hall of Fame Program



This 1987 Mercedes Benz Coupe Convertible with hard and soft-top will be auctioned off at this year's Benefit. If you'd like more information on the car or to take it for a test drive, please e-mail **dustin.shirley@northwestu.edu**.

This year's Hall Of Fame inductee is Wes Davis, a 1st Team All-American basketball player who played for the Eagles from 1989 to 1993. He still holds the record for career and season assists, and career and season rebounds. Today he is the Lead Pastor at Newlife church in Silverdale, where he lives with his wife, Kari, and three kids—Kali, Austin, and Klara.





## Never Give Up

When the women's soccer team began this season, it didn't look hopeful. They lost 8 of their first 9 games. But they did not give up. Instead, they dug deep and worked even harder. In the process, the Eagles won their next 8 games and found themselves as the regular season 2012 Cascade Conference Champions.

On Saturday, November 10, the Eagles played Concordia for the post-season championship and the chance to enter the NAIA national tournament. The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie in regulation and the match went into overtime. With only 1:12 seconds remaining, Concordia scored to win. Some may see this as a disappointment. But according to coach Erin Redwine, this season has been a testament to the team's strength and mentality. "Our motivation runs much deeper than a result and we will be stronger because of today. Score aside, we have no regrets. We played outstanding against a great opponent. Thank you to our first class seniors who've made a lasting imprint on NU women's soccer and to our fans who've supported us all year."

Look out 2013 season. Here they come.



Erin Redwine 2012 Coach of the Year Cascade Collegiate Conference







Stephanie Cummins

2012 Co-Defensive Player of the Year

2012 All-Conference First Team

2012 All Conference First Team





2012 All Conference First Team

## **Eagle Updates**

#### **Men's Soccer**

- » Finished 4th in the CCC with an 8-6 record, 10-8-1 overall. Played in the conference semifinal for the second straight year, third time in the past four seasons.
- » Goalkeeper Joe Galbraith named CCC Defensive Player of the Week two consecutive weeks; James Kerr named CoSIDA Academic Scholar Athlete for second straight year.

#### **Cross Country**

- » Eagle women finished fourth in the CCC Championships and finished the year ranked #25 in the NAIA national poll; Won the Corban Invitational Meet.
- » Matt Porter finished 13th in the CCC Championships earning him an invitation to the NAIA National Championships for the second straight year.

#### Volleyball

» Finished 7th in the CCC; team named CCC Team of the Week. Olivia VanDlac, CCC Hitter of the Week; Ashton Arbuthnot, CCC Setter of the Week; Heather Shulke, CCC Libero of the Week (2x); Sarah Stoker named CoSIDA Academic Scholar Athlete First Team, District 8.

#### Women's Soccer

» Team named CCC Team of the Week. Acacia Johnson, CCC Offensive Player of the Week; Jessica Oliver, CCC Offensive Player of the Week (2x); Patty Hughes, CCC Defensive Player of the Week.

#### **Fall Athletes**

» Twenty-six student-athletes from the fall sports teams were named to the 2012 Cascade Conference All-Academic team as announced by the league office. This is a record number of fall athletes, breaking the previous record of 17 set in 2011.



# STUDENTS ONE SPIRIT

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2: 1-2

The movement of the Holy Spirit is alive and well among students at Northwest University today. You can see it in Pursuit on Monday night. You can sense it in the deepening relationships formed within 52 different Life Groups on campus. And you can find it in lives that have been transformed though our mission trips.

Looking at it from the outside, you may see very different students from those you knew while attending Northwest University. Different clothes. Different hair. Different music. But God sees the inside. He sees the heart. And there—in the deepest places—the same Spirit is moving them towards the same goal: to glorify the Father.

Do things look different at NU? Yes. But the stories below will show you how God's Spirit is moving today, just as He did in your day.

And just as He did in that small room over 2,000 years ago.

A student had been diagnosed with PCOS, a serious condition that can cause diabetes and heart disorders. She began to experience pain and was sent to a specialist. According to the doctor, "it did not look good." She prayed with her RA and friends for healing. When she went in for her next ultrasound, the technician gasped. It showed that she had been completely healed. There was no sign of the disease. "God provided for me in my time of need, He was there when I felt hopeless and broken. I have no idea how this happened, besides the fact that it was God. There is no other explanation for what has happened, and I am so grateful to get to share the with you."

A young woman testified in chapel about her battle with an eating disorder. As a young girl she was a ballet dancer and became very obsessed with her looks. She also dealt with severe nightmares. She was prayed for and completely healed. The nightmares are gone and she has gained the strength to overcome her eating disorder.

"Praise God for all He's been doing in my life through chapel! I am getting up early and spending time with Him every morning. It's my favorite time of day!"

"Praise God that I have been given a job! God provided just what I needed at the exact time I needed it!"

One student came to NU without faith in Christ. Pursuit on September 10th was his first time going to church, ever. Two weeks later he approached Pastor Phil and told him he met God that night. He had a locked jaw issue and was completely healed in the service. After following up with this student, he is still growing in his faith and feels that the reason he came to NU was to find Christ.

A student set an appointment with Pastor Phil to talk about faith. Until she came to NU her only perspective of Jesus came through the influence of her Mormon friends in High school. She came to NU because she was curious and wanted to know more. At the end of a wonderful conversation—with tears in her eyes and a smile on her face—this student prayed a prayer of faith for the first time in her life. If you see her around campus she is still smiling!

During an international prayer service in chapel one student prayed in Swahili, her native language. Another student who stood nearby and does not know Swahili felt like the Holy Spirit told him what she said. He approached her and told her what the Holy Spirit expressed. Through tears, amazement, and joy she told him that the Holy Spirit had spoken the exact prayer that she prayed.

Another student had cancer on her optic nerve. After radiation treatment the doctors told her that she would likely become blind within two years from the massive scare tissue that was left. Students prayed for her and after a doctors visit they could not find any scar tissue. She testified in chapel and reported that the doctors said to her "Someone up there must love you a lot".

"Pursuit changed my life. God used Elijah Waters greatly and I'll never be the same! I will never be numb again. I gave up my addictions. But I have a new one! Today addiction is spelled G-O-D!"

"Pursuit this week made me realize that I needed to make my relationship with God real! Being surrounded by so many amazing Christians definitely helps. I'm making my relationship with Christ real now, no more faking! Thanks Pursuit!"

"This week God showed me that his love for me supersedes anything that I could say or do. I have not arrived yet but I'm definitely moving forward. God is by my side and by his grace I will make it!"

"This is a hallelujah moment! My boyfriend hadn't been feeling well and when he went to the doctor they estimated that he had Lyme disease. After a blood test came back clean, he was diagnosed with perfect health! Praise God for his divine healing!"



Opportunity is all around us. It is held within each moment; within each student; waiting to be unleashed.

## The Opportunity Fund: Equipping Our Next Generation

Justin Kawabori - Development Director

Northwest University is proud to prepare our next generation of leaders to bring Christ into the culture. We start by offering our students a Christ-centered education, where their faith can grow and thrive. Through outstanding professors who offer real-world experience to supplement rigorous academic instruction, our students receive a world-class education at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The Opportunity Fund was created with the express purpose of expanding vocational, spiritual, and academic opportunities for our students—and to attract and retain the very best and brightest who desire to be educated in a Christ-centered institution of higher learning.

The impact of the Opportunity Fund manifests itself in three ways as students seek excellence in their Northwest University education: spiritual vitality in their learning; affordability and accessibility from start to finish; and real connection to community needs while they are here. It starts right here at our main campus, in Kirkland, Washington, and it expands to satellite campuses in Salem, Oregon, and Nampa, Idaho. Today it is moving forward with exciting plans for a campus in Northern California, as well as online coursework that can be accomplished from anywhere in the world.

Why is this important? The success of our alums, such as Tim Ohai, who founded Growth & Associates (a strategic consulting firm that coaches executive leaders to align individuals with their corporations), is directly linked to the opportunity they received from their education at Northwest University.

Tim was a ministry major who desired to become a youth pastor. After a difficult experience in youth ministry, he found he had a talent for sales, and quickly climbed the corporate business ladder, becoming the division head of a multinational corporation first for all of North America, then South America, and then Global.

Realizing the price of success was too high, Tim and his wife decided to let go of the high-powered corporate career, and to regroup by returning to their roots and their home town. There Tim reconnected with his dream of serving in youth ministry, and founded the Christ-centered business he runs today that has helped so many people and corporations. When asked, Tim credits all of the Bible classes he took at Northwest University as his foundation, and the preparation he needed to honor God in his walk along the way.

There are so many similar stories of alums like Tim Ohai, and if we realize the impact each is making in the world today, we understand the importance of the foundation received yesterday in a Christ-centered education that prepared them to enter into—and engage—a world in desperate need of Christ.

The Opportunity Fund is designed precisely for this purpose: to afford our students today the help and tools they need in order to say "yes" to a Northwest University education, so they will be properly trained up and prepared to make a difference in the world tomorrow. That's why our 2012 annual goal for The Opportunity Fund is set at \$500,000—to adequately expand vocational, spiritual, and academic opportunities for our students, and to grow those opportunities year after year.

There are many good and worthy causes to support, but perhaps nothing is more important than the promise of the next generation. With your help, students who desire an exceptional Christian education will get one, and their lives and ours—will never be the same.

The Opportunity Fund is an investment today that will forever change tomorrow.

Learn more at northwestu.edu/opportunityfund.

## A Legacy of Song

#### Q & A with Doc Swaffield

#### How did you first come to Choralons?

I came to the Seattle area in 1969 to study at University of Washington. A number of dramatic events led to my arrival at Northwest. After the previous director of Choralons become seriously ill, President Hurst asked me to join the faculty and become the new director.

## What is the most important public aspect of Choralons?

I have always believed the most important aspect of Choralons is the presentation of the gospel truth. Secondary to the gospel, we also recognized our responsibility in representing the school wherever we performed. We traveled extensively each spring, and I considered Choralons part of Northwest's public relations arm.

## How have you seen Choralon members strengthened in their faith?

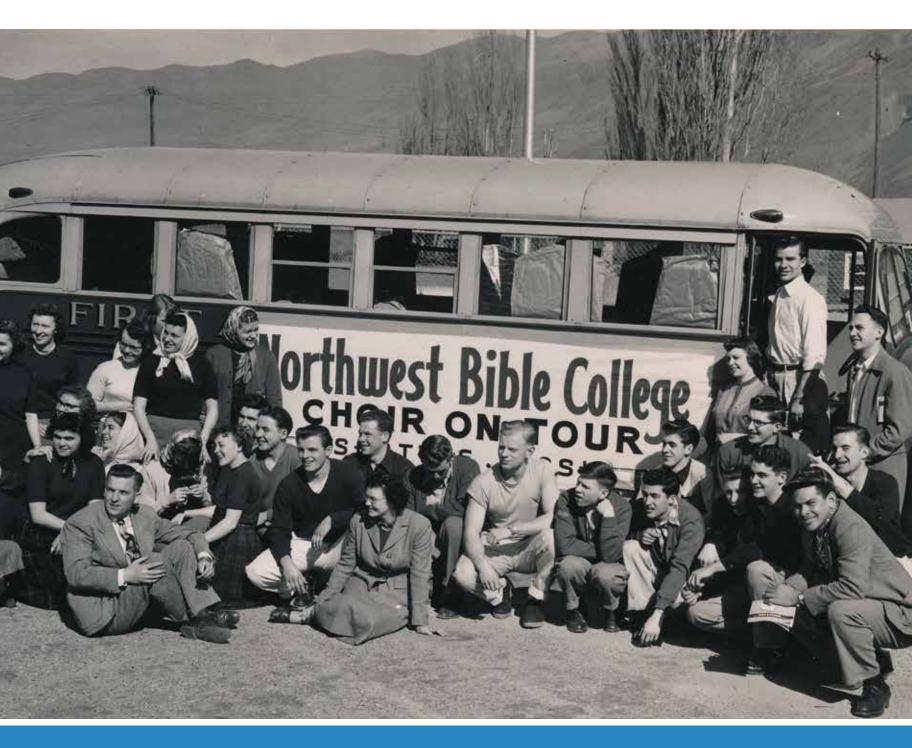
Choralons provided an additional level of community for its members, and allowed them to express their love of music in a way that glorified God. I really believe the Choralon experience was spiritually helpful to most of its members, and this is Choralons' greatest legacy.

## Do you have a favorite memory from your Choralons travels?

My wife traveled with me most of those years. The choir members called her "Mom Doc." She looked after the well-being of each member with vitamins each morning and thank-you notes for the homes where they were staying.

In a lighter vein, one of my favorite memories of traveling with Choralons was a time we were on tour. As we were preparing to leave for our next church, one of our carload of guys were ten minutes late. When they pulled up, the driver sprang out of the car and said, "Doc, there was a goat in my suitcase." This was hard for the rest of us to believe, but they had a Polaroid picture of a goat standing on the suitcase. Apparently, the family where the guys were staying had a pet goat in the house. Being a goat, it apparently felt the need to inspect the contents of this strange suitcase.





The Northwest Choralons have been touring for decades. They continue their tour this spring, 2013. Please visit **northwestu.edu/choralons** for their full schedule.



## Learning From Our History

Heritage is often thought of in terms of buildings, statues, and traditions. But it can also be found in our people. And there is one person who embodies Northwest University:

#### His name is Dr. LeRoy Johnson.

**T** is journey to Northwest University L began in 1967. One day while teaching school in Aitkin, Minnesota, he happened to see an advertisement for a small college in Washington State looking for a history teacher. He filled out the application, sent it in, and waited. Time passed and Dr. Johnson heard nothing. One day he woke up and told his wife (Marilyn) about an odd dream he'd had the night before. "I dreamt that the president of Northwest, D.V. Hurst, called me and wanted me to go for a job interview. When I came home from work that night, Marilyn told me that D.V. Hurst called. He wanted me on a plane by Friday. By that following Saturday I had signed the contract and was an employee of Northwest College."

As you might imagine, Dr. Johnson has seen significant changes during his tenure at NU. "When I first started, girls couldn't wear earrings or wear pants. Guys couldn't have their hair on their collar or have beards. But what I tell people who bemoan these generational changes is this: Today's students may not dress the way you did, but they love God just like you love God."

Dr. Johnson has taught thousands of students who have attended his classes throughout the decades. But he's learned something from them as well. "Students have kept me younger than my 73 years," he says. "They keep me in touch with current culture. More importantly, they've taught me a lot about tolerance. To be more understanding. Our students come from so many different backgrounds. Everyone has a unique story. You can't assume you know everything about their lives. You can't cookie cutter them."

In addition to the change he's seen in students, there have been noticeable changes in the university. "Over the years, it's grown academically to serve wider needs and interests. We are no longer a school that only trains ministers, as important as that is. We now offer over 60 academic programs and educate people to Carry the Call into all kinds of careers. When I first came here, the only major was in Bible or church ministry. Back then we lost great people who had to transfer out if they wanted to go into education, business, or nursing. Today they can all get a great education right here."

When asked about his favorite memories, many come from his 16-year tenure as the assistant men's basketball coach. In fact, many still affectionately refer to Dr. Johnson as "coach." But his reflections quickly turn to people whose lives he has touched. "There was one young man who was living in his car. He came here and took several classes from me. I was able to get him an internship at the state legislature. Now he is a full time legislative assistant." Dr. Johnson would likely not say this, but there is a very good chance that none of these blessings would have happened to students like this without the care and compassion of a certain history professor.

Today, Dr. Johnson teaches history two days a week and you're very likely to find him in the Caf having lunch with two of his granddaughters. Both are students at NU. "All three of my sons also attended Northwest." As proud as he is of them, he reserves special praise for his wife of 51 years. "Without Marilyn, none of this would have been possible for me. I mean, who gets to spend their life doing this? Doing what they love? I enjoy being semi-retired. But I really loved my time here at Northwest. I made so many wonderful friends. It's been so gratifying. I don't know what could have been a better way for Marilyn and me to spend our lives."

LeRoy Johnson keenly understands that his life has been blessed. But those who've been fortunate enough to call him teacher, coach, colleague, and friend realize the special blessing that he has been to us.



## **Christ Encountered Here**

The Chapel is a humble building. Bricks. Wood. Mortar. Everyday things. But it is within this simple structure that so many over the years have raised their hands in worship or fallen to their knees in submission.

It is within humble things that Jesus Christ makes His home. In Him the ordinary becomes extraordinary. And the everyday becomes eternal.

## A Personal Note from Dr. Johnson

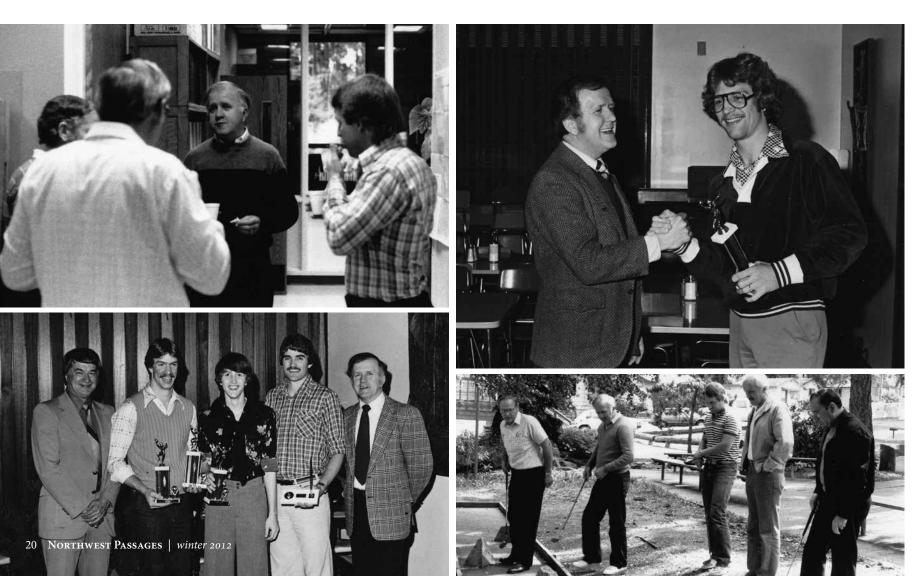
Alumni and Colleagues,

As I reflect on the forty-five years Marilyn and I have spent as part of the Northwest family, my heart is full. We count so many alums among our dearest friends and follow their lives with pride and thankfulness. It was my privilege to have hundreds of you in my history and political science classes, especially since when I came every student had to take two history classes and I was the only history prof! What I affectionately call "the good old days."

I am proud to wear the title "Faculty Emeritus" from such a great institution as

Northwest University. I have seen such growth of the University, both in physical size and buildings and in the scope of the degrees and programs offered. I am aware that in some circles there may be a feeling that the school has changed too much, and I understand that. I am an alum from several different schools and those places have changed drastically as well. Change is a constant of life, and I think the changes at NU have been positive and have brought progress. But, to alumni, "change can be the enemy of memory;" however, in the case of NU I think that as alums you can be proud of your alma mater as it turns out people prepared to minister in a variety of occupations and methods in the 21st century.

To my colleagues, I say thank you for your contributions to my personal spiritual and intellectual growth. I can't begin to imagine all the challenging discussions I have shared with you, formally and informally. I treasure those. We have shared many things on campus and in our homes as well. Present and past colleagues and alums are a source of gratitude for both Marilyn and me. A university is only as good as its faculty and only as Christian as its faculty, so my hope is that you will keep the light alive!



## Faculty & Friends Express Their Gratitude

Historian, educator, coach, sportsman, friend, family-man—LeRoy Johnson excels as a phenomenal human being who faith-fuels his days in such a way that shows his courage, his integrity, and his service. His decades long resulting history of institutional service, plus a venerable list of students in his wake, prove his attention to the present plus his ongoing commitment to the well being and future of Northwest University. **Julia H. Young (recently retired English professor)** 

remember so well when we needed a history professor with credentials, Las we were deeply involved in procuring regional accreditation. An ad was placed in the Evangel and LeRoy saw it. He made contact and there we were in negotiations. He flew out from Minnesota and we reached an agreement. Salaries were low and I was able to add assistant basketball coach to his assignment and added \$200 to his contract. That swung the deal. He served for years in that position, along with teaching history in a most admirable way. He related beautifully to the students and also with his associates on faculty. I found a house for him and Marilyn to rent overlooking Lake Washington. The problem was it was mouse infested. Poor Marilyn had to cope with that. After a year I found a house for them to purchase near Washington High School. We, as a college, loaned them the down payment. (And there is more to that story that I will forego.) They live in that house to this day. LeRoy wrote a great record at NU and is to be highly commended. He will be remembered by his students as 'one of the best.' He was with me for almost all of the 25 years I served as President. D. V. Hurst (Former President of NU - hired LeRoy)

I had written a good two pages before reading through what I wrote and realized that everything I was saying kept coming down to this one thing...I simply love the man...my teacher ('72), my friend (always), my co-worker (from time to time), my golf partner (anytime), my example (from day one), my confidant (still)...see, there I go again. LeRoy, I simply love you for who you are and all you've meant to me. No blush. Just fact. John Vertefeuille (Former student)



A t the end of last year there were pictures of LeRoy posted around campus with encouragement for everyone to consider all the places where he left his mark. I have one of those pictures posted above my office door so that I can see it often, be reminded of the incredible privilege and responsibility it is to be a faculty member at this institution, and attempt to follow the example of my friend who truly did it right! **Kristi Brodin (Current faculty and Marshall)** 

Dr. LeRoy Johnson is one of the finest examples of a gentleman and a scholar that I have ever met over the course of my academic career. It is always a testimony to his impact on the lives of NU students that whenever our alumni return to campus, they invariably mention the impact of Professor Johnson on their lives, not just their education. As academics, we are not only educators but councilors, mentors, and friends to our students. LeRoy epitomizes this in every way. NU was blessed by his service and I have been blessed by his friendship.

#### Dr. Kevin Cooney, Professor of Business and Political Science

LeRoy Johnson has been and continues to be one of the most loyal and Supportive fans of Eagle athletics in all sports. He attends as many athletic events as possible and it does not go unnoticed. Our athletes appreciate Dr. Johnson taking time to show his support for them. It means a great deal to them to see faculty and staff at their games.

#### **Al Kawashima - Sports Information Director**



## Passing the Mace

"I am keenly aware of the *tremendous heritage* of this institution. I sense deeply that together with my colleagues I am CARRYING THE CALL." Receiving the mace from Dr. LeRoy Johnson, and following in his footsteps as Faculty Marshal, is truly an honor. Having been part of the Northwest community for many years, and since my sister Kristi is now the longest tenured faculty member, I am keenly aware of the tremendous heritage of this institution. I sense deeply that together with my colleagues I am Carrying the Call. The names on the buildings—Pecota, Rice, Williams, Hurst, Argue—remind me of that great cloud of faithful witnesses watching our progress, and they hold me accountable to excellence in the service of Christ as I serve students.

My duties as Marshal include the organization of faculty and students in University ceremonies, chief among which are Convocation, at the beginning of the academic year, and Commencement, at the end. I have had the privilege of learning the ropes over the past several years as a sort of "Marshal-in-Training" to Dr. Johnson. But in addition to fulfilling these tasks, important as they are, I hope also to become the kind of faculty member he has been: one who is a support for all members of the community with a generous, listening heart and with wisdom always ready to share.

Currently, I teach New Testament History and Literature, Biblical Interpretation, and New Testament Greek. I serve as chair of the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies in the College of Ministry (COM) under the leadership of Dr. Wayde Goodall, and as the Secretary of the Faculty Council. I am the faculty advisor for twelve students pursuing degrees in Pastoral and General Ministries. Serving with Kristi as team chaplains for the women's volleyball and softball teams is also a blessing, as we get to participate afresh in the strong tradition of Christcentered athletics for which Kristi particularly helped lay the foundation.

This coming May and June, following Commencement, I will be leading a group of COM students on a 26-day study tour of Israel and Jordan. The trip fulfills a COM requirement: we strongly believe that first-hand experience of biblical lands will vitally enhance our students' grasp of God's Word and consequently both their ministry and their personal relationship with the Lord. Additionally, this international travel furthers the forward-looking educational aims of Northwest: to prepare our students, in every classroom and beyond, for effective engagement in the global context.





## **Faculty Updates**

#### **Peg Achterman**

#### Professor, Arts and Sciences

- Mentored 20 students in the student newsroom at the Online News Association conference in San Francisco, California in October 2012.

#### **Suzanne Barsness**

#### Assistant Professor, Nursing

- Spoke (along with Dot McKim) at a half-day workshop in Taipei, Taiwan for the Taipei Nurses Association on the "Practical Application of Nursing Ethics" in February 2012.

- Listed as the second author on a research publication titled "Effects of Growth Hormone-Releasing Hormone on Cognitive Function in Adults With Mild Cognitive Impairment and Healthy Older Adults: Results of a Controlled Trial" in *Archives of Neurology* in August 2012.



#### **Carl Christensen**

#### Dean, Nursing

- Reappointed for third, one-year term as a Pro-Tem member of the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

#### Jeremy Delamarter

#### Assistant Professor, Education

- Co-presented at the 2012 Christian Teachers Association of British Columbia/Northwest Christian Schools International (CTABC/NWCSI) Convention in Lynden, Washington. The presentation was on a spiritual formation survey of students at Christian secondary schools.
- Presented at the 2012 Washington Association of School Administrators/ Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction/Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WASA/OSPI/ASCD) Convention. The presentation was titled "Mentoring, Money, and Manpower: How Small Schools Can Effectively Induct New Teachers."

#### Martha Diede

#### Professor, Arts and Sciences

- "Subtle Evasions: Mary Sidney and Social Expectations for Women's Private Roles" accepted for publication in *WILLA: A Journal of the Women in Literacy and Life Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English.* 

#### **Gary Gillespie**

Professor, Arts and Sciences

- Co-led a student trip to British Columbia with Professor Forrest Inslee. The week-long trip was part of the Native Art and Culture class.







#### Teresa Gillespie

#### Dean, Business and Management

- Presented at the annual conference of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs in Baltimore in June 2012. The topic was "Learning from Service Learning: Using Bloom's 'Other Taxonomy,' the Affective Domain, to Assess Student Values and Promote Excellence."

#### Wayde Goodall

#### Dean, Ministry

- Contracted to publish "The Choice" and "The Fruit of the Spirit" with Zondervan.

- Published "Biblical Counseling" for Africa's Hope.

#### **Ron Jacobson**

Dean and Professor, Education

- Published "Rethinking School Bullying: Dominance, Identity, and School Culture" in the *Research in Education* series by Routledge/Taylor Francis Group. The book will be released in early 2013.

#### **Rachel Klas**

**Student Development** - Presented at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) on the Professional Residance Life Staff.

#### Lenae Nofziger

#### Professor, Arts and Sciences

- Published poem titled "The Old Magician's Wife" in *Rock & Sling: A Journal of Witness*, a literary journal put out by Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

#### **Connie Rice**

*Professor, Arts and Sciences* - Presented a paper on C.S. Lewis at Taylor University.

#### Bob Stallman

#### Professor, Ministry

- Wrote an article titled "Genesis 12-50 and Work" and "Exodus and Work" for the Theology of Work Project.

- Professional consultant for the Applied Linguistics for Biblical Languages group, a part of the Society of Biblical Literature.

#### **David Thomas**

### Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Intercultural Studies

- Published five articles in January 2012 in the four volume set Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization, edited by George Kurian. The articles were titled "Leonardo DaVinci," "Michelangelo," "Parthians," "Roman Triumph," and "Second Coming."

#### Jeremiah Webster

#### Assistant Professor, English

Poetry:

- *Dappled Things*: Surveillance / He Prayed One Might Know An Eclogue By Heart, Fall 2012
- *Eunoia Review*: Cloned Mules Lose to Naturals in Pro Race / Smoke Free, Spring 2012 (Online)
- *REAL*: Exile, Fall 2012. Post the Facts / Shoot the Kids, Spring/Summer 2012 Vol. 36.1
- *Rock and Sling*: Bear Recovering After Reconstructive Surgery / Model Universe, Spring 2012

#### Articles:

- Rock and Sling: Ninety Years Post Wasteland, October 2012
- Rock and Sling: Schliemann in Seattle, March 2012
- Rock and Sling Pretty Vacant, January 2012

#### Conferences:

- "Novel as Cenotaph: Bohumil Hrabal's Defiant Love Story" - Seattle Pacific University / Belief and Unbelief in Postmodern Literature / Seattle, Washington (May 2012)

#### Joshua Ziefle

#### Professor, Ministry

- Published "David du Plessis and the Assemblies of God: The Struggle for the Soul of a Movement."

## Alumni Updates

#### 1950's

**Dr. Ron DeBock** ('53) sold his 36-year old business, Rainier Rentals, last year, but still helps some missionaries with home rentals in their absence.

**Rev. Harry Leid** ('54) and **Kay** (Adams '5) visited places of former ministry: Indonesia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Taipe, Taiwan. **Picture**: Indonesian Congregation pastor's family in Djakarta, Indonesia with Missionaries Harry and Kay Leid, May 2012. Also shown, Pastor and Femmy Budiman. Three weeks later Femmy went home to the Lord from a long fight with cancer. E-mail: leid77@aol.com



**Peter Ahlstrom** ('59) has written a guest post titled "Responding In Faith," for a blog that will post on October 3rd on http://growup318. com. It will also contain a link to the manuscript it was adapted from, currently posted on www.sparkleofnature.com. E-mail: ahlstrom@vcn.com

#### 1960's

**Rev. Dave Harrison** ('62) and wife **Sherry** (Padovan, '60) are beginning their 49th year of full time ministry. First as itinerant children's evangelists, then as pastors, missionaries in Brazil, and now, missionaries to the ethnic peoples in America. E-mail: papa2l.k@gmail.com

**David Nicholson** ('67) played basketball at then Northwest College in 1966-1967. He commends Coach Van Dyke and staff for the progress the Eagles have made and the direction they are going in. David would love to hear from any fellow alum's that played in his era: i.e. Dick Spears, Eddie Smeltzer, Bobby Fox, Byron Newby, Dick Vandeventer, Leon Moore, Dick garrison, Larry Ristow, and many more! He remembers the first on-campus radio show called the Kvamme/ Nicholson hour; being the 1966/1967 Basketball captain; and 1966/67 All Conference first team. He then left for Vietnam in 1967 after being in school for 13 months. David is doing great and happily retired!

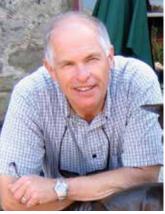
**William J. Bresko** ('69) retired from Lifeguarding. Still swimming for the Air Force, active in community service, and S.C.O.P.E (policing with the Sheriff's department). His wife **Christel Bresko** (Decker, '69) has been awarded the Dove Foundation Award for her two books; *Mother if in Heaven there are no Apples, I will not go there* and *Living in a land where no apples grow.* E-mail: cty19616@centurytel.net, wilbresko@hotmail.com

#### 1970's

**Leslee Ellis** (Curd '72) relocated to Oregon with her husband and is volunteering in schools, a homeless shelter, and with widows and elderly. Prayer is her big thing... she cannot say enough about God's power through His Word and prayer! E-mail: curdellis@yahoo.com

**Rev. Keith Hixson** ('73) is semiretired living in Walla Walla, WA area. He is the Interim Pastor at Walla Walla First Assembly of God and works as a part time chaplain for Providence Medical Center in Walla Walla.

E-mail: trixie\_98926@yahoo.com



**Bonita Donaldson** ('79) and husband **David** ('80) have lived in Minnesota since 1990. David is an Engineer for Verizon Wireless and is the director of their church, Fine Arts Ensemble. David is also working on his Master's Degree in Technical Communication through Minnesota State University, Mankato. E-mail: bmae@usfamily.net

#### 1980's

**Tim McGee** ('82) has last worked in Montgomery Creek as a drug and alcohol counselor with adolescents. He saw God move in mighty ways! E-mail: timothymcgee\_1@juno.com

David Medina ('85) The Houston Association of Hispanic Media Professionals (HAHMP) honored Rice University's David Medina ('83) with its Lifetime Achievement Award in April. As director of multicultural community relations, Medina oversees more than 100 activities each year, including college information sessions and school visits. He also edits Rice At Large, an award-winning quarterly newsletter that raises awareness of Rice's community outreach efforts. Medina has written news and feature stories and book reviews for Newsweek, the Wall Street Journal, as well as other Texan publications. Medina has served as president of the Houston Hispanic Forum, president of Nuestra Palabra (a group for Latino writers), vice president of the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education and co-chair of the 2009 Diversity Summit in Sugar Land, Texas. This year he won Rice's C.M. and Demaris Hudspeth Endowed Award for Student Life and Clubs in recognition of his dedication to the Hispanic Association of Cultural Enrichment (HACER). E-mail: dmedina@rice.edu

**Susan Gewin's** (DeBoer, '87) husband will be pursuing his Ph.D. in preaching in Louisville for the next 4-5 years before heading to India to train pastors as God wills it! E-mail: suegewin@gmail.com

#### 1990's

**Heidi Zweifel** ('92) has been living in Anchorage, AK with her husband Mark and four daughters since 2009. Mark and Heidi are the District Youth Directors (DYD) and absolutely love the youth and college age students of Alaska. E-mail: sheidiz@me.com

**Mike Marsh** ('93) was recently married on July 22, 2011, to Keri Marie Golden. Two wonderful stepsons, Sam (8), Brady (4) and a baby on the way due to arrive on July 4th, 2012. His name will be Reagan Blackmore Marsh. Mike and his wife Keri both have worked at Nintendo, for eight years and 12 years, and attend Cedar Park Assembly of God in Bothell, Washington. E-mail: marshplace@gmail.com

**Amy Joy Hess** (Munson, '96) graduated from Shepherd University in West Virginia with a B.S. in Biochemistry.

**Denelle DeVries** (Downs, '96) works for a parent partnership program with Mt. Vernon School District that partners with homeschooled students. She is an instructor, advisor and drama director. Her husband, Fred DeVries, owns and operates their long time family dairy farm, DeVries Dairy. Her kids Raymond, Leanna, Rusty and Robbie attend Mt. Vernon Christian school. For those of you who knew Denelle, she is still not your typical farm girl. Her husband hangs with the cows while she does the bookkeeping in her clean office! E-mail: fredandnellie@frontier.com

**Rev. John Scheline** ('99) and **Pamela** (Tromble, '98) are the new Lead Pastors at Bozeman Christian Center in Bozeman Montana. They have four children, Daphne (12), Makenna (9), Joslynn (5), and Jakob (4). Both John and Pamela grew up in Wyoming and Montana is like moving home. E-mail: john.scheline@gmail.com or pam.scheline@ gmail.com



## Alumni Updates

**Jamie White** (Gregerson, '99) and family moved from the Seattle area in 2009 to North Carolina. They now have their own home in Waxhaw, NC. **Jeremy** ('99) has been employed by Wells Fargo since they arrived and in this last year has been promoted to the Small Business Administration (SBA). Jamie has worked now for a year as a teacher at the YMCA, in Charlotte, NC.

#### 2000's

**Keely Drotz** (Cavender, '00) a registered dietitian, recently released her first book, "The Poisoning of Our Children: Fighting the Obesity Epidemic in America." For more information, please visit PoisoningOurChildren.com

E-mail: Keeley@TGBGnutrition.com



**Jennifer Yzaguirre** (Porter, '00) recently married Tim in Oahu, Hawaii, on the beach of Kailua on April 3rd, 2012.

**Roland Descoteaux** ('01) is still working for the Department of Defense in Warren, Michigan. He also spent four years overseas on assignment in South Korea. He is looking forward to the possibility of going back overseas to Japan once his Masters is completed, but would accept the right assignment in Europe if offered. E-mail: Nezscape@gmail.com

**Nikki Reeves** ('03) Is working on finishing her Masters of Divinity at Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) and beginning the process to be a chaplain candidate. When she graduates, she will be applying with the army to be an active duty chaplain.

**Justin Pike** ('04) was recently promoted in January to the position of Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Edmonds, Washington. E-mail: justin.x.pike@ampf.com

**Michael Utz** ('04) moved to Davenport, Iowa and is working with a great church on music, technology, and humanitarian work in Haiti. E-mail: theutz@gmail.com

**Lisa Truemper** ('04) recently accepted a position as a Middle School Assistant Principal in the Issaquah School District and continues to pursue her Doctor of Education at Seattle Pacific University.

**Charissa Steyn** (McPherson, '04) and her husband are celebrating the birth of their first child, David Josiah, born September 9th, 2012. They currently live in Cape Town, South Africa and have just recently been accepted as AG missionary associates to go to the Netherlands. E-mail: charissaann82@yahoo.com

**Adam Swinyard** ('05) and wife Ashley welcomed the arrival of their second child, Brandon, on August 1st, who joins his two year-old sister, Bailey. Adam is a Middle School Assistant Principal in the Cheney School District and is pursuing his Doctor of Education at Seattle Pacific University.

**Jerome Inge** ('08) and **Jessica** (Coleman, '05) were married on February 25, 2012. They are currently attending church at The Everyday Church in Monroe, Washington. They are learning the in's and out's of what it means to be the church and are hoping to one day go and plant churches in communities that need to experience the love of Christ.

**Bethany Judd** (Shaw, '08) and husband **Eric** ('08) recently began working at Trinity Life Center in Rainier Valley in Seattle, working primarily with the youth in the church. They love the unique location to Carry their Call in Rainier Valley!

**Casey Fowler** ('09) will be graduating next spring with his Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) as a family nurse practitioner from Gonzaga University. He and his wife purchased their first home a year ago in Spokane, WA. E-mail: thecaseys@live.com

**Stephanie Perrine** ('09) was hired by the Metropolitan Development Council as the new College Bound Instructor at Henry Foss High School in Tacoma, WA.

**Ashley Tiffany** (Miller, '09) is 26, living in her hometown and working as the Children's Pastor at Praise Covenant Church. She is continually amazed at His grace and how He works for the good of those who love and serve Him. Romans 8:28. E-mail: pastorashley@ me.com

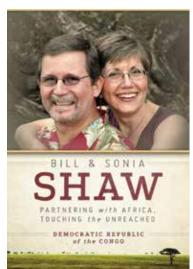
#### 2010's

**Robin Demoski** ('10) is working as a clinical nurse at a native clinic in Juneau, Alaska. She works with the the Tlingit culture and finds it very fascinating. E-mail: rntoak@gmail.com

**Travis Pike** ('11) has been accepted into Wichita State University's graduate program for Creative Writing and has also been awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship. He will begin the three-year program this fall. E-mail: tpike84@gmail.com

**Jimmy Reed** ('11) and wife **Bekah** (Gilbert, '11) got married on March 18th, 2011. Jimmy is serving as a pastor at Northside Church in Mill Creek and is attending the Resurgence Training Center. Bekah is currently becoming a Physical Therapy Assistant at PIMA Medical Institute.

**Sonia Shaw** (Jordeth, '06 & '12) and husband **Bill** ('78) plan to leave in January for their sixth term of missionary service in Africa, this time to Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire). E-mail: sonia.shaw@earthlink.net



**Mariesa Walberg** (Holm, '12) was married to Matthew Holm on September 17, 2011. They reside in Bothell, WA. Mariesa works at Sterling Savings Bank as a Loan Funding Specialist and is a part-time Fitness Instructor at Cedar Park Northshore Church in Kenmore, WA. Her husband works for BNSF as a train conductor. E-mail: mariesa.holm@gmail.com



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## Jumping In With Both Feet

Opportunity means different things to different people. To NU graduate Stephen Ishmael, opportunity means serving fatherless youth in Kenya. And it compelled him to begin a ministry called Two Feet Project. "After visiting Africa, I had a desire to serve there, but I wasn't sure how. It was my time at Northwest University—in the Intercultural Studies program— that really helped me to gain clarity and shape my desires into something more tangible." It was from this sharpened focus that the Two Feet Project (TFP) began to emerge.

The name itself is about stepping boldly forward with both feet to help those who need it. Stephen and his team travelled to Kenya to meet with other organizations to see where the greatest needs were. They prayed for direction. And in 2004, Two Feet Project was launched. "TFP connects fatherless Kenyan youth with mentors. We use sports as a way to draw people in to build relationships. Then we identify and equip mentors and community leaders to come alongside these kids to help guide and support their lives. Our goal is to empower them with spiritual and emotional support. And to teach practical skills that they can take back into their communities."

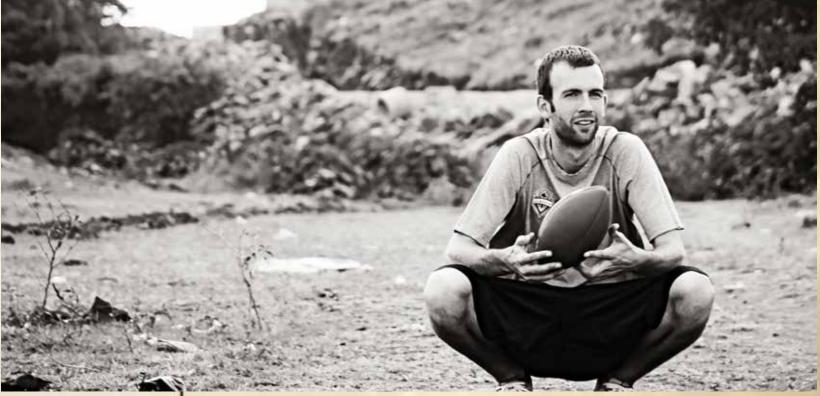
What do these youth need most of all? "Hope," replies Stephen. "Many have been abandoned by their parents and see so little opportunity. We try to let them know that they aren't in this alone. They have community. They have friends. They have skills. And they have our ultimate hope: Jesus Christ."

As Stephen speaks, you sense the passion that's been ignited. But TFP may never have come to fruition, if not for the basketball scholarship he received to attend Northwest University. It was here that Stephen more clearly heard his calling. It was here he made lasting friends that today are on the TFP board and travel with him to serve in Kenya. "The friends I made at NU have been crucial in the development of TFP. I couldn't have gone to any other school and built these kinds of relationships."

You may never travel the dusty roads of Kenya. But you can make sure that students like Stephen continue to find God's calling at a unique, Christ-centered university. To those who are thinking about giving to Northwest University, Stephen offers a word of encouragement. "When you give to NU you're never quite sure who will be impacted. But that is where faith and trust come in—knowing that God will multiply the impact. And trusting that he will shape something powerful out of our humble willingness to love and help His people."

Whether they are in Kirkland or in Kenya.





Stephen Ishmael is shown in the black & white photo above.



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