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Hello Marj,

*Batterfield years*

Nice to hear from you, even though it was short! I know you are super busy.

**COLLEGE GRADUATIONS:**

Sylvia graduated in 1962  
Duane graduated in 1961

Duane was an **associate pastor** at what is now called **Westwood Christian Center in White Center**, a suburb of Seattle. This was immediately after his graduation. He did not receive a salary, however, the title allowed him to attend board meetings and receive further training **under Pastor Bob Tangen**.

Later we **pastored a home missions church in Cascade Locks, Oregon for 4 1/2 years**. While we were there, we applied for missionary appointment, and were assigned to **Malawi, East Africa**

**MALAWI:**

We arrived in Malawi on **March 12, 1971**. Duane had never been overseas before, although Sylvia had spent much of her childhood as a missionary's daughter in the then **Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of Congo)**.

She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L.P. Furman, who were missionary contemporaries of the Harry Downeys and the J.W. Tuckers.

Our **first assignment in Malawi was to be Area Missionaries in the north part of the country**. We were there for **1 1/2 years**. Duane did church planting and evangelistic crusades during that time. Sylvia home-schooled their three children, and gave birth to their fourth child.

Later, we volunteered to **spend 6 months in Dedza, Malawi, in order to keep the Bible School open, due to a shortage of missionary staff**. Later, we moved there, to **spend 10 years in Bible School work**. This was a diploma level school.

After that, Duane was assigned to work in **Lilongwe, the captiol city of Malawi** -- again as an **Area Missionary**. His work involved **co-pastoring a church, evangelistic work, overseeing as many as 5 building projects at a time, being the Field Chairman and serving concurrently as the Field Treasurer**.

Sylvia assisted Duane as much as she could with his over-full schedule, participated in the **women's work at the church** they were co-pastoring with a national brother, and **teaching writing seminars to Malawians**.

In **1990**, the Africa Area Director for East Africa approached us to consider working in **Ethiopia**. He wanted veteran missionaries to **open the Bible College work there**. We agreed and began our work there in **November of 1992**.

**ETHIOPIA:**

We spent the first month in a hotel, looking for good sites to locate both ourselves and the proposed Bible College. We tried for the first 4 years to purchase property for the Bible College, but all our efforts were frustrated. We didn't have a car for well over a year, so learned to use the local transport system very well. This meant a 1/2 mile's walk each way, to and from the bus lines. Twenty months after our arrival, the Jim Macauleys joined us, transferring from Nigeria for medical reasons. Just a couple of months before their arrival, we were able to purchase a car, which we shared between the two families.

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In September 1994 Addis Ababa Bible College opened in a rental property which the Lord miraculously provided for us. The college board consisted of members from several denominations in the city. This is a 4-year degree program granting a degree in Bible and Theology. The curriculum was closely associated with the International Correspondance Institute -- now know as Global University.

Since there was no Assemblies of God national church at the time the college was opened, our student body came from 11 Evangelical and Pentecostal denominations. The Pentecostal phenomena are widespread in Ethiopian Evangelical churches, to the point that all Evangelicals are called 'Pentes' -- short for 'Pentecostal'.

The Assemblies of God opened a church in August 1996 through the work of an Ethiopian church in Kenya. Four of our graduates have come from the A/G.

By May of 2002 there will have been 141 graduates from Addis Ababa Bible College from 11 Evangelical/Pentecostal denominations. About 12 of these have been women.