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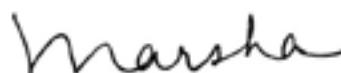
Working on this quarter's *NTS Connection*, which is focused on Women in Ministry, has been inspiring. Our women students and alumni were very responsive to our requests for articles; in fact, we received more than we could print here. Please log on to our website at www.nts.edu to read a few more stories from some of our female alums—I guarantee it will be worth your time!

The three spotlight stories we share in this issue—from a faculty member, a current student, and a recent alumni—all demonstrate that God's call on each of our lives, regardless of our gender, is unique. They also serve as reminders that it is God who calls, and that it is our responsibility, as the one who is called and/or as the Church, to be obedient.

In addition to reading our spotlight articles, also be sure to look in this issue for the important information about General Assembly, Alumni Association Executive Committee elections, alumni events—and more. Please be sure to keep us informed of any address/ministry changes you incur so that we can keep you connected to NTS and to your fellow alumni. You may update your information online anytime at www.nts.edu/alumni.

I also want to extend a special invitation to NTS alumni to join the *NTS Connection* Editorial Team. If you are interested in being “on-call” as a potential writer for upcoming issues, please let us know (alumni@nts.edu or 800-831-3011, ext. 238). Your alumni office is eager to make this publication “alumni-centric”—in order to be successful, we need your input! Please let us know how we can better resource you and connect you to NTS and to each other.

Blessings on you!



Marsha Sailors
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from the president

Does God call women to serve in pastoral ministry? What does Scripture indicate to us about women serving in ministry? Are there theological implications that specifically relate to women in ministry?

Early on in the history of the Church of the Nazarene, our leaders came to the understanding that the weight of scriptural and theological evidence came down on the side of affirming the ordination of women for pastoral ministry. A statement in the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene reads:

“The Church of the Nazarene recognizes and insists that all believers have committed to them a dispensation of the gospel that they are to minister to all people. We also recognize and hold that the Head of the Church calls some men *and women** to the more official and public work of the ministry. As our Lord called to Him whom He would, and chose and ordained His 12 apostles ‘that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach’ (Mark 3:14), so He still calls and sends out messengers of the gospel. The church illuminated by the Holy Spirit, will recognize the Lord’s call... When the church discovers a divine call, the proper steps should be taken for its recognition and endorsement, and all suitable help should be given to open the way for the candidate to enter the ministry.”



Nearly one third (117 to be exact) of the Master’s level students at NTS this year are women. Most have received God’s call into the ministry and have come to NTS to

prepare for pastoral service. For many, the Church has nurtured and encouraged them all along the way, not only in their Christian formation, but also in accepting the call of God on their lives to serve in ministry. Pastors, professors and mentors have recognized their “gifts and graces” for ministry. Nazarene colleges and universities have welcomed them and readily enrolled them in Theology and Ministry majors. And now here they are at Nazarene Theological Seminary preparing for pastoral ministry.

What a wonder it is to see God at work in their lives, further preparing them for Kingdom service. A number of women students at NTS have distinguished

themselves in their scholarship, preaching, pastoral skills, community development and leadership ability. Taken together, they are not only called of God, they are gifted and capable, generally displaying “the gifts and graces” necessary for pastoral ministry.

However, a dilemma we face at NTS is that the Church has not always been open to receive women graduates who have prepared themselves for pastoral ministry. With all the work that goes into a seminary degree, we can’t say with confidence to women students that there will be a place for them to serve in the Church upon graduation. Generally speaking, women who graduate from NTS have far fewer ministry opportunities than male graduates, even when they are equally trained and gifted. This has been both confusing and very disappointing to women who are called of God and well prepared for ministry.

It is our commitment at Nazarene Theological Seminary to prepare those God has called, both men and women. The question that remains is whether the Church will receive those who have been called of God and prepared themselves for Kingdom service as pastors. Will the Church, as the *Manual* states, “... open the way for the candidate to enter the ministry”?



As President of NTS, it is my privilege to recommend our graduates to you, both men and women, who are called of God and who are prepared to serve as ministers in the Church.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Benefiel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Ron Benefiel
President

**italics inserted*

please
join us . . . **at general assembly!**

NTS Alumni Breakfast

Monday, June 27 • 6:45am

Indianapolis Convention Center • Sagamore Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3

Once again, our alumni gathering at General Assembly is scheduled to take place just prior to the opening of the first assembly plenary session. In addition to introducing the new NTS Alumni Association (NTSAA) Executive Committee, there will be time to catch up with faculty and classmates, hear from President Benefiel, and learn about some events and systems we are developing to keep our NTS alumni better connected to each other and to NTS. Alumni should have received a ticket order form in the mail in February that can be mailed (1700 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64131) or faxed (816.822.2468) to the NTS Alumni Office. A ticket order form is also enclosed in this issue of the *NTS Connection*. You may also purchase tickets online at www.nts.edu/alumni. Ticket orders must be received by Friday, June 3.



Top 10 reasons to visit the NTS Exhibit Booth at General Assembly

10. You can introduce a potential student to NTS, our faculty and our Admissions Staff.
9. You can check to make sure your contact information is current so that you don't miss out on any upcoming alumni events or information.
8. You can thumb wrestle with your favorite faculty member.
7. You can watch the new NTS promo DVD.
6. You can meet members of the newly elected Alumni Executive Committee.
5. You can enroll in the D.Min. Program.
4. You can compare your summer reading list with Dr. Hahn's.
3. You can catch up with faculty and former classmates.
2. You can shake the President's hand.
1. You don't need a reason. . . just come on by!

Please stop by and see us! We will be within the same area of the Exhibit Hall as the other Nazarene educational institutions. We'll be looking for you!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. . .

All NTS Alumni should have received a ballot in the mail in February to elect a new Executive Committee to serve the NTSAA 2005 – 2009. Be sure to return your ballots to the Alumni Office no later than May 13, 2005 in order for your vote to count. Our new Executive Committee will be introduced at our Alumni Breakfast at General Assembly. Members of both the outgoing and the new Executive Committee will be invited to be in our exhibit booth. Please stop by and say hello!

Special thanks to our 2001-2005 NTSAA Executive Committee:

Dr. Larry Lott, *President*
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ATTENTION ALUMNI:

If you are a member of the NTS Alumni Association and you did not receive a mailing in mid-February with your breakfast ticket order form and NTSAA Executive Committee Ballot, please let your Alumni Office know by calling us at 800.831.3011, ext. 223 or email us at alumni@nts.edu. We will update our records and get this important information out to you ASAP.

A Call to Teach— A Passion Fulfilled



Judith Schwanz, Ph.D.
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 for Women in Ministry

The telephone call surprised me. “Would you consider joining the faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary?” I called a friend, looking for some insight. “You know me and you know NTS,” I said. “Is it a good fit?”

He did not directly answer my question. Instead he asked a question of his own: “What are you passionate about?” I could not provide a quick response. I had to stop ... reflect. What really motivated me?

My thoughts wandered back to earlier days. I grew up with parents who were active laypersons. My family showed up just about every time the church doors opened. I loved the church and as a high school student I knew that God wanted me in full-time Christian service. When I looked around the denomination of which I was then a part, the only women I saw in ministry served on the mission field. I entered college as a pre-med major. One semester convinced me that I had no passion for the rigors of medicine!

Then I met Keith, the man I eventually married. God had called him to pastoral ministry. “Aha!” I thought. “I can serve God as a pastor’s wife.”

Fast forward eleven years. I led one women’s Bible study each week and trained leaders for a few other groups in our church. Through this ministry I became aware of three women who had experienced sexual abuse as children and had never told anyone until confiding in me. My heart cried out to God, “Someone in the church needs to help them!”

Very quietly, but clearly, I sensed God saying to me, “That’s your job. I want you to do this. Get busy.” So I did. I enrolled in a Christian counseling program at a Wesleyan Holiness seminary.

After graduation, I worked for an inpatient Christian mental health program at a local hospital. As I listened to patients tell of abusive pasts, I made a horrific discovery: sometimes these vulnerable people had been revictimized by pastors to whom they had gone for comfort and care—pastors who had seemingly not been prepared to deal with an emotionally lacerated person.

All these memories stepped to center stage as I contemplated the question posed by my friend, “What are you passionate about?” Slowly the script came into focus. I am passionate about people finding healing in a wholesome congregation led by a healthy pastor.

With my own purpose clarified, I easily saw how my passion fit with the mission of NTS. I knew at that moment that joining the faculty at NTS would allow me to optimize the gifts God had given me for the benefit of the church.

At NTS I teach courses in pastoral care and counseling. We practice skills needed for effective pastoral care: listening, empathy, encouragement. We imprint the personal characteristics necessary for an effective pastoral presence: patience, compassion, and acceptance. In class sessions we emulate the qualities of a healthy congregation: grace-full, hope-full, and delightful.

Recently I spoke with a student who experienced a great loss. In the midst of his grief, this student received a telephone call from his pastor. The pastor prayed with him, asking for the blessing of God’s presence and peace. The student told me, “At that moment I realized my pastor was God’s presence to me. And it made me realize that one day, I’ll be God’s presence to my people.”

This is what I am passionate about—helping my students grasp the importance of grace-compelled ministry to those people God entrusts to their care. I am grateful for and passionate about the opportunity I have to minister and serve at NTS!

NTS Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry

The mission of the NTS Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry is to equip, empower and encourage women called by God to serve in and through the Church of Jesus Christ.

- We equip women by helping them recognize and nurture the spiritual gifts endowed by God and prepare the church to receive their ministry through educational initiatives.
- We empower women to be confident representatives of Jesus Christ and seek to clear the systemic roadblocks they sometimes encounter.
- We encourage women in ministry by providing opportunities for interaction with effective women leaders in the church.

For more information, contact Dr. Judi Schwanz at 800.831.3011, ext. 250 or jaschwanz@nts.edu.

dr. david wesley joins NTS faculty



The NTS Board of Trustees has elected Dr. David Wesley, current Regional Education Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene in South America, as Assistant Professor of Missiology. Dr. Wesley will begin his teaching assignment in the fall 2005 semester. Wesley's election was precipitated by the resignation of Dr. Mario Zani who resigned from the faculty after the spring 2004 semester to serve the Church of the Nazarene once again in his home country of Argentina.

Wesley, a native of Bethany, OK, is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University (Bachelor of Science) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry). As the Regional Education Coordinator in South America, Wesley has facilitated the development and structure of all theological education for the Church of the Nazarene in South America—a structure that includes more than 3,000 students, seven campus centers and 94 extension centers.

Since 1998, Dr. Wesley has served as a liaison between the national education systems and the Regional Director, as well as served as a liaison for the Regional Director to the General Church of the Nazarene in issues relating to theological education and ministerial development. In this role, he has also facilitated financial and human resources for developing institutions and led strategic planning for ministerial development in ten countries of South America. He is also currently the coordinator of mission education and training for South American missionaries. Prior to his current assignment, Wesley served as Rector of the Seminary in Argentina, the Coordinator of Mission Work and District Superintendent in Ecuador, and as pastor in Orlando and Kansas City.

Dr. Wesley produced the modular course materials in Spanish for use in Latin America, serving as both Coordinator and General Editor for the project—a project which involved utilizing Latin American writers to form student and professor modules for the complete course of study (60 books total, 27 of which are currently finished). These materials are currently being used as the base for extension theological education in approximately 14 countries in South America.

Wesley, an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and his wife Glynda have two children, Shane (a student at Olivet Nazarene University) and Leah, currently in high school.

Welcome Dr. Wesley!

you are invited. . .

Mercer Lectures in Christian Holiness

Dr. Randy Maddox

Professor of Wesleyan Theology,
Seattle Pacific University
April 15, 2005



Lecture Series Events

Schedule:

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| 10:00 - 11:00am | Lecture Session - NTS Chapel |
| 11:30am - 1:00pm | NTS Alumni and Student
Lunch Dialogue
with Dr. Maddox -
Nazarene Commons* |
| 1:30 - 3:00pm | Lecture Session - NTS Chapel |

*Space limited; please R.S.V.P. by contacting the NTS Development Office (800.831.3011, ext. 223 or ljudson@nts.edu).

Lecture sessions open to the public .4 CEUs available for attending both lecture sessions and lunch dialogue; applications will be made available on site.



Dr. Richard Hays, Duke Divinity School, Lectures at NTS

On February 24-25, Dr. Richard B. Hays, Ivey Professor of New Testament, Duke University, presented the Earle Lectures in Biblical Literature to a large gathering of members of the NTS community as well as other academic institutions. Dr. Hays is a leader in the field of New Testament studies, internationally recognized for his work on the letters of Paul and on New Testament ethics.

Hays also participated in discussions over lunch with students, alumni, and other members of the NTS community. Dr. Ron Benefiel, NTS President, remarked, "Dr. Hays was very well received by the NTS community. Students, alumni and faculty benefited a great deal from the lectures and Q & A sessions with Dr. Hays. His lectures on reading the New Testament through the Old and the Old Testament through the New were insightful, creative and very helpful."

A Role Model for Mary



Rev. Pam Thompson
Associate Pastor,
Marysville, OH Church of the Nazarene

Tears filled Mary's eyes as she stood and testified, "I have been sensing a call to ministry for a few years, and have wanted a role model—but there were no women pastors around. I am so grateful that God has brought you to us, because now I not only have another pastor, but I also have the role model I have been asking God for."

Those were the words of testimony I heard on my first Sunday as associate pastor at Marysville, OH Church of the Nazarene. Mary is a high school senior who desires to be faithful to the call God had etched upon her heart. I am grateful that now she and I can walk together, seeing how the future unfolds.

After graduating from NTS last May, I began my current full-time ministry assignment—the first for me apart from full-time youth ministry. I never know what each day will hold; my days are spent in the hospital visiting the sick, following up on visitors, counseling parishioners, picking out Sunday School curriculum, attending meetings, preparing sermons or Bible study material, confirming event plans and scheduling.

My female colleagues and I at NTS all wondered how our congregations would respond to us as we stepped out into ministry. Would there be some who would not accept the call God had placed on our lives because of our gender? Are some geographical areas different? How would we respond? I give God thanks for leading me to a church who has embraced me wholeheartedly as their pastor. I am thankful for my senior pastor, Dr. Paul Whiteford, an NTS alum, who from the beginning saw my gender as an asset that brings diversity, not weakness, to the pastoral office. He even attended the women in ministry session at PALCON (Pastors and Leaders Conference) to gain a deeper understanding of how to support me as a colleague. The congregation has welcomed

me with open arms and hearts and they have also expressed appreciation for the diversity I bring to the ministry team. For some of my sisters in Christ, it has been almost like an awakening as they hear the Word of God proclaimed from a female stance, addressing their human needs in a way that connects with them as women.

It isn't easy to be in a ministerial role in a male dominated vocation, in fact it can be very lonely. There are times when I just shake my head, or when tears fall from my face in disappointment. It isn't easy to sit all by yourself at a pastor's meeting because the other pastors aren't sure how to respond, or when district literature still refers to clergy in the masculine and to ministry couples as "pastors and wives." However, through all the joys and tears, my desire is to be faithful to the call which God has placed upon my life and that the church has affirmed, so that God may be glorified.

The "Mary's" of our churches need to see examples of gracious, spirit-filled, competent leaders—and that is what I hope to be.

More NTS Alumni Ministry News. . .

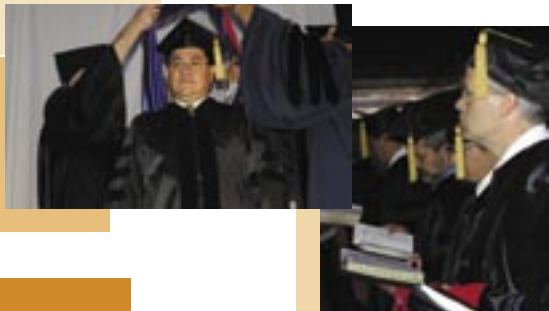


On Friday, March 11, NTS alum Krista Klosterman ('02) (pictured above) returned to NTS, speaking in chapel. Krista is currently an Adjunct Professor of Religion at Olivet Nazarene University, teaching Old Testament and The Church and Christian Ethics. Our alumni, both male and female, serve the church in a variety ways including as pastors, missionaries, educators, chaplains, evangelists and compassionate ministry directors.

NTS south america commencement

On November 7, 2004 NTS celebrated commencement in Pilar, Argentina—its first graduation held outside of the United States. Twelve South American leaders from Peru, Brazil, Ecuador and Argentina received their Doctor of Ministry degrees via a collaborative effort between NTS and the South America and Mexico and Central America Regions. The leadership and vision of all these groups provided this unprecedented opportunity for Spanish and Portuguese speaking Nazarenes.

NTS President Dr. Ron Benefiel delivered the commencement address to more than 600 in attendance. Also present from NTS were Dr. Ed Robinson, NTS Coordinator of the Latin American Doctor of Ministry Program; NTS Dean, Dr. Roger Hahn; and Dr. Mario Zani, NTS Adjunct Professor of Missiology. Dr. Bruno Radi, South America Regional Director, was also present, hosting the NTS Commencement as a part of a regional conference.



scholarship

william and evelyn prince ministerial scholarship

NTS is pleased to announce the establishment of the William and Evelyn Prince Ministerial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the generous gift of Wayne and Peggy Penrod of Ohio, in appreciation for the Prince's lifetime investment in the Church of the Nazarene. It will annually fund the full tuition of a Mount Vernon Nazarene University graduate.

Dr. Prince has faithfully served the church as pastor, District

Superintendent, Rector, President of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and most recently as General Superintendent (1989-2001). Dr. Prince is also an alum of Nazarene Theological Seminary, graduating in 1955 with the Master of Divinity Degree.

Graduates included:

- **Santiago E. Bereche Baldera** – Ecuador. District Superintendent of the North Coast District in Ecuador.
- **Jorge Esteban Durán Cárdenas** – Argentina. District Superintendent of the Central District in Argentina.
- **Carlos Hugo Fernández** – Argentina. Southern Cone Field Director based in Pilar, Buenos Aires Argentina.
- **Luis A. Meza Garcia** – Peru. South America Regional Compassionate Ministries Coordinator based at SAM Regional Office in Pilar, Argentina.
- **José Evelio Vásquez Malca** – Peru. District Superintendent of the North District in Peru.
- **Gumercindo Antón Nunura** – Peru. District Superintendent of the Sierra Central District in Peru.
- **Jorge Luis Julca Olano** – Peru. Rector of the South American Nazarene Seminary in Pilar, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- **Macario Balcázar Santa Cruz** – Peru. Vice Rector of Decentralized Theological Education at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Chiclayo, Peru.
- **Eduardo Rodrigues Da Silva** – Brazil. Vice Academic Dean at Nazarene Theological College in Campinas, Brazil.
- **Edgar Enrique Baldeón Tixe** – Ecuador. Vice Academic Dean at Nazarene Theological Seminary of South America in Quito, Ecuador.
- **David Wayne Wesley** – United States. South America Regional Education Coordinator based at SAM Regional Office in Pilar, Argentina.
- **Juan Víctor Riofrío Zumba** – Ecuador. Module Editor for the Decentralized Ministerial Preparation on the South American Region. Vice Rector of Student Affairs at the South America Nazarene Theological Seminary in Pilar, Argentina.

In response to the Penrod's generous gift, NTS President, Dr. Ron Benefiel commented, "It is very significant that this scholarship for MVNU students attending NTS be offered in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Prince. It will be a lasting tribute to their life of service, ministry and leadership in the church. Further, because the scholarship is in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Prince, it will set a very high standard for what we would hope future ministers in the church will be."

Both Mr. Penrod and Dr. Prince attended an NTS chapel last October in order to celebrate this new scholarship. Representing MVNU in the service was Dr. Jeanne Serrao, Dean of the School of Theology and Philosophy.

If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance for NTS students preparing for ministry, please contact Marsha Sailors, Director of Development, at 800.831.3011, ext 238 or at development@nts.edu.

(pictured left to right) Mr. Wayne Penrod, Dr. William Prince and President Benefiel share together after the October 2004 NTS chapel commemorating the establishing of the William and Evelyn Prince Ministerial Scholarship.

NTS. . .just the beginning



LeCrecia M. Ali
Master of Divinity Student

I grew up in Swaziland as an MK (Missionary Kid). It was the perfect carefree childhood. I loved Africa and it was my home! At age 18, I felt the Lord's call to missions. Although it was an easy call to accept, I could not imagine how the Lord would define my call and equip me for His ministry.

I left my beloved Africa to attend

Southern Nazarene University. I had wanted to be a medical doctor since I was 6 years old, but by my junior year it was obvious my grades would prohibit me from entering medical school. Not knowing what to do, I completed my degree in biochemistry.

I longed to go back to home, so during my senior year I signed up to serve with NIVS (Nazarenes in Volunteer Service), praying I would be assigned to Africa. Instead, I was asked to consider going to Sicily. After much prayer, I agreed. However, three months before I was to leave for Sicily, circumstances changed and once again I was devastated. It seemed I wasn't going to be a doctor or a missionary!

One day while cleaning my apartment, I found a Nazarene Theological Seminary brochure. Chuck Gailey, my missionary "uncle," had told me years before I needed to attend NTS to study missions. That day in the midst of cleaning supplies and dust, the light seemed to come on. . . I was supposed to go to NTS! Everything quickly came together. I found a job, rented an apartment, and was soon on my way to Kansas City and NTS. After just one semester, I felt the Lord leading me to teach. So I changed my degree to M. Div and began envisioning myself on the mission field teaching and training pastors.

I began to sense an overwhelming burden for the millions of Muslim Africans who needed to hear the truth about Jesus. It seemed strange that the Lord would call a single woman to such a difficult task, but I trusted that if the Lord was calling, the Lord would equip me for the ministry. And then...I met Aweis.

From East Africa, Aweis was one of the first Africans to study at NTS. After coming to the Lord from a Muslim-background, Aweis suffered great persecution. He was forced to flee to a neighboring country where he came in contact with the Church of the Nazarene. He not only became a member, but also an active evangelist to his own people.

A year and a half after we met, Aweis and I were married. We continue to marvel at how the Lord brought us together and how He has equipped us with complimentary gifts and talents.

Aweis and I have been appointed as missionary interns with the Church of the Nazarene to serve in Africa in predominately Muslim areas. Though I could never have imagined it, I will be returning to Africa as a missionary exactly 10 years after God

called me. God truly does "...equip you with everything good for doing his will" (Hebrews 13:21).

Nazarene Theological Seminary played a major role in that equipping. My journey beyond NTS is just beginning.



mark your calendars. . .

NTS Commencement

Sunday May 8, 2005 • 4:00 pm

Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene

Check out the NTS website in mid-April for more information on events surrounding this year's commencement events.

ATTENTION ALUMNI: Please send us YOUR updated ministry and/or family information! Pictures are welcome as well. We are working feverishly to ensure our records are current—if you haven't recently, please fill out our alumni update form at www.nts.edu/alumni with your current address so that we can double check our database and ensure that we stay connected to you.

Dr. B. Lothair Green ('64) recently became President of the Board of Directors of METRO (Methodist Effort To Reach Out), a faith based agency in San Diego, and is in his 19th year as Senior Minister at San Carlos United Methodist Church in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Robert C. Simmons ('69) received the Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in '99.

Dr. Michael Patrick McCarty ('75) is the Southeast Asia Field Director for the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Donald D. Budd ('78) received the Master of Pastoral Counseling Degree from ONU. This is Dr. Budd's fifth graduate degree, including a doctorate from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

Rev. Dennis Knight ('79) is presently a bi-vocational pastor at Vidor, TX Church of the Nazarene. He also works for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Beaumont, TX as Sgt. in the Forensics Division and Chaplain. Dennis was recently assigned as Hostage Negotiator for the SWAT Team and as CISM (Critical Incident and Stress Management) coordinator for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Chaplain David R. Plunkett ('84) returned in February 2004 from a year deployment with the 101st ABN DIV (Air Assault) in Iraq. Chaplain (Major-P, USAR) Plunkett participated in the Combat phase and occupation.

Rev. Kenneth Wish ('84) is the Protestant Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Portland, ME. Kenneth was recently appointed to direct Maine Educational Resource Center – a Nazarene center for ministry development on the Maine District.

Rev. Keith S. Jackson ('85) returned to the pastorate in August after serving 13 years as a missionary. He is currently pastor at Grandview Church of the Nazarene in Grandview, MO.

Donald Jay Frye ('88) is working on a Certificate of Advanced Theological Studies at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church USA and will be ordained a Transitional Deacon (June 2005) and Ordained Priest (Dec. 2005) on the Diocese of Chicago.

Chaplain Dwayne Peoples ('88) lives in Prattville, AL with his wife Susan. Dwayne works at the Headquarters for the United States Air Force in Chaplain Service (HQ USAF/HCXP).

Rev. Bob Biberstine ('89) retired from the United States Navy on October 1, 2003 and from the State of Florida: Department of Corrections/Children and Family Services. Bob is currently in the CPE program at Valley Baptist Health System in Harlingen, TX.

Dr. William T. Purton ('90) is currently teaching church history and mission at Asia United Theological University (Ashin University) in Yangpyeong, South Korea.

Forrest ('91) and Cathy Brandt. Haven Rae Brandt was born February 21, 2004 and joins brother Garrison and sister Annie Elaine.

Jim Hampton ('94) is the Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Rev. Brian Utter ('94) and wife Lynne are missionaries in Buenos Aires. Brian is the Regional Communications Coordinator for the South America Region overseeing video, radio, internet, graphic design, photography and news departments.

Dr. Tomas Jay Oord ('95) is Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Northwest University and has a new book, *Science of Love: The Wisdom of Well-Being* published by Templeton Foundation Press.

Rev. David S. Williams ('99) is a Reserve Chaplain (Captain) in the United States Air Force and is pastor of Gravette/Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church in Arkansas. David and his wife Rebecca have three children, Caleb (10), Joshua (5), and Hannah (3).

Matthew McIntosh ('02) is a Secondary Bible teacher at Whitefield Academy in Olathe KS.

Rob Fringer ('01) is engaged to Vanessa Kim Fries. The two will be married on April 23, 2005.

Rev. Joel ('01) and Melissa McBroom. Samantha Beatrice Pearl McBroom was born on Sept. 17th, 2004. She has an older sister Sabrina who is three years old.

Gerron and Jennifer ('01) Showalter are on staff at Hope Creek Church of the Nazarene in Durham, NC as Pastor of the Arts and Pastor to College Students and Young Career. Jennifer is working bi-vocationally at Duke University in University Development.

Mark ('02) and Tamara Bilby. Son Samuel was born July 16, 2003.

Rev. Scott ('03) and Emily Armstrong are serving in Guatemala City, Guatemala as Mission Mundial MAC Coordinator for the Mexico and Central America Region discovering, developing, and deploying missionaries from the MAC Region who will serve overseas. Scott and Emily have a son Elijah.

Rev. Donabel Martin ('03) is Administrative Pastor at Vallejo First Church of the Nazarene in Vallejo, CA.

Rev. Joshua Broward ('04) is a Professor at Korea Nazarene University and pastor at KNU International English Church in Cheonan City, Choong Nam.

Rev. David Burns ('04) is Small Group Pastor at Highland Community Church in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Rev. Jenny Mitchell ('04) is Pastor of Monroeville Church of the Nazarene in Monroeville, IN.

Ms. Yonette Moorgan ('04) is an English Professor at Korea Nazarene University in Cheonan City, ChoongNam.

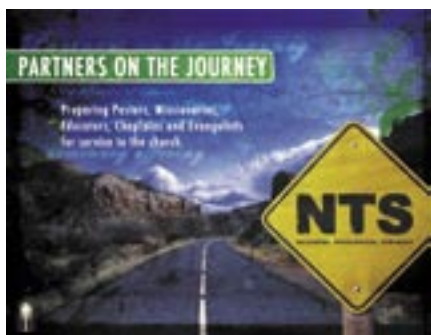
Rev. Eric L. Reynolds ('04) is ministering as the ReStart Pastor for the Nazarene Church in Moreno Valley, CA on the Southern California District.

Rev. Walter (Wally) Johnston is a master certified Chaplain with the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Wally is currently assigned to the Beaverton, OR Police Department working with Metro Police Chaplaincy.

thanks for your Seminary Offering!

Special thanks to all local Nazarene churches who have already participated in this year's Annual Seminary Offering! Sunday January 30 got us off to a good start

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NTS summer course at general assembly

NTS recently announced that it will offer an innovative summer course, "The Church of the Nazarene and Compassionate Ministries," to run concurrently with the June 2005 General Assembly and Conventions.

Under the direction of Dr. Fletcher Tink, Adjunct Professor of Urban/Compassionate Ministries, the seminar will take place in Indianapolis from Wednesday, June 22 through Wednesday, June 29, 8:30am - 5:00pm daily. The class will not meet on Sunday and one other day will be optional.

The course will review the theology and history of compassionate ministries, especially as it is informed by the experience of the Church of the Nazarene, and will study the Indianapolis context of need and the Church's response to it through time. In addition to other requirements and activities, students will visit various compassionate ministry sites, attend relevant workshops, observe applicable floor discussions, and read related reports. Appropriate readings will be assigned ahead of time and daily journaling will be required during the eight day course.

While participation is open to all, those desiring NTS credit must register in advance with NTS. Undergraduate and Bible college credit can be worked out on a case-by-case basis. Those not desiring credit can register as Bresee Institute participants for a registration fee of \$200. All participants will be required to pay an additional \$100 lab fee for local transportation and lunches. Inexpensive housing may also be available.

For further information, please contact the Bresee Institute at (816) 931.9585 or fletcht@aol.com. To register for NTS credit, contact the NTS Office of Admissions at (816) 333.6254.

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