

Elim *Bell* Tower

Hands of Elim: Expressing Community, Devotion, Integrity and Service

Consistency is a rare commodity these days. From the halls of Congress down to the local barbershop, people want someone who can simply do what they said they would do. The public strains to find a politician who will truly represent their position like they promised in the campaign.

Perhaps we intuitively understand that what a person *does* is usually an accurate reflection of their *attitude*. James, the brother of Jesus, had a few choice words to say about how actions expose our true colors: “*What use is it,*” he asks the brethren, “*if someone says he has faith but he has no works?*” In this question, James pushes past the catchy slogans and supermodel endorsement, right to the core of the product. He says, to the shocked amazement of his “faith-only” disciples, that **he can discern their heart by watching their hands.**

Our hands express the truth about our life. They betray our smiles and cool mannerisms. If any duplicity hides in the undertow, our hands will bring it to the surface. They will show the difference between what we say and what we believe and what we do. They will expose our inconsistency.

We at Elim desire consistency. We won’t settle for anything less. We make a bold statement about our position and ourselves. We say, in our Mission Statement, “*Our staff and students comprise a community of believers committed to a life of expressive worship, prayer, simplicity, integrity, holiness, servanthood, and mission-mindedness.*”

It’s a quick sentence that sums up the very core of who we are. This is our ship’s colors, our foundation for service. The truths behind these words are the pillars we rest upon. If anyone is confused about what our values are, we point them to this statement—then we live it out for them to see. We show what it looks like by doing it with our own two hands.

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Hands expressing a life of **Christian community.**

As Jesus says in John 13:35, the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another.

Unlike the world's message of mere tolerance, this scripture compels our hands to embrace one another. Anybody can tolerate another's differences, but it takes Christ's love to embrace our spiritual family at large—with all their differences.

We believe in loving people indiscriminately. On campus, age, race, denomination, culture, and language all differ. To each, a loving hand is extended. Each knows the warm embrace of the Elim Bible Institute family.

Elim not only believes we should accept those who come to our door; we believe we must actively pursue a diverse climate in which to express our unity. Our admissions office works diligently to bring in students from beyond America's borders. We strive to build relationships with leaders and congregations from all over the world. We feel successful at our conferences and meetings when dozens of accents fill the air. But more than accents, we embrace the whole picture—God's whole family.

Family members give up rights to help each other. Family members encourage each other. From the dorms to the deans' office, from Lima, New York to Lima, Peru, we endeavor to build up our brothers. By our attitude, by our example, and by our words, we propel each other toward Christ. As different as we are, a common calling links us.

I'm an ear, and you're an eye. It's wonderful that we all get



along, but when our hands embrace our brothers and sisters, God's heartbeat is felt on the campus and around the world. That is how the heartbeat of the world is felt on this campus. That's why we are a family—worldwide.

Hands expressing a life of **simple devotion.**

“Lifting up holy hands to the Lord” (I Tim. 2:8) is not just an idiomatic phrase. It's a way of life on campus.

As a matter of course, we have our scheduled times of prayer and worship. Chapel, Sunday morning, and Week of Prayer are all important. But beyond the schedules and mandatory services—in the leisure time of private life—that's the real test. And our students are making us proud.

In actual fact, most of the prayer and worship on campus is *not* happening in the existing program. There are student-led women's groups, men's groups, one-on-one prayer partners. We have 'SOAK' and '5-Hour Worship' services, and spontaneous prayer meetings at the most unlikely places and times. Even lunchtime in the cafeteria has not been exempt.

All of these meetings, all the tears and cries found in them, are simply the inside coming out. In the staff and students, a desire for God's presence burns brightly. As our worship and our hands lift together, it's nothing more than the flame being exposed.

We can forego a meal here and there to meet with God, because He's meeting with us in these times of devotion. He's giving us a daily Pentecost, and it's way more satisfying than a grilled turkey



and tomato wrap. Even if you add cheese.

To be in His presence, lifting up holy hands—to know you are accepted in His throne room—who wouldn't want to 'SOAK' on Wednesday night? Losing a little sleep is a small price to pay. If God is really there, *"Let us go unto the house of the LORD!"* We'll drink an extra cup of coffee in the morning to hold us over in Brother Barry's class.

God's presence is too sweet to miss.

Hands expressing a life of **academic integrity.**

It's been said more than once that Elim Bible Institute is about excellence.

Because this is true, it holds us to excelling scholastically. Timothy exhorts, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). With our focus firmly on eternal things, we still manage to find time to exercise good old-fashioned self-discipline for our present task. If that task is schoolwork, we do it and do it well.

In class, even though we have fun, we take it seriously. Clutched around a pen, each hand is hard at work, jotting notes. In the evenings, during study time, the students' hands are still busy—writing, diagramming, highlighting a textbook as they study for a test.

Although we are not an accredited college, we embrace an academic standard that enables our students to transfer to selected graduate level schools. Many colleges welcome our graduates into



their programs with little or no additional study. To a great extent, this is possible because of the individual excellence of our students. Coming from Elim, they show the same positive attitude and focus in their graduate work. For our current students, admission to our partner colleges is made that much easier.

Our students know it's not just a test they prepare for on a Monday night. They're preparing for the world. This is why the school holds them to such a high standard. Difficult tests, time spent burning the midnight oil—it's all just a proving ground. The challenges are a reminder that they carry the flag. One day, they will lead in battle. For now, their hand holds a pen, but one day it will hold the lost.

Hands expressing a life of **dedicated service.**

It's no secret that we are a missions school. Our passion is to reach the unreached.

We are only happy when our hands are reaching across the world, spreading the good news of salvation. As Solomon admonished, "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Show us the one who hasn't heard, and we'll find a way to change that statistic.

From around the world, Elim recruits leaders and teachers whose hearts ache for the unsaved. Here in Lima, they pour their passion into each new class. Most of our staff would rather be on the mission field, but that's exactly the kind of people we want. People who aren't content to buy a house on four acres of land just

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so they can say they did. We want people who want to see change.

With the encouragement of their teachers, many students choose internships and long-term positions overseas. Each summer, you can find Elim students on every continent. Another world exists outside our beautiful campus, so that's where we must go.

We want revival, and not just up on the hill. At our annual Missions Conference, through our student missionary prayer teams, and in every classroom in College Hall, we keep that fact in mind. It's not about us. Elim is not the end, *and we're not supposed to get comfortable here!*

That value is embraced by countless students, including Briana Smith, recent Missions & International Community Health Program graduate. She shared a brief portion of her day in a recent e-mail from her internship in the Republic of Congo:

This morning at the clinic, after having dozens of patients come through with malaria, amoeba, scabies, typhoid fever, etc., I was doing patient consultations with Dr. Joe Harvey (the American missionary Dr. I am working under here). We had sisters come in, ages 19 and 14, and one of them was diagnosed with a serious STD. Joe had me talk to them in French while he translated into Lingala about AIDS and why the Lord says waiting until marriage is not just another rule to follow but because He wants us to have the very best. We spent an hour talking to these girls and praying for them, hoping they will be able to go against sleeping around which is so common here. Marriage is not a common concept here and multiple 'wives' is normal. The spread of AIDS is so huge that almost every day we have another patient be diagnosed with AIDS.

After that, our next patient was a girl the same age as me. She weighed only 60 pounds and probably only has a couple months to live. Another AIDS patient . . . but the SAME AGE as me! She also had malaria and tuberculosis. All of her dreams crashing down to just



focusing on how many months left she has to live. The guy who gave it to her was definitely long gone, along with all of her friends. She looks like a frail old woman and yet you spend five minutes with her and realize she's still just young. We spent some time talking and praying together.

Our next patient, who couldn't even come to the clinic, is also dying from AIDS. She sent her sister to get her medicine and to take her three-year-old daughter to get checked as well. This little girl was so cute—chubby, gorgeous big eyes . . . She just sat on my lap and we played with the stethoscope listening to her heart . . . She has AIDS; her mother does also, and her father died from it last year. So what will happen to her 11-year-old brother

when the rest of his family is dead—in a couple of years at the most? I couldn't hide my emotions anymore . . . I kept her in my lap so she couldn't see me crying.

Our vision, our purpose and drive, is to see God being worshipped in every language and in every nation under heaven. This is the vision we impart to our students from registration to graduation. As a people, we are set apart for Kingdom purposes, and that means we allow God to use our hands, our lives, our money and whatever means necessary, to reach out to the harvest.

These are our hands at Elim. *Community. Devotion. Integrity. Service.* These are our pillars, firm and intact. Unlike the world, we aren't embarrassed to stand behind our words. We aren't afraid, because our hands give testimony to the consistent lifestyle we walk out.

To the Church, the world, and each new freshman class, Elim doesn't represent Elim. It represents Jesus Christ. So we show them the real McCoy. We said we would, and by God's grace, we will not shirk our responsibility. We aren't content to print our core values statement on our promotional literature. We allow the Holy Spirit to put it in our hearts. It shows by what our hands have been doing lately and for over the last 80 years. ■

Discover your destiny

Come and visit our campus...

Learn what an Elim education is all about!



Discovery Days:

Sept. 27-28, 2004 • Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2005

For high school juniors, seniors, and grads, up to age 24.

Weekend at the Well:

Oct. 28-29, 2004 • Mar. 10-11, 2005

For guests age 25 and over.

Save \$5! The registration is \$25 for single guests and \$35 for married couples, but if your reservation is postmarked at least 10 days before the event, you'll save \$5.00. There are no additional costs for your visit. The registration fee is non-refundable. (Married couples staying off-campus due to limited housing also pay the registration fee as it only subsidizes a portion of Elim's costs for each guest's stay.)

To register: Complete the attached form and mail it, with registration fee, at least 10 days prior to the event, or register at our website. The fee is non-refundable, and your reservation cannot be guaranteed, if it is postmarked after that date. We'll send a confirmation letter when we receive your reservation.

Housing: Single guests stay in the dorms. Married couples stay in our guest wing or in other on-campus housing. All guests eat in our Dining Hall. Because housing for married couples is limited, register as soon as possible.

What to bring: Spending money for snacks, shopping at the bookstore, and additional meals (if arriving early). Singles should bring towels, bedding, a pillow, Bible, and a notebook. Towels and bedding are provided for married couples.

Remember, you can register at our website: elim.edu/visit/discover.html

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If reserving space at *Discovery Days* or *Weekend at the Well*, include registration fee of \$20 for a single guest, \$30 for a married couple. Add \$5 if mailing your reservation within 10 days of the event you will be attending.

If you will be arriving in Rochester, NY via plane, bus or train, call (585) 582-1230 x 323 for our free shuttle service.

If you're unable to attend *Discovery Days* or *Weekend at the Well*, contact Admissions to arrange a visit at your convenience: 1-800-670-ELIM.

You can also visit Elim at
elim.edu





Kingdom Force set out in May in a newly-purchased van. This year's team included Katie Johansson (co-leader), Joy Bowden, Chris Tarantino, Brandon Jackel, Isaac Jacobs (co-leader) and Matt Brake. They ministered across the northeast and as far south as Virginia. Call 585-582-1230 for booking information.

Kingdom Force Tour '04

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

“God has done countless miracles in people’s hearts—it would take forever to write them all down.” This is the testimony of Katie Johansson, co-leader of the *Kingdom Force* ministry team of students upon returning from eight weeks of ministry this summer.

“We have had the privilege of leading people in worship from every background, denomination, and music style imaginable. It has been humbling and has driven me to my knees for more wisdom from the Father.”

Joy Bowden, a returning Junior from Maine, told of her experience in one inner-city ministry, “I had a blast with these city kids, and I got to love them and tell them about Jesus.”

“My most memorable testimony from the trip doesn’t come from any one specific time of ministry, though there were many,” says Matt Brake, returning Senior and one of the four male members of the team. “It seemed to me that our effectiveness in ministry came from how we matured in relating to each other in private. Some of my greatest growth spiritually came from interactions, positive and negative, with people on the team. It seemed like

the growth from those interactions bled over into the ministry we did.”

These reports and more are just a slice of the many layers of ministry and life the Elim Kingdom Force team experienced this summer. After a week of intense training and prayer, the team was launched during the EF Leadership Conference in early May. Six students, a handful of instruments, and a few changes of clothes rolled off the “hill” and headed south to the Virginia Tidewater area for the first leg of their tour. For the next two weeks, the team ministered in churches, a missions conference, a home for troubled teens, and much more before working their way back north in their itinerary.

Matt Brake continued his reflections. “I’m thankful to God that He put the people that He did on this team. There was not only



Katie Johansson

strength in ministry because of their various giftings, but we had a tremendous opportunity to grow personally from the sharpening that took place between us! I can honestly say it has been my pleasure not only to do ministry with this group of people, but also to grow with them. I love you guys!”

What more can someone ask for, than that their heart would be inclined to follow hard after God in their personal relationship with Him, and that they would be available to serve Him wherever possible? For years, Elim has been a place where students come to encounter God and receive the kind of development and training that would carry them for a lifetime. For many students, that has meant being a part of a ministry team that has them surrender nearly half of their summer to invest themselves in the lives of young people and older alike, wherever the Lord would open the doors for their ministry.

One day back on campus, where the team completed its tour of ministry with the final three days of the Elim Summer Family Conference, Brandon Jackel had these words to say about his experience on Kingdom Force, “Thank you for considering me for this opportunity. Next to accepting the Lord and coming to Elim, it has honestly been the best decision I’ve ever made in my life!” Brandon added, “The life-changing experience God has been doing in my own heart has truly been worth the time, energy and sacrifice in being a part of Kingdom Force. As I look back at the process, I can say that, though it’s been rough, in the long run it has been well worth it. I learned so much from the lives of many we were with along the way. One pastor said to us, ‘A shepherd should smell like his sheep!’ I was so broken, because the people I least wanted to be around, he surrounded himself with.”

“God seemed to really use this team to bring good news to the afflicted,” said Chris Tarantino. “We encountered so many on this trip who have been afflicted by the marks, claws, and back-biting stuff of this world. It has been a privilege to bring liberty (Isaiah 61) to hell’s once held captives and destroy the chains that bound so many hearts.”

One final testimony comes from Isaac Jacobs, the male co-leader of the team, who just completed his program at Elim this past spring and felt to make this tour a commitment of his first fruits in ministry. “I cannot say enough about the faithfulness of God! Though sometimes I felt as though we were not getting the message across, I discovered later that the Lord had touched people’s hearts by their own profession. He demonstrated his faithfulness to us in so many ways, in ministry, financially, and even mechanically with the van! My heart is filled with gratitude to our Father for giving us this privilege to bring His Word to so many, and for His never-ending faithfulness.”

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT:

The Slishers

While the phone rang, I ran through what I would say if I got the voicemail. *Hi, this is Philip Williams. I'm with the Elim Bell Tower, and I was hoping to set up a phone interview with you. . .*

"Hello?"

"Hi," I answered. "is this Matt Slisher?"

"Yes, it is."

He sounded tired, and I figured it was a good an excuse as any for me to put off the interview until later.

"Mr. Slisher, I'm with the *Elim Bell Tower*, and I'm calling to see if I can make an appointment for a phone interview."

"Um . . ." he hesitantly offered. ". . . is there a number I can call you back at?"

"Sure." I responded brightly.

He seemed markedly relieved when he answered back, "Yeah, that'd really be great, 'cause my wife's in labor right now."

Even on furlough, life is adventurous for Matt ('95) and Stephanie (att. '96) Slisher. Since October 2002 the Slishers, along with their children, Andrew and Aimee, have been working in Mullaby, Kazakhstan. Their newest child, Hannah Joy, was born May 21st.

About two years ago, the Slishers joined Oasis Elim, a humanitarian aid organization

partnering with the Kazakh government.

Coming into a village where they couldn't communicate was emotionally and physically exhausting. Matt and Stephanie both felt isolated in their new house, which needed almost as much work as their vocabulary. Because of the communication barrier, the Slishers focused their first term almost exclusively on learning the language.

After only a few weeks, Stephanie had acquired a vast vocabulary of two words:

Matt & Stephanie Slisher with two women in Kazakhstan. The woman on the left made a commitment to Christ a few years ago while at a university in the city. She has had no fellowship with Christians because there are no other known believers in her village. Matt & Stephanie are ministering to people through the relationships they are building.



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STAFF HIGHLIGHT:

Larry Seikawitch

This fall, Elim is pleased to welcome new faculty member Larry Seikawitch (*sa kay witch*). Like so many of our instructors, Larry brings a wealth of experience along with his education. He was born in San Jose, California and moved to Minnesota at age 11. His commitment to God grew through personal Bible reading and study. This nurtured and developed his deep love for God's Word. He was the first to come to Christ in his family and, through prayer, has seen his entire family come to know the Lord.

Experiencing the baptism of the Holy Spirit when he was 21, Larry has seen the Spirit do some incredible things. He is full of personal stories that are sure to be told as he teaches. He has had experience with Baptists, Presbyterians, Church of the Nazarene and the Assemblies of God. Currently, he is a pastor at a Vineyard church in Colorado Springs. God has used these experiences to give him an appreciation for unity in the Body of Christ and the firm belief that the different

expressions of Christianity can actually love each other and learn from each other.

Larry graduated with a B.A. in Bible and History (double major) at Grand Canyon University, and received his M.Div. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He will soon have his Th.M. in Reformation History and Theology from Reformed Theological Seminary. He has pastored for 14 years in a number of locations, including Orlando and Atlanta. He has also helped plant four churches, including one in Perm, Russia. Like so many of our faculty, his heart beats with missions. He and his family have a special burden for Cuba, his father-in-law's homeland.

Larry's wife, Elizabeth, has a similar testimony. She was also the first in her family to be saved, subsequently leading each member to Christ. Larry had the privilege of baptizing Elizabeth's entire family. The Seikawitch's

The Seikawitch family. Front, left to right: Elizabeth, Mark, Larry. Back: Isaac, Daniel.

have three boys, Daniel (age 11), Isaac (age 10) and Mark (age 6).

Larry's spiritual gifts are teaching and evangelism. He loves God's word, and has a heart for witnessing and worshipping. The students and staff will see this clearly when he settles on campus. He is looking forward to coming on board at Elim Bible Institute and seeing what God has in store for advancing His Kingdom.

We welcome Larry and look forward to the freshness of the Holy Spirit working through him as he carries on the Elim tradition of ministry and teaching. ■



Happening on Campus

Commencement Convention 2004 moved Elim's 78th graduating class to the next season of their lives. Anticipation for the future and appreciation for the past swelled in the hearts of the graduates.

The Class of 2004 honored the memory of Sister Ruth Rodriguez by presenting the school with a 7' tall, 5' wide weather-proven bronze globe. The globe will be prominently displayed in the courtyard—a symbol of the life that she lived and an extension of her voice for world missions.

2004 Commencement

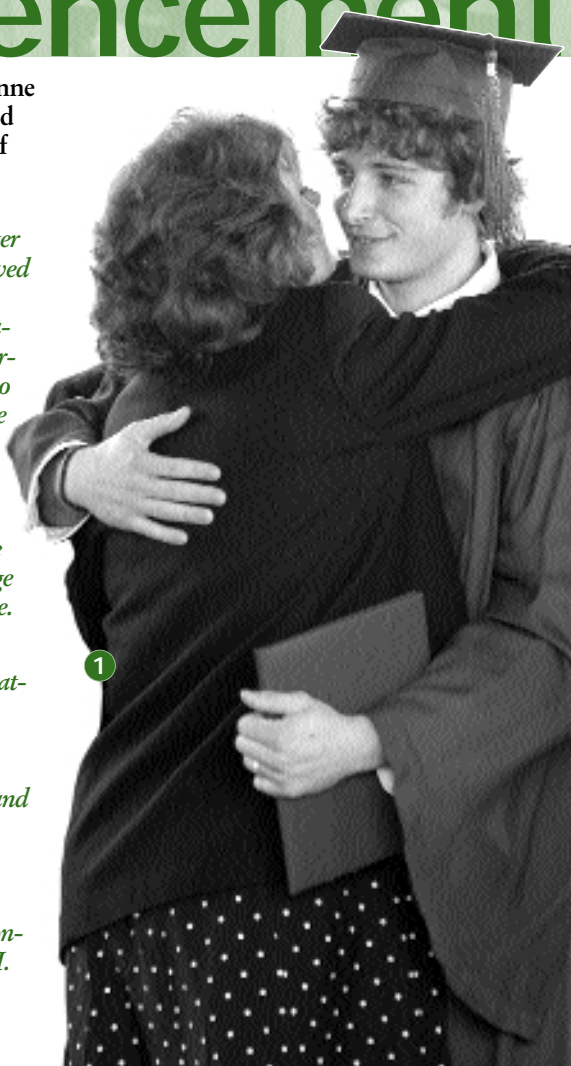
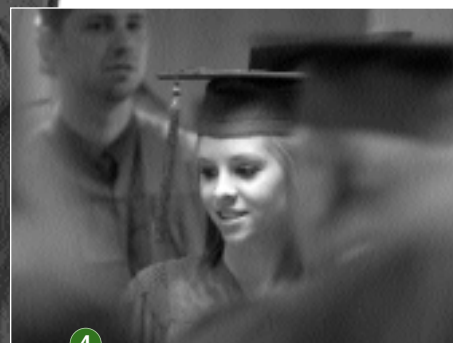
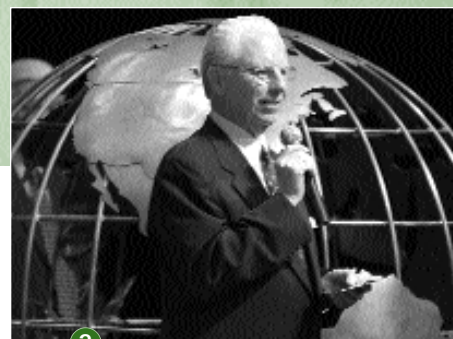
Bishop John Gimenez and Pastor Anne Gimenez exhorted the congregation and graduates to continue in their pursuit of God, leading holy lives before Him.

1 Ben Schell gets a congratulatory hug after graduation services on April 24. He received his diploma in Practical Ministry and Missions, a two-year program that emphasizes hands-on ministry training in mentoring settings. Ben enjoyed his time at EBI so much, he is planning to return to complete the three-year diploma program!

2 President Paul Jobansson introduces the Ruth Rodriguez Memorial Globe at graduation. The globe was rolled onto the Elim Gospel Church Ministry Center stage for staff, students, friends and family to see.

3 Bishop John Gimenez, Elim's 2004 Alumnus of the Year, addressed the graduating seniors during the Commencement Convention. Bishop Gimenez pastors the Rock Church in Norfolk, Virginia. His ministry extends to places such as Africa and India, where 400 extension churches have been planted.

4 Julie Haberstro waits with her fellow classmates before the graduation procession. Julie minored in Missions while at EBI.



Campus EVENTS

Elim held its 80th Annual Summer Conference, with guests joining in the celebration of 80 years of fruitful ministry. It was time to look back over the years at the faithfulness of God and look forward to the future as God builds His Kingdom with the next generation.

Guest minister Dale Yerton, of World Missionary Evangelism, exhorted the congregation to move on from the anointing of yesterday. It is important for every generation to discover the direction God is moving in today, the anointing He has for today, and move in that direction. To look ahead to the future, for "it's the final score that counts, not the score at halftime."

The teens were encouraged to be bold and passionate in their pursuit of God by Derek Levendusky and Isaiah 6. Elim's own Kingdom Force rounded out the week with drama, worship and preaching.



Along with Vacation Bible School in the daytime, the children experienced *Kids Explosion* by City Life Ministries in the evenings. Nate and Laura Norman brought little ones into greater understanding and love in their relationship with God.

Saturday's Alumni & Friends picnic was a special time. We celebrated together on the front lawn—80 years of EBI's ministry and Brother Carlton Spencer's 90th birthday. What a faithful God we serve!

1 *Eric Scott joins the teens at their annual Scavenger Hunt at the mall. Each year, teenagers participating in Summer Conference spend their afternoons enjoying fun activities like go-karting, swimming and more. Mornings and evenings are reserved for pressing into God's presence through worship and teaching ministry.*

2 *Rev. Dale Yerton, of World Missionary Evangelism, preached at a number of the adult services. His messages were focused on finding God's anointing for today—"living on today's manna."*

3 *Girls and boys singing in Kids Explosion—the ministry that provided evening services for the children. Every night the kids had opportunities to worship God and be challenged in their faith.*



AUG 28 Elim Gospel Church presents the **Summer Jam Tour**. Featuring Newsong, Rachael Lampa, Shaun Groves, Jady Maria and Overflow. Tickets \$15 advance purchase, \$17 at the door; 7 p.m.; call 585-624-5560.

SEP 16-19 Elim Bible Institute holds its annual **Weekend of Prayer**. Students and staff set the weekend apart to seek the Lord in worship and prayer. Various Elim ministries speakers will be sharing on prayer. *Bell Tower* readers welcome. Call 585-582-1230.

SEP 19 Elim Gospel Church presents **Shane and Shane** in concert. Tickets \$8; 7 p.m.; call 585-624-5560

SEP 23-25 Elim Fellowship's women's ministry, W.I.L.L.O.W., will hold its leadership conference, *A Choice Generation: Both Young & Old Together*, in Owego, NY. Dana Candler and Deborah Hiebert, guest keynote speakers, are intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO. Worship will be led by "His Song," featuring Bethany Bolles and Mary White. Please contact W.I.L.L.O.W. Women's Ministries at 585-582-2790, ext. 221 for registration and cost information.

OCT 4 Elim Gospel Church presents the **Bebo Norman Concert**. Tickets \$14; 7 p.m.; call 585-624-5560.

OCT 21-23 Elim Bible Institute holds its annual **Missions Conference**. The featured speaker is Rev. Steve Manning, founder and director of Bless The Nations Ministry. Steve has been preaching from the age of 17 and has ministered in over 70 nations of the world. Based in Colorado, he has planted Bible schools in the Balkans and co-founded a children's home in India. The ministry team conducts schools of ministry and missions in the US and Europe. Missionaries from around the world will also be on hand to impart God's heart for the nations. Call 585-582-1230.

NOV Elim Bible Institute presents **Supernatural Nature of Normal Christianity** with Francis MacNutt. Call 585-624-5560. (Date tentative.) ■

Carlton Spencer

My recollections of Elim go back to my father's convictions that he should open a Bible school to continue the ministry of the one, recently closed, from which he graduated. He felt unqualified, but after conferring with the retired leadership of the former, he felt to make the

progressively with each of my younger seven siblings. Most of them have been involved in Christian service through their years. Two are now with the Lord and our parents.

Elim's daily schedule was balanced by classroom teaching and devotional times which were built into the program. Often the les-

eration. In this he was not unlike a number of biblical heroes. Abraham believed for an heir, Isaac blessed his sons Jacob and Esau, Jacob blessed the sons of Joseph. Joseph looked in anticipation of his death and left specific instructions that, when the time came, his bones were to be carried into the Promised Land.

They all looked forward. We can look back and rejoice over 80 years of God's faithful provision, by way of facilities from Endwell, to Rochester, to Red Creek, to Hornell and Lima. With each change we have seen ever-increasing opportunities for ministry both domestically and internationally.

President Emeritus Carlton Spencer, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, has played a significant role in this development. We rejoice that he celebrates this 80th Anniversary with us. Bro. Carlton and his wife, Margaret, make their home in Florida but maintain close contact with friends and family by telephone and e-mail.

In 80 years our location, budget and curriculum have changed, but our purpose remains the same. It is to be a channel of blessing to the Body of Christ, to assist in the preparation and training of men and women who will minister in the power of the Holy Spirit.



EBI former presidents—H. David Edwards, Carlton Spencer and Mike Webster—join current president, Paul Johansson, in front of the Administration Building. This year, Elim celebrated its 80th year of ministry and Brother Carlton celebrated his 90th birthday! Both the school and Carlton have seen the faithfulness of God first-hand over the years.

PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS :

80 Years of Ministry

venture under the name of the former: "Elim."

The Pentecostal message and experience was refreshingly new, and there were few places for such preparation of heart and mind. This "venture of faith" began in an outdated and abandoned summer country club facility with 12 students and three families. Many are the reports of God's gracious provision that first year—and in the years following.

Over the following years the school moved four times, each time to more adequate quarters—to Rochester, Red Creek, Hornell and finally to Lima, all in New York. The challenges to faith, serving young people who had no funds and could find no work, were especially strong those early years when the country was in the Great Depression. Many were the times we, as students and staff, prayed for food for the table and for fuel for the furnaces, without which we would be both hungry and cold. But thanks be to God, Whom we watched make daily supply!

Over the years, God has been gracious to grant significant visitations, bringing life-changing encounters with Him. During one of the earlier ones, while in my teens, my life was apprehended by the Lord, as was the case

sons taught in the classroom led into times of prayer, changing the "order of the day," occasionally with purposed loss of the noon meal or more. Some of these cannot be forgotten, including the missionary prayer periods following the evening meal. In one such, a student (Roy Hill) was praying in other tongues, with an oft repeated word, which later he found was a city in the heart of Africa. In due course he and his wife found a way to get to a nearby country, out of which a mission was opened that has crossed Central Africa in six countries, with thousands of churches, a number of Bible schools, orphanages and training programs, all under National leadership.

Eighty years! God granted a visitation in the first year and subsequently through the eight decades following. The visitation of the early '50s and the cross-denominational awakening in the next brought Elim a larger student enrollment and some glorious years. And now we are believing for another gracious tide of revival across the country and around the world—a harvest ingathering—to the glory of His matchless name.

David Edwards

Every current or former faculty member or student of Elim is indebted to the faith and vision of I.Q. Spencer, who saw the potential of the Kingdom of God beyond his own gen-

Mike Webster

Happy Anniversary Elim Bible Institute! Congratulations to all as we celebrate 80 years.

God has been good to us. He has been faithful to bring what was necessary for our next step. He has provided divine connections, opened doors for national and international influence, provided money. I remember the joy of burning the final mortgage on the campus. Most importantly, He has always drawn amazing people to Elim. He has released gifts and ministries through people here that have changed the world. Often, when there has been a great need on campus, God has sent a person as the answer. Let's thank the Lord as we celebrate what He has done.

Happy Birthday Brother Carlton! Congratulations as you celebrate 90 years.

I have fond memories of your impact on my life. When I was new to the Elim family, you invited me on one of your famous road trips. We attended meetings and visited leaders in several states. It seemed we could not pass through any small town without you driving a few miles out of the way to greet a friend. I got the impression that you knew everybody. When we attended a gathering, I got the impression that everybody knew you. You modeled the disciplines of Bible reading and prayer. You demonstrated a positive attitude of faith. You taught me to show myself to be friendly and gave me an example of how to do it in practical ways. I am grateful to you.

Paul Johansson

Eighty Years—Great is Thy Faithfulness!

In 1949, my family drove from New York



City to Hornell. We had heard that Latter Rain was being poured out at Elim. Arriving on the campus, we strung a rope between two trees, put a canvas over it and camped there for one week. My first impressions were of the Spencer family each working like eager beavers, trying to accommodate the people.

Tributes to Elim and the Spencer Family

Alumni and friends of Elim who have contributed to the Founder's Scholarship, which honors EBI's founders and those who served in the early days, have paid tribute with notes of gratitude. At right is a sampling:



Elim Bible Institute's annual Alumni Picnic was held on the front lawn on July 3rd. Our guest of honor, Carlton Spencer (seated with wife, Margaret), celebrated his 90th birthday. Everyone at the picnic sang the Elim version of the "Happy Birthday" song, "... Happy Birthday to you, every day of the year, may you feel Jesus near..." We are thankful to God for the life of Carlton, who has served so completely and humbly over the years.

Since that "primitive" beginning, I have been related to Elim as student, missionary, teacher, dean and now president. Along with the move from Hornell to the present campus in 1951, blessing and provision has allowed Elim to flourish as possibly the oldest Pentecostal Bible school in the nation. We have seen changes in lifestyle on campus, but we have not changed our DNA, which contains a hunger for God and a heart for missions.

Students arrive each year, with hearts expecting to meet the Lord. In chapels, classrooms and special times of prayer, our hunger is renewing for more of God. One faculty member said it clearly when I asked him what he intended to teach in his class. His response was, "I want to make a divine deposit in each class." We believe that divine deposits produce substantial eternal interest when invested in men and women called of God.

We together celebrate Carlton Spencer's 90th birthday. He is a father to this school. As we stand on his shoulders we see the future is bright.

We have built to accommodate the increase in the student body. The campus now has the blessing of a solid local church, with Elim Fellowship integrated into the whole. This promises to be a wonderful combination in which the past and present can rest assured the future is in good Hands—His hands! ■

It was a blessing to know the Spencers—Ivan and Minnie, Carlton and Elizabeth—when we were at Elim. We thank God for their vision and for bringing us to Elim to be impacted and challenged by their lives.

— BEN & LILA TORRES, BRONX, NY

I consider my heritage (living at Elim from age 5 to 20, when I got married) as priceless!!!

— MARION SEDA, DOVER, DE

My year at Elim in Hornell changed my life.

— ADDA HALL RENSING, MANAHAWKIN, NJ

The Spencer family has had a profound effect on my life and ministry.

— BURTON L. ROBERTS, MERIDIAN, ID

Mr. Spencer is very generous and devoted with his ministry to international students, never seeking glory for his work, never trying to get in the limelight, but simply doing God's work with a humble spirit.

— MICHAEL & BONNY GRABOWSKI, LAKE FOREST, CA

Eva was my Dean of Women when I attended Elim between '55-57. Got to visit with her before she passed away. She was in the same room as my mother was. I'm proud to honor her as a blessed saint of God.

— ROSE MARIE GOULETTE, WILKESBORO, NC

Thank you Brother Carlton Spencer!

— JEFFERY & NATALLYA COUCH, MILLPORT, NY



MISSIONS & INTL. COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM SENDS STUDENTS OVERSEAS. *The first set of MICH graduates began their medical mission internships this summer. Micah Galvas and Jeremy Smith interned in Mexico and worked with Dr. Berkeley in remote areas of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Rebekah Lehman interned in Brazil, working with Dr. Maria Angela, doing rounds with other medical students and organizing a community health project. Briana Smith interned in the Republic of Congo, with Dr. Joe Harvey. Briana concentrated in primary and community health care. Joe Hotchkiss will be traveling there in the fall. Cacci Motz is in the Philippines, interning with Medical Ambassadors and training to be able to start a Community Health Evangelism program. Andrea Boettcher will travel to Liberia to work with Dr. Joseph Kliekpo in a clinic and provide community health in surrounding communities. Rosaire O'Brien and Sarah Shultz planned to travel to Zimbabwe this fall; due to political unrest, they are now making other internship plans. More to come about their ministries in the Fall Bell Tower.*



EBI students Danielle Maye, Angelica Santiago, Jasmine Jimenez and Titus Paulraj. Jasmine completed her first semester in April. Although her plans never included Elim, God brought this city girl to the small town of Lima to speak to her and change her in ways she never anticipated.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Jasmine Jimenez

In the Summer of 2003, Jasmine Jimenez heard about Elim Bible Institute—the dream college of all potential ministers. For a Brooklyn girl, however, the appeal was limited at best. She had big dreams. Dreams that went beyond smalltown obscurity.

Jasmine intended rather intently to become a dentist. As Elim had no dental program, leastwise, none that made it on the brochures, it was out of the question. She was hardly willing to sacrifice the glamour of the dentist's office for Bible college in rural America. With the Fall semester upcoming, she was headed to a local school.



As the calendar turned its pages, she made plans to enroll at New York City College of Technology. In the back of her mind, she knew she should apply to Elim, but the buzz of the dental drill was too seductive to resist. She had to go to secular college if she would

ever make it to her first root canal.

God, however, kept insisting that His way was best, and finally Jasmine relented. It was too late for her to make Fall registration, so she finished out one semester at NYC Tech and made plans to attend Elim in the Spring.

During the break between semesters, God's preparation began. The transition to a town with a 2,000% difference in population was itself daunting, not to mention whatever the Holy Spirit had in mind once she got there. It took a lot of trust.

After weeks of prayer, she left the comfort of the New York skyline, bound for Lima. It would be her first time at the school and her first time being away from home. It was a first-shot. Either God was leading her here or He wasn't.

She arrived shortly before registration to a

bleak winter campus. Most of the students were still on break, and so was the sun for the last four months. Cold, rainy, and dark, the charming 19th century architecture lacked the magic portrayed by the *Year in the Sun* pamphlet. The first few days were lonely.

Once the initial shock wore off from living in a town where the highest structure was the water tower, Jasmine had some time to think. Besides, it was Week of Prayer, and God was beginning to speak to her.

To start with, He assured her that He indeed had amazing things in mind for her. It was a good thing, too, because she was beginning feel unsure about the whole thing. Back home, she was the spiritual giant, but now she was going to chapel every day with people who *spoke in tongues!*

Eventually, the prayer-language machines Jasmine saw from a distance became the people she knew and trusted. They were normal people, just like her. In the mornings, they would stagger into the cafeteria for a couple hard-boiled eggs, and the disproportionate romance associated with tongues and prophecy fell by the wayside. If these guys could follow God, she could, too.

Still, Jasmine had doubts about the future. Would there be enough money for next semester? Would there even be a next semester, and if there were, what was God trying to do? Would she ever get to use one of those nifty dental mirrors, or was her life going to follow a different path?

For weeks, she worried about all the possibilities. She wasn't really sure she even wanted to go back to live in Brooklyn even if she had the chance. Her life was different now. Different friends, different focus. The water tower was almost a comforting sight.

Throughout these uncertain weeks, the Holy Spirit began teaching Jasmine about the virtue nobody wants to wait for: Patience. The answers to her questions would have to wait for another day. For now, He had more important things say.

He began showing her that when she went home, she would face ridicule for her faith in God. Just like in Luke 4, the prophet would not be welcome in her hometown. Old friends and old ways would be contrary to God's purposes for her life.

Jasmine completed the Spring semester at Elim and returned to Brooklyn, still apprehensive, but believing God to make a way. She was unemployed, futureless, and missing her Elim friends, but God had her in His hands. Despite the competitive marketplace in the city, Jasmine landed a job shortly after returning home.

She still doesn't know if flossing total strangers will ever be a part of her daily routine, or if she'll see her college friends any time soon, but she's learning to be patient. For someone who grew up in New York City, that's nothing to scoff at. ■

Some months ago, when Gloria and I were in Connecticut, we came out of our motel room in five-below-zero weather and proceeded to our car. When we tried to use the automatic door opener keypad, the lock mechanism jammed. No one was able to open that door from inside or out. It required that we drive back to Elim in a snowstorm, crawling over each other to get

derstand how something so bitter could produce such a sweet and delightful dessert. It's because it was mixed with confectionary sugar and the bitterness was tempered.

In God's preparation in our lives it is not any one of the ingredients, but the combination of "all things" that brings joy to His heart. If we would say "some things work together for good," we might be omitting the

As Christ faced the awfulness of the cross, Hebrews says, "It was the joy that was set before Him" by which he endured it and despised the shame. A prophetic eye and ear are the prerequisites to a prophetic voice. The ability to see good in the midst of impending disaster is a gift that is given to those that trust. The prophet prayed, "may the eyes of the servant be open to see . . . and he saw."

The disciplines of God in our lives are for His ultimate glory and our present good. While the Hebrew Christians were going through great difficulty, they were encouraged in Hebrews 12:11, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." This principle applies to both the "good" and "bad" things that happen in our life. The need for discipline is always with us. Someone is suddenly left an inheritance of \$1 million dollars. They see it as positive until five years later this financial bonanza has upset their life and divided their family.

As we are able to see God in all things and everywhere, we will draw more upon His grace. Was Joseph more in the will of God in a pit than he was in a palace? "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose," baker's chocolate and all. ■

All Things Work Together for Good

by PAUL JOHANSSON

out the passenger door. Awkward to say the least. Since there was no way of opening the door except by taking the inside panel off while it was closed, a friend of mine said that he would work on it. When he was unable to get to it after two weeks, he called his friend, who, while taking it to his garage, had an accident. So now, it was not just the door, it was the front end that needed repair.

My friend called and began the phone conversation by asking if I was sitting down. My response was how I handle most problems, "All things work together for good to those that love the Lord." (Romans 8:28). When I said those words, I felt a divine impression, "It's all things, or no things, but not some things." A few months later the car was finally up and running, but the revelation of that moment stayed with me. "It must be all things or no things, but not some things."



Paul & Gloria Johansson

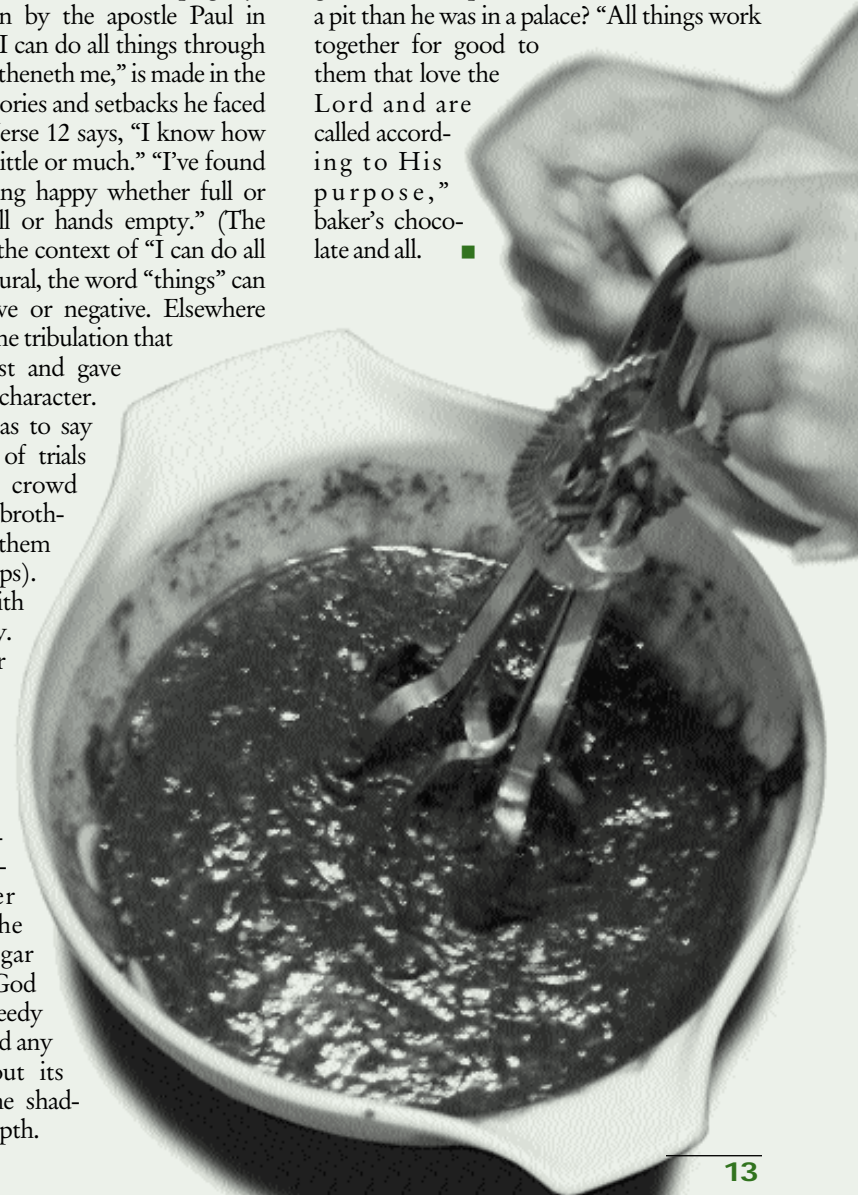
This has many applications in our lives. The Bible says, "All things work together for good." One translation says, "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." We are not given the privilege of choosing what is good and what is bad. What seems on the surface to be bad or good may ultimately prove to be just the opposite in the long term.

The operative word in this verse is "works together for good." Our life is in God's hands, where He mixes the ingredients of the natural to produce permanent eternal dividends. When my brother and I were younger, mom baked a chocolate cake from scratch. She had to include baker's chocolate. To us it looked like just another Hershey bar. When she wasn't looking we took a bite only to spit it out as soon as possible. By itself it was entirely too bitter! Our young minds could not un-

derstand how something so bitter could produce such a sweet and delightful dessert. It's because it was mixed with confectionary sugar and the bitterness was tempered.

long-lasting value of a financial setback or even the loss of a loved one. Because we have given our lives fully to the Lord, He declares us a "dependant" on His income taxes! This means that He is responsible. In simple, childlike faith, we know that no good gift will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. The declaration by the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," is made in the context of the victories and setbacks he faced on a daily basis. Verse 12 says, "I know how to be happy with little or much." "I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty." (The Message). This is the context of "I can do all things." In the natural, the word "things" can be seen as positive or negative. Elsewhere Paul states it was the tribulation that made me steadfast and gave me ripeness of character. James is so bold as to say "When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers . . . welcome them as friends!" (Phillips). God will test us with plenty or poverty. (I think we're safer with the latter.)

Since the command "Give thanks in all things" comes with His grace, which is sufficient, the blending of the bitter chocolate with the confectionary sugar will enrich life as God serves us to the needy world. What would any picture be without its shadows? It is the shadows that give it depth.





Alumni News

1970s **Jerome Tjerckstra** ('77) was received into the Roman Catholic Church in December 2003. He lives with his wife, Thomasina, in North Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Roman (att. '75-78) and **Janice Stefaniv** are continuing to work with the Summer Institute of Linguistics as translation consultants and are relocating this year from Darwin, Australia to Chiang Mai, Thailand.



1980s **Tom Wales** ('87; above right) and his three-piece rock band, Wales Road, recently released their third album, *Blur*, a 13-song CD.

1990s **Robert (Bob) Hilliard** (att. '88-91) had been working with Indian Trails Mission, which outreaches to various Native American groups in Arizona and Mexico, when he was diagnosed with incurable cancer in 2002. Bob then experienced a miraculous healing from the Lord! He was married to Dorothy Gavitt (Hull) on October 4, 2003, and they presently make their home in Claremont, NH.



Kevin Jr. ('99) and **Adriana** (Hernandez, '96) Mahaffy are living and ministering in Virginia with their daughters, Claudia and

Natalia. Kevin graduated from Regent University with an M.A. in Practical Theology in 2003 and is serving as Youth Pastor at Parkway Temple in Chesapeake. He has begun a new business, Youth Ministry Coaching and Consulting (YMCC), which provides life coaching and ministry consulting for Christian leaders. Adriana teaches Spanish at a local Christian high school, leads worship and mentors teenage girls.

2000s **Jessica Wojcik** (att. '01-02) is presently working with Mission Year Oakland, a program that finds its basis in building relationships with people in the inner city. She has been ministering to new friends and neighbors and holding neighborhood Bible studies.

Marriages



David Rock ('01) to **Jessica Basham**, November 9, 2002.

Rachel Rappa (att. '97-00) to **Lucas Ferrara** (att. '98-01), May 16, 2003.



Deanna Davis (att. '99-00) to **Aaron Young**, July 26, 2003. Aaron is completing his senior year at Wheaton College. Deanna graduated from Messiah College in May 2003.



Jesse Tanner ('02) to **Corrine Brazell** (att. '96-98), October 25, 2003.



Shahndi Ostafew ('95) to **Brian Rotter**, November 1, 2003. They live in Jacksonville, FL.



Jonathan Bowden ('01) to **Dani Burket** (att. '00-02), November 15, 2003.

Brian Eberhardt ('03) to **Amanda G. Nelson**, January 17, 2004.



Laura Guertin ('03) to **Nathan Norman** (att. '01-02), January 17, 2004.



April Mahaffy (att. '96) to **Eduardo Hernandez**, April 10, 2004.



Naomi Yount (att. '98-99) to **Ryan Byler**, May 1, 2004.

New Arrivals

Michael James, born July 13, 2003, to **T. Bryan** ('95) and **Heather** (Wonderling, att. '93-95) **Roberts**.



Julia Grace, born October 1, 2003, to **Charles** ('00) and **Jessica** (Saeli, '02) **Dahlstrom**.



Aidan Cole, born November 17, 2003, to **James** (att. '93-95) and **Kelly** (Kesnig, att. '94-95) **Dodzweit**.



Sophia Sarah, born November 26, 2003, to **Philip** ('95) and **Alexa** (Hawk, '95) **Taylor**.



David John, born February 7, 2004, to **Kevin** (att. '95-97) and **Lynn** (Leone, '95) **Kidd**.



Larissa Renee, born March 7, 2004, to **Dave** and **Tonya** (Kwallek, att. '92) **Harnish**.



Ethan John, born April 22, 2004, to **John** (att. '97-98) and **Tonya Schott**.



Cohen Elias, born May 9, 2004, to **Matt** ('96) and **Chrissy Drew**.



Hanna Joy, born May 21, 2004, to **Matt** ('95) and **Stephanie** (Harris, att. '96) **Slisher**.

Briana Michelle, born May 14, 2004, to **Marco** (att. '03-present) and **Margie Villalobos**.



Grace Elim, born May 22, 2004, to **David Wen** (att. '03-pres.) and **Jin Wang** (att. '03-pres.).



Ariana Raquel, born June 3, 2004, to **Charlie** (att. '96-97) and **Connie** (Gutierrez, att. '96-97, stf. '97-98) **McDonough**.

Karissa Renee, born June 24, 2004, to **Jeff** and **Cara** (Shults, att. '98-99) **Horn**.



Benjamin Daniel, born June 24, 2004, to **Giona** and **Erin** ('04) **Paolercio**.

Around Campus



Fount Shults (stf. '81-87, '94-04) is moving on to work with Shiloh Place Ministries with Jack Frost. Fount and his wife, **Linda**, will be counseling, training and teaching. The staff and student body gave their farewell greetings in one of the Spring semester's final chapels. Prayer was lifted up for this couple who has poured so much of their lives into Elim over the years. We owe a debt of gratitude for the gift of God they have been to us. Though they will be greatly missed, we are delighted that Fount will teach *Basic Christian Counseling* this fall.

Carol Dresser (att. '98-99, stf. '03-04) is leaving EBI to serve as an EF missionary. She will be

ministering to children in Haiti with Roger and Margaret Clark.

Miriam Williams ('02, stf. '02-04) has begun several mission trips to Mexico, Iran and Colombia, with stateside family visits in between.

Anna Haberstro ('03, stf. 03-pres.) began a new position as Administrative Assistant to Jeff Clark, Special Assistant to the President. Anna had previously served in the Admissions and Data Management Departments and as Yearbook Coordinator.

Maureen (Lamoreaux, '99, stf. '03-04) **Leathersich** has stepped away from her position as Assistant Dean of Women and is busy preparing her home to minister love to children. She and her husband, Jeff (att. '97-99, stf. '99-present), are in the process of becoming foster parents. Maureen will continue to help run the Missions and International Community Health Program.

Grace Dodzweit ('00, stf. '01-04) has moved on to an extended short-term work in India with Jaipaul and Yori Mallipudi. Find out more at www.freewebs.com/graceforindia/theplan.

Jordan Fulton ('03) has accepted the dual positions of Assistant Dean of Men and Sports Center Supervisor. Jordan is a recent grad and we welcome him and wife, **Sarah** (Grout, '03), back to campus!

Elsa Ticen joins the staff as Bookkeeper. She and her family live in Honeoye Falls, New York. Elsa will be involved with all aspects of the Accounting Office.

Randy Down ('00, stf. '00-04) and his family have moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and will pursue full-time ministry there. Randy has served Elim as Assistant Dean of Men and as a class advisor along with his wife, **Rebekah**.

Brett Johnson ('04, stf. '04) relocated to Virginia Beach, Virginia, with his family. He is enrolled in the U.S. Army's Chaplain Candidate Program and will be attending Regent University

School of Divinity. Brett served as the interim Athletic Program Director.



Kevin Cook (att. '97-98) joins the staff as Assistant to the Dean of Ministry, reporting to Harry Vellekoop, Dean of Ministry. Kevin and his family moved here from Michigan. His wife, **Kathy**, will also be joining the staff, serving as Administration Secretary.

Tim Lambert joins the EB staff as Assistant to the Director of Music. Tim recently finished an internship with Eagles' Wings Ministries.

Larry Siekawitch (si'kay witch) comes to us from a Vineyard church pastorate in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and will be joining our faculty. (See article on page 7 of this *Bell Tower*.)

Ginnette (Culhane, '81) **Overly** has been pioneering the Learning Assistance Center and is now joining our faculty full time, teaching *Basic College Composition* and other Christian Education related courses. Ginnette holds a Master's in Education.

Cindy (Wolter, att. '81-83, stf. '02-present) **Scott**, Administrative Assistant to the Academic Dean, has agreed to accept the additional duties of Assistant Dean of Women.

In Memoriam

Rev. Dr. **Raju K. Thomas** (att. '75-77), founder of Life & Light Ministries in India, passed away on September 1, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Mariamma; daughter, Regina; son-in-law, Jacob Malhew; and son, Reji.

Bill Brass ('72) passed away on December 13, 2003.

Ben Guerin (att. '71-72) passed away on February 8, 2004.

Thomas Ashe (att. '81-82) passed away on April 17, 2004. He is survived by his wife, **Sonia** (att. '81-82). ■

Slishers, continued from page 7
much when they bought groceries.

As communication became easier, Matt began teaching 8th-11th grade English at the local school. He immediately began to build relationships with his students. In his hands were the future of the town, and he loved teaching them.

In December 2002, the Slishers were given charge of the humanitarian aid project. Oasis Elim was given the valuable privilege to grant visas to humanitarian aid workers who want to join them. In other words, they could bring in anyone they needed.

In the summer, they hosted a kids' camp, bringing in an outside team to help. Later, they sponsored a window replacement project for the poor, and a team from California came to work with them. Even YWAM got involved, sending a King's Kids performance group from Puerto Rico.

As the Slishers return to their home overseas, they plan to tackle two main projects: micro-enterprise development and the creation of a community center.

The first project focuses on economic development in Mullaby, a town of about 4,000. In an environment where entrepreneurs find new business difficult, this project could help them get off the ground. In addition to small-business loans, Matt hopes to facilitate business training and help write business plans. As he interacts with local businessmen, he will have opportunities to plant God's Word in their hearts.



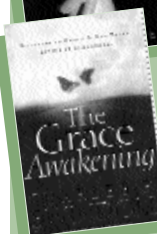
Matt & Stephanie Slisher's kids, "hanging out" with neighborhood friends in Kazakhstan.

The second project aims at specific educational needs. An English learning center and computer training will be available to Mullaby. Also, the community center will give Oasis Elim a base of operation. Potentially, many ministries will spawn out of the center.

As career missionaries working in Kazakhstan, the Slisher family hasn't had the ministry opportunities one might expect. They aren't really allowed to preach on the street corners. Jesus isn't considered the latest, greatest thing. But their restrictions have only focused them that much more intently on individuals. Personal friendships based in hard-earned trust are proving to be open doors for the Holy Spirit.



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Andrew Abu-Ghazaleh

June 28-August 25: Leadership Conferences, Israel and Jordan

Mid September: Leadership Training, San Francisco, CA and Bay Area

Mid October: Leadership Training, India (Bangalore, Calcutta & Hyderabad)

Mike Cavanaugh

September 20: EF area pastor's meeting, Lima, NY

October 8-9: Men's Retreat, Palmstow Church, Newville, PA

October 13-15: Pastor's Study Break, New Covenant Church, Hampton, VA

Jeff Clark

September 5-11: Teaching Junior Class at NYSUM, Queens, NY

October 3-8: Teaching Junior Class at NYSUM, Queens, NY

October 8-10: Pennsylvania/Delaware Men's Retreat, Carlisle, PA

Stacy Cline

October 8-10: Singles Conference, Northside AOG, Chesterfield, MI

Sylvia Evans

August 27: Capitol District Minister's Meeting, Albany, NY

September 4-5: Women's Meeting and Sunday Service, Word of Life Fellowship, Henrietta, NY

September 10-12: Women's Retreat, Shiloh New Covenant Church, Cumberland, VA

September 17-19: Leadership and Women's Meetings,

Sunday Service; Joshua Center, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

September 24-26: Prophetic Seminar & Service, Okeechtovee, FL

October 1-3: "Sister to Sister" Women's Gathering, Sat. and Sun. Service; Assembly of God, Cooperstown, NY

October 9: "Impartation '04" Women's Meeting, Calvary Hills Gospel Church, Fairless Hills, PA

October 15-17: Women of the Word Greater NY Regional Conference, Albany, NY

Dick Grout

August 20-22: Beaver Camp, Adirondacks, NY

Ben & Sarah Dodzweit

July 29-August 20: Kenya

Bernard Evans

August 28-29: Cornerstone Christian Fwp., Lapeer, MI

September 27-29: Elim Canada Conference, Quebec, Canada

Oct. 7: Nat'l. Assoc. of Evangelicals, Atlanta, GA

Paul Johansson

August 22: Elim Gospel Church, Lima, NY

September 27-29: Elim Canada Conference, Quebec, Canada

October 8-10: Men's Retreat, Blue Mountain Christian Center, New Ringgold, PA

Mary Novinger

July 29-August 20: Kenya

Hugh & Donna Smith

August 15: Judson Baptist Church, Flint, MI

August 15: Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene, Ortonville, MI

August 17: Oxford-Orton Ministerial Assoc., Orton, MI

August 18: Christ the King Church, Oxford, MI

August 21: Jesus Rally, Highland Park Bowl, Rochester, NY

August 22: Armor Bible Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY

September 2: Lakeshore Community Church, Greece, NY

September 12: Corning Assembly of God Church, Corning, NY

September 19: Calvary Baptist Church, LeRoy, NY

Sept. 24: Area Christians in Service, Elmira, NY

Sept. 24: Elmira Christian Academy, Elmira, NY

September 26: Unionville Presbyterian Church, Unionville, NY

October 3: Refreshing Springs Church, Buffalo, NY

October 17: Henrietta Assembly of God, Henrietta, NY

October 20: Bethesda Full Gospel Church, Buffalo, NY

Harry Vellekoop

Paraguay

August 14: 25th Anniversary "Adelfos" Orphanage, Limpio

August 15: Salem Church, Asuncion and Siloh Church, Fdo. de la Mora

Argentina

August 18: Elim church, Elim Missionary Alex Manzewitch, Corrientes

August 19: Pastors Association of Greater Resistencia, Resistencia

August 21: The Tabernacle Church, Resistencia

Brazil

August 23-24: With Elim Missionaries Scott & Sharri Dalton, Rio de Janeiro