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To Africa, With Joy

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On the way up Mount Sinai – Sinai Peninsula, Egypt.

Photo by Justyn Terry



From the Interim Dean and President...

Hands Across the Sea: Mutual Ministry in the Body of Christ

One of the blessings of being Anglicans is the global, multicultural family of churches and provinces with which we are in fellowship and/or contact. This enables mutual ministry to take place and all sorts of rich, personal friendships. Short term mission trips, sending and receiving students, and diocese-to-diocese partnerships all offer opportunities.

In this flow of fellowship and ministry, educational institutions also have their place. In quite a variety of ways Trinity is involved in mutual ministry with other Anglican evangelical seminaries around the globe. This issue of *Seed & Harvest* will spell out some of these partnerships. In them it is Trinity's aim to help the other seminaries grow in academic resources. We send books, duplicates usually from our collection; we send professors (*not* duplicates of course!) for short periods of time and for intensive teaching; and we serve by offering online courses around the world, taught from Ambridge or sometimes from the professors' homes. Such courses can be taught "live" with students participating from the United States, Africa, Canada and Egypt all at the same time.

The great hope is that by such exchanges and mutual support, we at Trinity may actually help elevate the level of instruction in seminaries in countries that cannot send their teachers overseas in large numbers. We for our part always receive more from those whom we serve than we give. No one comes back from Egypt, for example, without learning a great deal about a Christian way to live with and witness to Muslims or a vivid sense of Church history having been in or near the home of Athanasius, Tertullian and Augustine. And no one returns from a time in Africa without being humbled by a new sense of the difficulties we in the West created for African nations by the uninformed national boundaries we created after WWI. We see the central role that the power of the gospel must play to enable the peace and unity we all desire for our brothers and sisters there, and we have a deeper awareness of the power of the gospel to convert and transform people. In addition, it is these friendships and this fellowship that provide the context for our receiving the wonderful international students and teachers that come to live and study and teach with us, as described in a recent issue of *Seed & Harvest*.

This history of mutual ministry also lies behind the welcome we evangelical Anglicans in the US and Canada have received from the Global South during this time of turmoil in the Church. This June, at the coming Global Anglican Future Conference in Israel, there will be a meeting of old friends with whom we have been long in mutual ministry and an opportunity to make new friends and explore new ministry.

We would be much the poorer spiritually and relationally without this ministry. Enjoy reading about this wider reach of Trinity in this issue, and join us in prayer for the support to continue to reach our hands across the sea.

Warmly in the Lord Jesus,

+ John

TO AFRICA, WITH JOY

*Trinity Faculty travel to Ethiopia, Uganda and Egypt
to teach during January*

read more...

*The Baro River, Ethiopia
photo by Sally Chapman*



Planting a Diocese in Ethiopia

by Grant LeMarquand

A few years ago there was only a marginal Anglican presence in Ethiopia. There was one parish, St. Matthew's (quite a vibrant place really) in the capital, Addis Ababa. It was designed as a "chaplaincy" – an English-speaking church primarily for expatriates and under the authority of the Bishop of Egypt.

But then some time ago the Egyptian bishop, Mouneer Anis, a great friend of ours here at Trinity, began to receive letters from western Ethiopia. The letters said basically, "We're here. We've planted a church. We're Anglicans. So you are our Bishop." No mission society sent these church planters and no one was paying them a salary. Some of the leaders had been ordained, but many had not. None of them had much theological training. And most were refugees who had been driven out of their homes by persecution and war in southern Sudan. Some of the new Anglican churches were established in refugee camps, some in local villages, some meeting under trees, some building churches out of local materials (see a nice nine-minute video on You Tube – search on "Anglican Church in Ethiopia"). Remarkably, the You Tube video, made in March 2007, is way out of date. At the time there were 32 churches, most of them in the border area near Sudan around the

town of Gambella. Now a year later there are 46 churches in Ethiopia.

One of the most wonderful developments happened in the last couple of years – one of the church leaders heard about a group of people living on the other side of the river from his village. These people (the Opo) had no written language, so no Bible, and no one had ever brought the gospel to them before. So this church leader, Gordon Rok, waded across the river, met the Opo people (some of whom spoke his language, Nuer) and explained the good news of Jesus to them. Now there are three churches among the Opo. Remarkable.

My wife Wendy and I first heard about the Anglican Church in Ethiopia when Bishop Mouneer was in Ambridge for a sabbatical. He convinced us to pray about whether God wanted us to be involved. In July 2007 I visited the new Area Bishop, Andrew Proud, and his wife Janice. Andrew and I traveled to the Gambella region together where I experienced a bit of the vibrancy of the church there – and saw the tremendous need.

Many of the Christians in western Ethiopia are poor, a good number are refugees. Although there are many needs, more than anything, they want education. Bishop Andrew had already established a program of theological education by extension in which local tutors were trained in weeklong intensive courses and then sent out to parishes to teach what they had learned. But they wanted more.

Bishop Andrew found the funds to bring together all of the pastors and tutors for a conference in January. I was to teach African Church History and Wendy (my wife is a physician) would teach Christian Perspectives on Healing and Health Care. My class began at 7:00 am, just as the sun was coming up. We taught under a tree in a small grass-walled enclosure on the compound of St. Luke's Church in Gambella. A blackboard was tied to a tree and the fifty or so students from St. Philip's School of Theology sat on benches. As the sun climbed we would shift around to avoid being



in direct sunlight. We would break for breakfast at 9:00 and by 11:00 it was too hot to teach or to learn. From 11:00 until noon Wendy treated patients in the somewhat cool but rather dark church – and then we all slept for three hours or so.

My course was a joy to teach – especially since most of these pastors had never had a chance to learn about the rich history of the church on their own continent.

We covered the church in Egypt and North Africa, discussing the great African theologians who shaped Christian thinking for all of us – Athanasius, Origen, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Cyprian of Carthage, and Augustine. We talked about the founding of the Nubian church in the 6th century and its final demise in the 16th century. We learned about the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and its history of 16 centuries.

We spoke of the Portuguese explorers, the Arab and the Atlantic slave trades and how the ending of the slave trade in Europe sparked the missionary movement. We discussed African martyrs, evangelists, priests and bishops and discovered that foreign missionaries only played a minor role in African church history compared with the enormous accomplishments of African Christians themselves.

In the late afternoon Wendy taught her class (and then usually saw a few more patients). Her course started with a discussion of worldviews – comparing biblical, African, and modern scientific perspectives on healing and health care. She taught about community-based health care, about pray-

ing for healing and how various dimensions of healing and health care can be integrated.



Grant and Wendy LeMarquand with Bishop Andrew and the students from St. Philip's School of Theology

In both of our courses the students were actively engaged, never really wanting to stop discussing and thinking through issues.

One of the great joys of working with Andrew and Janice Proud, and with these Anuak, Nuer and Opo church leaders is that we were able to see an amazing process at work: the emergence of a new diocese. Bishop Mouneer

and Bishop Andrew believe that Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa will one day be an independent Anglican diocese. Wendy and I hope to spend a few weeks a year in Ethiopia over the next few years, God willing. And we hope to bring people with us next time.



Ochum village, Gambella region

[Note: Since the writing of this essay, Grant LeMarquand has heard from Bishop Andrew that many of the communities in western Ethiopia have been displaced by the government. Please keep the churches of these villages in your prayers.]

A Vibrant Community of Faith

by John Macdonald

During the late summer of 2004, the Rev. Stanley Ntgali, then Provincial Secretary for the Anglican Church of Uganda, met with me in my office at Trinity. He was on sabbatical in the US for several months and had recently been elected Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Masindi-Kitara. This diocese was once part of the Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara where Trinity's first alumni bishop, the Rt. Rev. Wilson Turumanya served until his retirement at about that same time.

The bishop-elect had known that I had been to Uganda several times and was interested in hav-



ing a team from Trinity go to Masindi in January, 2006, to lead a teaching conference for the clergy of the diocese.

He knew that they were gifted in many aspects of pastoral ministry, but they needed deeper teaching on some of the basics of ministerial preparation lacking in their own theological training. His plight is typical for those in leadership positions in Africa and in other parts of the Global South. The commitment and the faith are high, but the training and the education is limited. One of the most oft-quoted statements about Africa is that “Christianity is a mile wide and an inch deep.” Would that we suffered from having Christianity being a “mile wide” in the West!

Masindi is a provincial city four hours northwest of Kampala in the Kingdom of Bunyoro. It serves as the gateway to Murcheson Falls National Park, one of the largest game parks in Uganda. The park is home to several thousand elephants, tens of thousands of antelope, and thousands of hippos, crocodiles, and giraffes – and lions and leopards, too.

Eighteen months after my meeting with Bishop Ntgali, I was leading a team from Trinity to teach the clergy on the theme of “Stewardship.” Thus began a relationship that has grown over the last three years, with the latest trip to Uganda taking



Left to right: Ginger and Rob Stage, an African friend named Fred, John Macdonald, Charles Jenkins, Phil Harrold

place this past January 2008. The Bishop must have appreciated what we were doing, because the second year, he invited not only the clergy but the lay pastors for a conference on “Bible Study.” He has said on more than one occasion that Trinity has quality people. This past year, the numbers increased as we did training in marriage and family issues that included not only the clergy and the lay pastors, but their spouses as well.

Joining me on this team was Trinity’s new Church History professor, Dr. Phil Harrold.

Charles Jenkins, a Middler student from the Diocese of South Carolina also accompanied us. Finishing out the team were Rob and Ginger Stage from St. Stephen’s Church in Sewickley, PA. Ginger is a licensed psychologist and counselor, and her insight into family systems was invaluable and helpful in spite of the differences in culture between the Ugandans in Masindi and the US. I had heard from a couple of mutual friends that the Stages were interested in going to Africa, and the topic on families seemed to be the perfect fit.



Phil Harrold teaching with his interpreter

The theme for this past conference in January was particularly daunting because of what we knew about differences in family relationships, marriage, and child rearing. However, once we got into the topic and the Team had asked good questions of Ugandans whom we met prior to leaving and while traveling in Uganda to Masindi, the Lord put us all at ease and blessed us with material that was helpful and appropriate.

Phil gave the first talk on “The Family of God: An Introductory Overview to the Family in the Bible.” I taught on “Marriage and the Family in



Ephesians 5,” Ginger on “Understanding the Self in the Context of our Relationships” and “Anxiety and Responsibility,” and Charles finished with “From Suffering and Struggling to Hope and Grace.” Each talk was preceded by a meditation, and Rob blessed us with some special insights when he spoke on a passage from the Gospel of John. All the teaching was interpreted into Runyoro for the benefit of those who did not have command of English. Accompanying the teaching were times of prayer and praise – and just the experience of worshipping in that setting in Masindi was refreshing and renewing. Singing and praising God are not sedentary activities!

At the end of our time in Masindi, we were invited to attend a wedding of a clergy couple in St. Matthew’s Cathedral and the subsequent reception. This was a joyous occasion with hundreds of guests invited to the Bishop’s house afterwards for food and refreshments. We were entertained by singers and dancers who sang and danced in traditional dress to traditional music.

One of the joys of my work at Trinity is to take students and others to Uganda each year as this partnership with the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara grows and develops. There is a depth and richness to the culture and to their experience of the Christian faith that contribute greatly to our understanding of the gospel and how it can be used to change individual lives and society. Even though we went with a teaching role, we also went as students to learn and to grow – and to be transformed by this vibrant community of faith.

Students, Sunshine and Supplies of Hot Tea

by Justyn Terry

While the Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Anis, now Presiding Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East, was at Trinity on sabbatical in the summer of 2006, he took a June Term class with me on “The Anglican Way of Theology.” He said how

useful this would be to clergy in Egypt and for those in training at the Alexandria School of Theology, and asked if I’d be willing to teach the course in Cairo. It was in response to that request that I flew to Cairo with my wife, Cathy, and daughters Sophia (then 9) and Lydia (7) on January 8, 2008.

We had a few days to acclimatize and to do some sight-seeing before the classes began and we were able to visit Alexandria, where we went to the Alexandria School of Theology and met some of its teachers and students. This came shortly after the visit by “The Desert Saints” travel study tour, led by the Rev. Dr. Les Fairfield, that Dr. Theresa

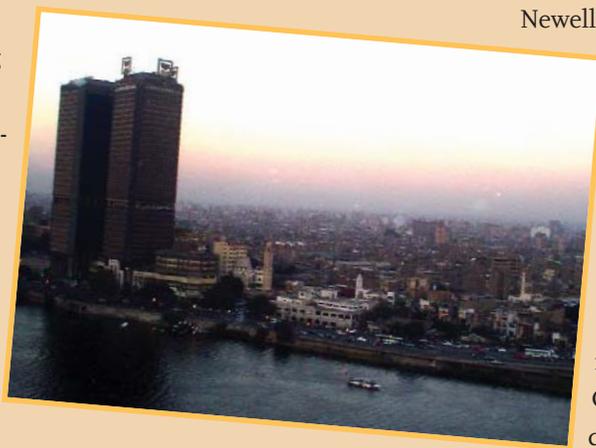
Newell wrote about for the

last *Seed & Harvest*. We also went to Sinai and stayed overnight at St. Catherine’s Monastery before climbing Mount Sinai (the girls taking camels and Cathy and I walking quickly behind them, trying to keep up!). It was even possible to

paddle in the Red Sea on the way back – which we must have done in a very English way judging from the amusement this brought to our drivers!

The teaching began on the Monday morning and had to be finished by Thursday evening. This meant covering a full semester’s material, already condensed a bit to fit into a five-day June Term week, in only four days – and having it all translated into Arabic! Thankfully, the text of my lecture notes and the quotations from the Anglican authors we were to study were already translated and copied for the 45 or so students who attended.

In many ways, it was meeting the students and discovering their way of life in Cairo that was the most fascinating aspect of the class. We met at Cairo Cathedral and had students not only from Egypt, but also from Sudan, Ethiopia, Libya and



Cairo, Egypt at dusk



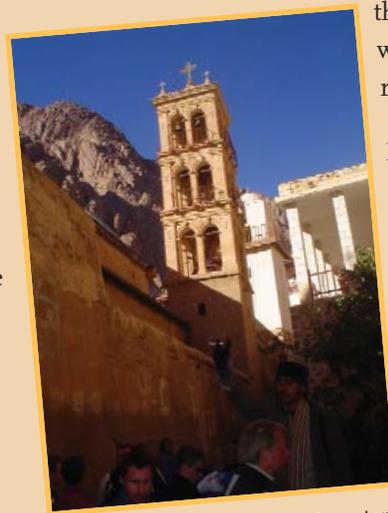
Jordan. In addition, there were a few from New Zealand, Canada, Holland, the UK and the US, mainly missionaries working in Cairo, but it also included Richard and Dawn Bates, students at Trinity. Richard is to be ordained by Bishop Mouneer in May and he and Dawn are preparing to serve in Cairo. It was a great privilege to see where they will be working.

The Principal of the Alexandria School of Theology, the Rev. Emad Azmi Mikhail, and several members of the faculty took turns translating as I lectured. It was a particular joy to have Shady Anis, Bishop Mouneer's son and another Trinity student, on the team of translators. He is preparing to join the faculty of the Alexandria School of Theology to teach Systematic Theology, and it was a delightful thought that next time this material is presented, it might well be Shady teaching it! It was also a source of constant amazement to me that no matter how obscure the theological term or how quaint the English expression, everything was so readily translated. They must have coined their own Arabic term for "Latitudinarians" (the forerunners of today's liberals and revisionists), which I imagine will one day find its way into Arabic dictionaries.

One of the things that helped students process the material they were being introduced to was the group discussion times. Bishop Mouneer, Rev. Emad and some of his colleagues, as well as

Richard, Shady and I led groups to look at some of the writings of these Anglican authors. That meant that Richard and Shady, who were taking the class for credit and therefore writing papers, were able to think through some of the issues raised with others who were also working on it.

My lasting memories of teaching this class are of eager and able students, sunshine (though it was cool enough that I needed a scarf), constant supplies of hot tea (for which I was especially thankful!) and fresh supplies of food that seemed to be continually arriving at the Cathedral! As a family we enjoyed generous hospitality on numerous occasions, even being able to meet up with "The Desert Saints" study tour as they passed through Cairo when Bishop Mouneer invited us all to his home. The Bishop and his wife, Nancy, not only had us over for dinner on another evening, but even took us out to a local store to show us how to find produce to buy to make meals for ourselves.



St. Catherine's Monastery, with Mt. Sinai in the background



The Terrys – Cathy, Justyn, Lydia and Sophia – "paddling" in the Red Sea

Cathy and the girls were able to do more sight-seeing than I could, but I did get some sense of life for Christians in Cairo and to see some of the challenges they face in their life and witness. When we were visiting Alexandria, we were having refreshments just outside St. Mark's Church when security police checked to see that our host was not in any way proselytizing us. It was clear that the witness of Christians in Egypt can be risky and costly, and we have all come back with a stronger commitment to pray regularly for the Church there.

The Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission; The Rev. Canon John Macdonald is Assistant Professor of Mission and Evangelism and Director of the Stanway Institute; and the Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology.

“...And a good time was had by all.”

by Tina Lockett

At least that is the feeling I had at the end of another Visit Trinity Weekend. Prospective students from across the United States came to campus March 13-15 to spend a few days getting to know Trinity – our programs and people.

Our visitors came from Maine and South Carolina, as well as Florida and Arizona. There were men and women, younger and a bit older – proof that God calls people from all places and points in life.

Our visitors were asking all the normal questions: Is God calling me to full-time Christian work? Should I seek ordination? Should I be a teacher, a missionary, a youth minister, a church planter? Is Trinity the place to help me prepare for my call?

The faculty, staff and students know these questions because we have all faced the same issues. Throughout the weekend we listened, talked, laughed and prayed with our visitors as they explored their call.

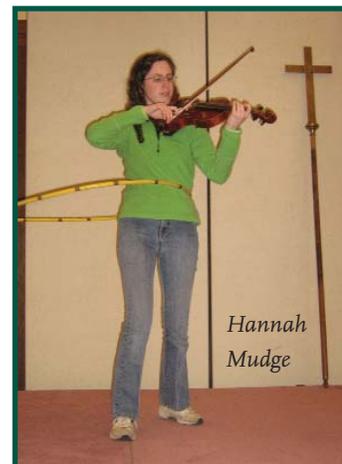
We are keenly aware that among our visitors are the future leaders of the Church. They are men and women of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. They are called to both lay and ordained leadership in the Pittsburgh area, in the Anglican Communion, in other denominations, and in the Church throughout the world.

Trinity seeks to equip our students with a solid biblical theology for an ever-changing global ministry. Our degrees are offered through classes in three formats – residential, interterms or online. The formation is in accordance with Holy Scripture and in evangelical perspective. It aims to

educate students theologically, to nurture them spiritually, and to train them practically, preparing them to enable all members of their congregations to develop and exercise their gifts in the service of Christ’s Kingdom.

During the Visit Trinity Weekend, our visitors caught a bit of this through presentations from faculty and conversations with students. They also participated in chapel, had dinner in the homes of students, and watched the annual Talent Show, which this year introduced the Ukulele Band led by the Rev. Dr. Rod Whitacre.

We trust our visitors had a good taste of what Trinity has to offer. If you sense seminary might be in your future, please give us a call. Visit Trinity Weekend is complete for this year, but our doors are always open to welcome you.



The Rev. Tina Lockett is Director of Admissions and Dean of Students at Trinity. She’s also a DMin student.



Our visitors



Future seminarians



Trinity Welcomes New Old Testament Professor

Trinity is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Don Collett as Assistant Professor of Old Testament. Don began his teaching duties at Trinity in Jan Term 2008.

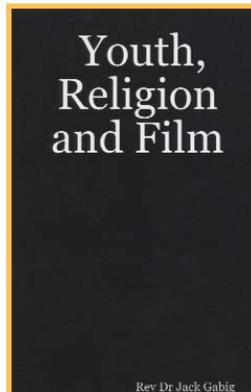
Don is married to Jamie, and they have two children. And, as he demonstrated during Visit Trinity Weekend, he plays a mean guitar, for which the Trinity Jazz Band is particularly grateful (or will there soon be a Trinity Bluegrass band?)



Don is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary (California). He did his doctoral work on *The Book of the Twelve (the Minor Prophets)* at St. Andrew's University in Scotland under the direction of Dr. Christopher Seitz.

Jack Gabig's New Book Published

The Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig (MDiv 1997) has recently published *Youth, Religion and Film* (North Essex, UK: YTC Press, 2007) in which "he explores how notions of identity and community are influenced, even forged, through interaction with the media of film" in order to show "how young Christians use film to find meaning and expression to their own faith and that of others" (taken from the back cover of the book).



Ministry. He will be facilitating the three-day symposium, "Cradle to Grave Discipleship" June 10-12 during Trinity's June Term. Go to Trinity's web site for more details about this and other offerings on campus during June:

www.tesm.edu/learning/interterms

Jack and his wife Patty live in Pittsburgh.



Jack is Director of Children and Youth Initiatives for the Anglican Communion Network and the Administrator of the International Association for the Study of Youth

Registration for June Term 2008 is now open!

Don't miss out on credit offerings on the Trinity, John Wesley, and Money and the Soul, or adult education offerings on Pastoral Crisis Intervention and Godly Play! Also, for the first time: Summer Sabbath! Check it out!

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Church Periodical Club Awards Money to Three Trinity Students

Three Trinity students received money for books from the Church Periodical Club for the 2007-2008 academic year. They were:

Mr. Mark Hall
Diocese of San Joaquin

Mr. Chad Lawrence
Diocese of San Joaquin

Ms. Christina Vance
Diocese of San Joaquin

The Church Periodical Club is an Episcopal organization that supplies books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs free to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. The seminarians received \$267 each.

Twenty Years Later...

by David Duprey

“David gradually got turned on to ‘thought’ while at Trinity.” With this friendly faculty evaluation, the staff of Trinity sent me off to Wyoming in 1988, then the youngest and perhaps the most impetuous of students. “Energetic Christian” was a common remark of Steve Smith in those yearly evaluations, while Les Fairfield pointed out my need to develop a “reflective side.”

My family shot off to a church in the rural community of Big Piney, Wyoming, to provide the first resident pastoral care in the church’s 75 year history. We were glad to have a used car worthy of the trip across the country, and struck by the paradox of a professional moving van transporting the goods of a family in poverty.

Life in Wyoming certainly can develop one’s reflective side. The church office saw almost no traffic; ministry was found on the ranches, in the mountains, schools and senior center, all the places where people gathered. We were welcomed into the beautiful life of these gentle people, but cabin fever would have overtaken us had we not regularly ventured out of the community of 1000 souls, vastly outnumbered by cattle.

In 1992 we moved to St. Peter’s in Sheridan, Wyoming. It had little in common with Big Piney, being an active hub of the community. I missed the ranch visits, the country parson roaming, but I was too busy to notice. A priest in Sheridan can be completely busy within the walls of the church, whose office, staff and rooms are buzzing six days

a week. We had to force ourselves to break from the office and enter the community. Though different, the need to detach remained as crucial; during this time God gave me a “hobby” in Kata Loukan Medical Missions.



Assisting in cataract surgery, Oaxaca, Mexico

Kata Loukan, derived from the Greek title of Luke’s gospel, was first sparked by the Holy Spirit on a 1999 pilgrimage which included a West Bank refugee camp. Our first mission was working with the U.N. on a strategy to relieve anemia among infants and children in the Palestinian

refugee camps. We gained tools in logistics, shipping, and bridge building, as TWA Airlines shipped a pallet load of iron supplement free of charge. Tracking our shipment, visiting the refugee camp clinics, and discussing the strategy with many doctors and nurses gave us our first

real insights into medical care for the underserved people of our world. As the Intifada reignited in 2000, we learned how to work through political-logistical frustrations, and closed shipping venues, and we understood the necessity of diligence.



With friends on the coast of Oaxaca, Mexico, after sharing the Gospel with them

With a small team of committed partners and a rapidly growing circle of friends, we found our mission statement in Jesus’ words from the

last supper, “I am among you as one who serves” (Lk 22:27). We decided to specialize in direct links; we would hear of no project, and no project would hear of us, without a direct link of human relationships, guided by the Holy Spirit. In doing so we found that members of our church and

community were overjoyed to feel they had made a direct contribution to assist those in need.

In 2002, we were guided to a rehabilitation center in Oaxaca, Mexico, called Piña Palmera. In January 2008 we returned from our 11th mission to Piña, having developed a set of portable clinics in dentistry, optometry, audiology and cataract surgery.

Our latest project to Kisoro, Uganda, came about only after two years of prayer, conversation, and discernment. We have recently returned from our first mission, sharing our two most portable and efficient clinics, dentistry and optometry, with the only hospital serving a district of 219,000 people. Their need was overwhelming. God's provision was abundant.

Part of me remains what my teachers at Trinity called "an energetic Christian," and in Kata Loukan I found a place both to use and to replenish that energy. It became my place, my refuge, my vacation and rejuvenation.

What have I learned these 20 years? Listen to the Holy Spirit. Be in active relationship. As far as it depends on you, only invest your energies in the direct call of God. When God calls, go. Recognize there are both primary and secondary calls, and that the latter secure the former. If we wish to provide consistent, faithful, lasting ministry to our primary call to parish or other institution, we must be aware of the secondary calls which keep us alive.

All this work is God's work, start to finish, and just as St. Paul was prohibited to go to Asia and Bythina, but permitted to go to Troas and then Macedonia (Acts 16:6-10), so the Holy Spirit continues to prohibit and allow our movements according to God's will for each of us.

One of my favorite Trinity quotes came from a board member, when he said, "We believe that God pays for what he orders." Whenever God calls, he provides. I have seen and experienced the Lord's provision in countless ways, both in my primary call to parish ministry as well as in my secondary call

to medical missions. It is his provision that sustains me, for no amount of my own energy or enthusiasm can carry any program for the long haul.

I pray that the gospel of Christ will be advanced in the lives of each of you, my colleagues and members of the Trinity family. I pray that these words and thoughts might free you in some way to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in your lives, to explore any creative avenue; from pastry chef to backhoe operator; from contemplative prayer to prison ministry; from opening a coffee shop to writing a novel.

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

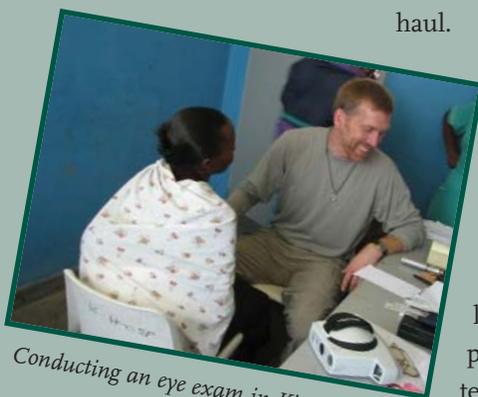


The Rev. David L. Duprey (MDiv 1988) is the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sheridan, Wyoming. This is an excerpted version of David's article which appeared in the Winter

2008 Trinity Tidings alumni newsletter.



Patients awaiting eye exams at the Kisoro Hospital in Uganda. Many of these patients will receive eyeglasses donated by Lion's Club and by Kata Loukan Medical Missions



Conducting an eye exam in Kisoro, Uganda

So... “Why Trinity?”

David Drake (MDiv 2005) says, “Let me respond by asking another question: What kind of clergy do you want serving in your church? Clergy who are totally committed to Jesus Christ and are anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel? Clergy who have been taught orthodox Biblical theology, can preach and teach, and have had real ministry experience? Clergy who have been prepared for mission, evangelism, discipleship, leadership, and pastoral care within a Biblical framework? Clergy who are committed to partnering with other Christians in gospel work locally and around the world? Clergy who understand authentic Christian community and have a desire to serve others? Clergy who have been exposed to and know how to balance evangelism, discipleship, prayer, contemporary and traditional music, formal and informal Anglican liturgies, and pastoral care? Clergy who have connections to other Christian leaders both inside and outside the Anglican Communion? Clergy who want to serve the church by ‘equipping the saints for works of ministry’ (Eph 4:12)?



“That is the kind of leadership I pray for my local church. And that is why I continue to support the mission and work of Trinity School for Ministry. Not only did I experience this kind of training there myself, but God continues to use the school to grow these kinds of leaders.”

David’s church, Holy Trinity Church, Raleigh, NC formed in 2006. Their first check was written to Trinity School for Ministry.

Malone Gilliam (MDiv 2007) recently wrote to the Development Office: “Trinity School for Ministry was, and continues to be, integral in my formation as a leader in the church. I thought of you often as I prepared for ordination day. It is with humble gratitude for all of you there – my professors and mentors, the staff, my fellow students, and everyone connected with the seminary – that I wanted the offering at the ordination to go to you. Thank you for what you do and what it means for the Kingdom of God!”



Malone is a pastor at HopePointe Church, The Woodlands, TX.

When **Seth Kellermann (MDiv 2006)** was preaching about community at his parish in March, one of the things he told his congregation was that, “if I had not been to Trinity, I would not understand community.” Then he told them about how people at Trinity “looked out for each other, prayed for each other, and cared for each other.”



Seth is Curate at The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Richardson, TX.

We’re grateful for Seth, David and Malone, and other alumni and friends who spread the good news about how being a part of the Trinity community has changed their lives and their ministries. We would love to hear from more of you about why you think Trinity is the *only seminary* to attend for a distinctly Anglican, evangelical, orthodox theological education!

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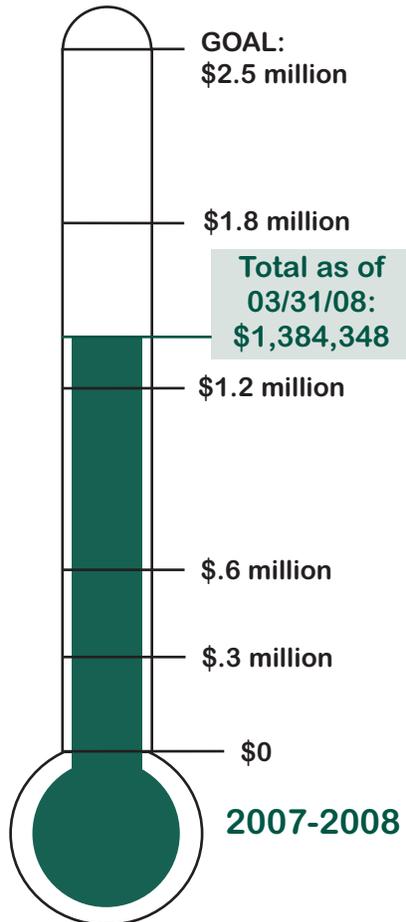
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*The LORD has done
great things for us;
we are glad!
Psalm 126:3*

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We bid your continued prayers for:

- Those who attended our Visit Trinity Weekend in March, most of whom are **prospective students** discerning a call to attend Trinity and to ministry.
- **Graduating Seniors** and their families as they prepare to leave Trinity for ministry elsewhere. Baccalaureate is May 16; Commencement is May 17.
- Our **recruitment and advertising efforts** around the United States: that our efforts will be fruitful, and that people are receptive to Trinity's mission and message.
- For June Term attendees – those taking credit courses (including all of our DMin students) and those attending non-credit offerings – that they will be edified, both educationally and spiritually.
- The **Search Committee** for Trinity's next Dean/President, who are drawing close to a decision.

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

*Psalm 115:1
(Class of 2008 senior class verse)*

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