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THE TIE THAT BINDS

Liz Cutler Gates, Editor

PREACHING AT ALL TIMES

The renewed emphasis on integrated ministries within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has been a fresh wind. It acknowledges that a verbal salvation message may not be enough.



It might have been a college journalism professor who first taught me about integrated ministry – maybe unintentionally. After all, who knew what “integrated ministry” was in the mid-1970s?

At the time, students who wanted to study journalism at Grace College could only minor in the subject. Those of us in the program who envisioned careers as reporters lobbied for a full major. Our professor, an energetic young writer, photographer, and entrepreneur, encouraged us to use journalism as a tool within another profession. He led the cheer when one of our ranks, a business major, returned from a successful job interview, reporting that his future employer was impressed with his communication skills. It was a perfect example of someone integrating journalism with another field.

Eventually, I became a full-time journalist, determined to integrate my faith with my job – in essence, to do “integrated ministry.” Whether covering a trial for a small town newspaper or interviewing a world-renowned alumnus of a major law school, I did my best. It wasn't always easy and there were times when I headed home feeling defeated because I hadn't “witnessed” to anyone. More often than not,

I felt guilty for being embarrassed by the street preacher who shouted the gospel while berating students for their “sinful” lifestyles. It was a message with which I clearly agreed, but though who was I to question whether his methods were effective.

The renewed emphasis on integrated ministries within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has been a fresh wind. It acknowledges that a verbal salvation message may not be enough. It's not watering down the gospel. It's recognizing that it often takes more than words to reach a generation who doesn't believe in absolute truth. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words.”

In this issue, you'll meet a church that is preaching the gospel with their actions before their words, an effort by a Grace Brethren ministry to

provide cross-cultural experiences for students, and reports on the summer conferences. You'll become better acquainted with that young journalism professor, Terry White, who returned to Indiana in 2003 to lead the rebirth of The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, the parent organization of *GraceConnect*.

As is often the case, we had more content that we could fit into this issue of the magazine. You'll find much of the overflow at graceconnect.us, where regular, almost daily, news of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is posted. Subscribe to the new *GraceConnect eNews* to have original stories sent directly to your email inbox.

GraceConnect wants to further the conversation within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches – with or without words. I encourage you to visit one of those sites (or *GraceConnect* on Facebook – [facebook.com/graceconnectus](https://www.facebook.com/graceconnectus)) to learn more about Grace Brethren people and the congregations that are preaching the same gospel story using many different methods.

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VIVA BRASIL OPENS DOORS



For a single weekend in May, the city of Mississauga, Ontario, comes alive with a blur of colors, toe-tapping music, and succulent food. It's the annual cultural festival, Carassauga, where culinary delights, quick-footed dancing, artisan pieces, and other activities from countries around the world are featured at pavilions, or sites, scattered around this southern Canadian city of more than 700,000 people.

"It's a blast of cultures," said Armando Padovan, pastor of international ministries at Grace Community Church, a Grace Brethren congregation in Mississauga (Bartley Sawatsky, pastor). A native Brazilian, Padovan quickly saw an opportunity for the church to become involved, even though it had a cultural, not religious, focus.

"Armando learned that Brazil was not yet represented at Carassauga (the second largest cultural festival in Canada) and he began to inquire about it," recalled Bartley Sawatsky, teaching pastor at Grace Community Church. Once Padovan was invited to lead the Brazilian pavilion, he presented the idea to the church elders. "We all agreed it would be a great connection into the community," added Sawatsky.

"We were not supposed to be part of it," Padovan admitted, "but God provided us the opportunity. And Grace Community Church gave us the opportunity to use the facilities to put on the festival."

Padovan and his committee, many of them members of Viva Brasil, a Brazilian cultural group within the church, threw themselves into providing 22 hours of programming during the festival. He also counted on 120 volunteers from the church and the Mississauga community. They planned performances that showcased traditional Brazilian music and dance, such as zumba, the bassa-nova, capoeira (a martial art inherited from African slaves) and samba. There were samba classes and soccer workshops. They even gave away a trip to Brazil.

During the weekend more than 5,000 people passed through the doors of Grace Centre, the church's facility on Campobello Road. "Not only did these people get

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As a result, Padovan has more visibility in Mississauga. He was asked to return thanks for the food and offer a blessing for the festival at the opening banquet for the 120 leaders of pavilions, all from different countries. With his position as a pastor securely noted, he's been able to minister in other ways. "I'm getting to know people and people know me," he said. "The community now knows me through this festival."

While the festival did not allow specific opportunities to share the gospel, both Padovan and Sawatsky see the festival as an opportunity to open doors. The church has 1,500 names of individuals who visited the pavilion. Each of them will get an invitation to the International Thanksgiving celebration at the church in early October, as well as other events throughout the year.

"Since the festival, many people have come to visit the church and a handful of people are getting connected," noted Sawatsky. "We intend to repeat the event next year and continue to build on the momentum we have started."

(left) Batucada Carioca Group led by Maninho Costa. Batucada means music and rhythm of Afro-Brazilian dances.

(below) Brazilian Consul to Canada Afonso Cardoso and Armando Padovan at the opening evening of Carrassauga.





CULTURAL ENCOUNTER

by MariJean Sanders

Spring Break is a week of fun and relaxation for most students. So why would a student spend their break on a school trip?



Each March, several teams of Grace College students choose to spend their precious vacation days completing short-term mission trips across the globe, this past March to Ireland, Israel, Philadelphia, Brazil, Taiwan and Germany. Whether as a historical tour, church ministry, full-culture immersion, or disaster relief, Go Encounter Grace trips are a unique opportunity each year for students to gain real-life experience in a cross-cultural setting.

Grace's general education core stresses the value of immersive learning. A Go Encounter trip is one way to meet the cross-cultural field experience requirement of the Global Perspectives class, which is designed to develop a biblical lens for seeing the world and discovering ways to become more effective in cross-cultural interactions. Partnering with missions organizations and churches, students join teams of like-minded young men and women led by experienced Grace faculty and staff to practice ministry skills in new and exciting contexts.

The leaders and hosts of the trips make a point to dig deep into the culture.

"We were extremely blessed to be hosted by brothers and sisters in Christ and hear how the Lord has worked to draw them into a deeper relationship with Himself," said Ashley House, leader of the 2013 Brazil trip (to Belém and Uberlandia). "We traveled thousands of miles to eat plate after plate of rice and beans, and I'd do it all again to spend time learning from my fellow believers as they walk by the Spirit."

Often, the trips focus on building relationships, an essential element of missions and ministry. In early March, six young ladies met missionaries John and Becky Pappas in Aalen, Germany, with the goal to use speaking English in the German context as a means of bridge building.

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plained Becky in a letter to supporters, "and we are confident that we're only beginning to see fruit from their efforts."

This past May, another six teams of Grace students set off on summer trips to Fiji, South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Paris/London, and Thailand/Cambodia. Students traveling to Thailand and Cambodia worked closely with Destiny Rescue, an organization that brings hope to children trapped in human trafficking and sexual exploitation. They were able to experience the culture and history of both countries, visiting ancient ruins and the Killing Fields of Cambodia and sampling local cuisine.

Students visiting South Korea volunteered in the Junior High English Ministry Program for the Yang Dong Je Il Presbyterian Church. The students lived with Korean families during the entire stay in Mokpo, Korea, providing them with an inside look into the culture and firsthand experience with language immersion. Those traveling to Paris and London took an historic approach, touring many of the famous sights of the two cities such as the Louvre, the Chateau de Versailles, and the Eiffel tower.

The Japan trip found students volunteering for relief work in tsunami-torn areas, doing initial research and making plans for future fundraising efforts to build a school. Students visiting Fiji and the Philippines enjoyed an island paradise while observing firsthand the real needs of the communities and cultures within.

"One of the highlights of the Fiji trip is getting to do home visits with the locals, many of whom have never heard the good news of Christ," explained Deea Breeden, Fiji trip leader and student employment coordinator for Career Services at Grace. "It's not about the projects we get done or the work that we accomplish, but the relationships we build in the process. We want the people in Fiji to see God in us."

"It's so important for students to be able to immerse themselves in other cultures," added Jim Swanson, vice president of student affairs. "We really value that type of experience at Grace, and Go Encounter trips provide a setting where students can get excited about service or missions work as they get out of their cultural comfort zones."

A cross-cultural trip doesn't have to mean across the world or even out of the country. In the past, students have visited to inner city Philadelphia to work with Urban Hope and Chicago to work with Inner City Impact. The final Go Encounter 2013 trip will take place this December, where students will travel to Atlanta, Georgia, to spend seven days immersed in the history and culture of African-Americans.

Whatever the country or context for ministry, each Go Encounter trip provides students with a hands-on, muddy-boots approach to integrated ministries across the world. As 2014 rolls around, another schedule of trips will provide young men and women with opportunities to be stretched – personally and spiritually – in a variety of ways.

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(from top to bottom) Grace College Associate Dean and Professor Jacqueline Schram leads the way as students tour Paris. In Fiji, the students share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Grace students take in a different form of transportation in Thailand.

TERRY WHITE: RENAISSANCE MAN

By MariJean Sanders



Photo by Jer Nelson

“When he tried something and it didn’t work, then we knew not to bother, because if Terry can’t make it work, no one can.”

Once described as a “man with more irons in the fire than burning laundry,” Terry White is credited for sparking life back into a languishing company. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company (publisher of *GraceConnect* magazine) was struggling in 2003 when White, an experienced writer and editor, took its reins.

The organization was in limbo as the board considered dismantling it. Jesse Deloe, an experienced consultant and pastor who had been engaged to advise them in their next steps, recommended White for the position of executive director.

“Terry is a brilliant guy, with experience in journalism, magazine work, writing, and teaching,” said Deloe. “He was so knowledgeable in that area and I knew he had the capability.”

White immediately went to work, in the first year managing to re-brand the company image, renovate the BMH building inside and out, and establish a BMH presence at denominational functions. He also did a lot of internal cleaning – closing outdated programs and irrelevant accounts, and selling some of the buildings and businesses that BMH owned but did not use or profit from. One important contribution in the early years was the reinstatement of book publishing in 2005 when BMH Books was returned to the stable of ministries. (It had been sold to STL in 2001.)

“I enjoyed very much the challenge of inventing new mediums of communication – starting a blog and a magazine, creating a new face and momentum for BMH Books, renovating the building and making communications once again a vital part of the FGBC,” White said. “All my life I had sort of a reverence for BMH and whoever was in the [executive] office because they represented so much of the communications key to the Grace Brethren Fellowship.”

“When he tried something and it didn’t work, then we knew not to bother, because if Terry can’t make it work, no one can,” said Barb Wooler, a new board member the year Terry was hired and current president of the board of directors at BMH. “However, many of the things he tried *did* work. His competency made us confident as a board that we had given it our best shot. Financially there were risks, but he just jumped in with both feet and [was] willing to wade out into

waters that other people might have been nervous about.”

As an experienced connector, White understood the importance of forming solid inter-fellowship relationships. Another of his most notable bridge-building successes was founding the bi-monthly publication, *FGBC World*, which started in eight-page newspaper

form and has morphed into *GraceConnect* magazine. He also launched BMH into the online world with two successful websites, *fgbcworld.com* and *bmhbooks.com*, as well as the BMH Editor’s Blog at *fgbc-world.blogspot.com*. The Fellowship had not seen a unique publication since the mid-1990s, so these new connecting points were a welcome change.

“The BMH Editor’s Blog was a huge hit and very powerful,” said Wooler. “When things happened in the Fellowship, people would go to the Editors’ Blog for information.”

“One of Terry’s strengths was his ability to connect with lots of people – he is very personable and he knew people and was able to connect with them and make alliances. It was very soon he had a good rapport with the people in the community,” said Dan Thornton, BMH board chair at the time White was hired and who currently pastors the Maranatha Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md. “Relationships take time and effort and he was able to do that well. He is also a voracious writer, able to get news out there and put connections together really fast.”

“[The job] provided an immense personal satisfaction for me to serve the Fellowship and the churches that I knew so well and loved so much,” recalled White. “It ranks right up there as what I feel is one of my best legacies. My roots are so deep in the Fellowship and being a key player in helping the ‘soil from which I sprang’ to move forward and thrive has been one of the most satisfying things in my life. It maximized any talent or experience I have in business management, writing, editing organizational communications...it demanded the best from me. I am very grateful to have had that chance.”

He served as executive director at BMH until 2010, when he stepped down, and as publisher until 2012, when his position was eliminated in budget cuts. He continues to represent the FGBC and BMH on the Brethren Encyclopedia Project, where he has served since 2005.

Born in western Pennsylvania, the only child of faithful Christian parents, White grew up in the Grace

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Brethren Church of West Kittinging. He entered Grace College as a freshman the fall of 1960 and lived and worked in Winona Lake until 1977. During that time he served in town government, held multiple positions at Grace College and Seminary, was in leadership at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, and owned a number of local businesses.

For the next 25 years,

White, an inspiring teacher, taught journalism in five Midwestern colleges and universities, and served 12 years as associate pastor and executive pastor of a large church in Minneapolis. While in Minneapolis, he began the *Twin Cities Christian Newspaper*, which he later sold. (Today it operates as *Minnesota Christian Examiner*.) He also worked with Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship Ministries in Washington, D.C., for 12 years, including time as vice president of communications. In the spring of 2001, he became associate pastor of Potomac Baptist Church outside Washington, D.C., and began serving as a mentor with the Jerry B. Jenkins Christian Writer's Guild.

"I've always considered him to be a sort of Renaissance man," said Wooler. "He can do everything; he has a broad knowledge of everything, and an incredible mind. He is an entrepreneur and creative in the entrepreneurial sense. He's a maven."

"He was God's man for 'such a time as this,'" stressed Liz Cutler Gates, who followed White as executive director at BMH and was his student at Grace in the mid-1970s. "The sum of his experience was important as he dove into leading BMH. It is hard to go anywhere in Christian publishing today and not find someone who knows and appreciates Terry. That reputation was important as he sought to re-establish the



This summer, Sharon joined Terry when he was recognized by the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

organization as a communication ministry in the FGBC and beyond."

Among his numerous accolades, White received The Evangelical Press Association's highest honor, the Joseph T. Bayly Award for Outstanding Contribution to Christian Periodical Publishing while serving as president and board member; The National Association of Evangelicals' highest honor, the James Deforest Murch Award for Outstanding Service in Christian Journalism; and most recently the Lifetime

Achievement Award presented by the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers on July 28.

No discussion of White's creativity would be complete without mention of his deep interest in music. After earning a bachelor's of music education at Grace College, he went on to earn a master's degree in music education at Indiana University. While it was the printed word that ultimately captured his professional heart, he is an accomplished musician who adeptly plays the piano or organ or leads congregational singing at a moment's notice. He and his wife, Sharon, often play for worship services at the Winona Lake (Ind.) Grace Brethren Church (Bruce Barlow, lead pastor) – he on the organ, she on the grand piano.

Not content to become stagnant, he completed a doctoral degree in organizational leadership (Ed.D.) at Indiana Wesleyan University in 2012. He often joked that he was the only member of his cohort who was paying for his education with his Social Security check.

These days his focus is Grace College and the community of Winona Lake, where he and Sharon make their home. In celebration of the town's 100th anniversary, he wrote *Winona at 100: Third Wave Rising* (BMH Books, 2013) in collaboration with Dr.

Steve Grill, a Grace professor, administrator, and local history buff. The 328-page book traces the development of the community that has birthed numerous Christian ministries and continues to be the home of many organizations that are affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

He's made a full circle from his post-college days when he taught at Grace and served as its director of public relations. From his office in the Reneker Museum of History on the Grace campus, he functions as a docent for the museum, including the Billy Sunday Home, and works with newly-appointed President Bill Katip as the liaison for FGBC churches.

Not one to let the irons go cold, he continues to inspire a new generation of journalists as he teaches news and editorial classes and is once again an integral part of the leadership at the Winona Lake church, where he chairs the board of oversees (elder board).

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REGROUP, REJUVENATE, AND ROLL

“We need to re-learn fellowship. We’ve got to re-learn how to do this if we’re going to move forward.”

The 2013 national conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches ended on a high note as incoming executive director (moderator) Bartley Sawatsky challenged delegates to “regroup, rejuvenate, and roll.”

Speaking at the annual business meeting, which concluded the conference, Sawatsky, the founding pastor of Grace Community Church, Mississauga, Ontario, had just been elected to a three-year term as the leader of the Grace Brethren movement in North America.

“We need to re-learn fellowship,” he said. “We’ve got to re-learn how to do this if we’re going to move forward.”

The conference, labeled Vision2020 South, was held July 26-31 at the Marriott Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. About 350 people attended.

With a desire to infuse fresh energy into the FGBC, Sawatsky outlined plans to evaluate the position of the Grace Brethren movement with an Identity Initiative led by Dave Guiles, executive director of Encompass World Partners. He wants to encourage pastors and leaders to gather at other conferences and Focus Retreats and incite more relationship interdependency, such as retired pastors mentoring young leaders or healthy churches coming along side hurting congregations.

Recognizing that a number of pastors in the FGBC are on the cusp of retirement, he’d like to see young leaders engaged, including encouraging them to become involved on the national level at conference and other events. He hopes to celebrate church-planting efforts in the Fellowship while also encouraging leadership development and integrated ministries, a focus of the conference since the adoption of the Commitment to Common Mission in 2009. (Listen to his complete talk at vimeo.com/72372697.)

It was an inspiring end to a week that had seen congregations welcomed into the Fellowship, missionaries commissioned, and attendees themselves experience a variety of ministries in the greater Atlanta area during Mobile Learning Labs. Options for the Labs included “Reaching Out to Refugees,” “Expand Your Religious Worldview IQ,” “See Model Churches,” “Business as Mission,” “Urban Ministry: Exploring the Global Language of Hip Hop Culture,” and others.

Three couples were commissioned for missionary service. Matt and Jen Daniels, Auburn, Calif., are headed to minister in Japan. Craig and Jackie Palmer, from Akron, Ohio, will be going to Chad. Jason and Christy Carmean, Lexington, Ohio, will minister in the Cameroon.

Four congregations were welcomed into the Fellowship with a “good faith” gift from the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. The new churches include: Movement Church, Hilliard, Ohio (Mark Artrip, pastor); LifeSpring, Twinsburg, Ohio (Ron Boehm, pastor); Point of Grace, Leonardtown, Md. (Arthur Shepherd, pastor); and Fraternity Family Worship Center, Sunrise, Fla. (Odiclair Joseph, pastor).

Speakers during the week included David Flynn, of M3Works, who presented a dramatic monologue on the life of missionary Adoniram Judson; Alfredo Abreu, an Encompass World Partners national ministry partner in Portugal; Grace Brethren pastor Jason Haymaker (Macedonia, Ohio); Randy Pope, founding pastor of Perimeter Church in north Atlanta; and Chip Sweney, the NextGen and Community Transformation pastor at Perimeter Church.

Also during the business meeting, a new cooperating ministry, Three Strands, an organization that provides compassionate, affordable, and Christ-centered

medical care in the Central African Republic, was approved as a cooperating ministry.

Other conference highlights included a reception honoring Larry Chamberlain, who retired this summer after more than 30 years with the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation and welcoming his successor, Ken Seyfert, and numerous meals and corporation meetings hosted by a variety of national and cooperating organizations.

The next national conference will be held at July 17-21, 2014 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

1. Three missionary candidate couples were commissioned at conference: Matt and Jen Daniels, Auburn, Calif., are headed to minister in Japan. Craig and Jackie Palmer, from Akron, Ohio, will be going to Chad. Jason and Christy Carmean, Lexington, Ohio, will minister in the Cameroon.

2. Jay Bell was honored with the “Excellence in Ministry” Award by the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers (AGBM). Left to right are D. Guiles, J. Bell, J. Bell and T. Julien.

3. Jeff Bogue honored with the “Pastor of the Year” Award by the AGBM. He is shown with his wife, Heidi, and their children, along with her parents, Norm and Ann Johnson.

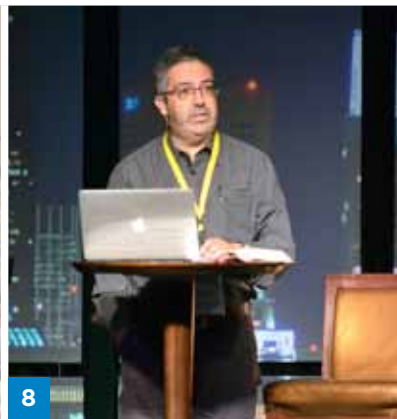
4. Dr. David Lawson, who served as emcee for the week, interviewed church planters prior to the Sunday evening service.

5. On Sunday afternoon, Encompass World Partners hosted an open house for conference delegates and attendees.

6. One Saturday Mobile Learning Lab, Urban Ministry: Exploring Poverty, the Church, and the City, led by Dr. Clive Craigen, took a break at a coffee shop operated by the ministry they visited.

7. At the annual business meeting of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, new executive director (moderator) Bartley Sawatsky introduced himself.

8. Alfredo Abreu, of Portugal, spoke on Sunday evening about “An Imaginable Church to a Unimaginable World.”



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ACTION INTO WORDS

Momentum Youth Conference, held at Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Ind.) from July 16-July 21, was a week marked by transparent speakers and worship leaders. Each shared from the heart and compelled students and others to put the words of John 3:30 into action: “He must increase, I must decrease.”

From beginning to end, “I am Second” was not just a theme at the 2013 Momentum Youth Conference. It was taught from the platform, practiced in needy communities around the host campus, and lived out in the lives of speakers, youth leaders, volunteers, and others.

Nearly 2,000 students, youth workers, volunteers, and others came from 14 states and provinces in North America. They came from as far away as British Columbia, the western United States, and Florida. They came to hear speakers like Francis Chan, Derwin Gray, Afshin Ziafat, Sean McDowell, Jim Brown, Keith Minier, Clayton King, and Jeff Bogue.

God used those men to move hearts. Hundreds of young people made decisions for Christ – for the first time or to serve him with their lives. Afternoons were packed with Your Day Your Way opportunities – sports tournaments, musical competition, Bible quizzing, and other activities.

Each day, groups of students left campus to participate in Acts 1:8 opportunities that allowed them to take the gospel to the “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Saturday, except for about 75 who stayed to pack 1,000 WASH packs for Haiti, the complete conference headed to weed gardens, sort clothes, pick up



Momentum students from Ohio help with yard work at a home near the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University during the Acts 1:8 day.

Momentum speaker, Afshin Ziafat, prays with students following his presentation.

trash, and other activities in the name of Jesus. A total of 2,952 individuals went to 62 different locations throughout the week. (Some went more than once.)

A Friday night offering resulted in \$34,870 that will help financially needy students attend youth conference through the LIFE program (Low Income Financial Encouragement). In addition, a donor has agreed to match gifts up to \$25,000 in order to provide the scholarships. LIFE will provide scholarships to future Momentum conferences for students from impoverished areas.

“We invited God to be here and I believe he was here,” said Ed Lewis, executive director of CE National.

In 2014, Momentum heads to the Chicago area as the conference will be held July 22-27 at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

See more photos from Momentum at buildmomentum.org.