

Moody's Global Impact, Part 2

Moody Alumni, Staff, Ministries and Students Touching Lives Locally

Moody Alumni

In May 2013, the congressional Oversight and Government Reform Committee questioned witnesses to the September attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Among those asking questions was Moody alumnus Tim Walberg ('73), U.S. representative from Michigan.

On issues of gun violence, contraception, immigration and poverty, the National Association of Evangelicals represents the interests of millions of evangelicals from 40 different denominations. Its president is Moody alumnus Dr. Leith Anderson ('65).

Last year when the homeless on Chicago's west side needed help, Breakthrough Urban Ministries founder and Moody alumna Arloa Sutter ('75) helped more than 1,000 adults find shelter.

In April 2013, when flooding hit Chicago, a child was murdered and the Illinois State Legislature was battling over a new bill, *Chicago Tribune* reporter and Moody alumnus Matt Walberg ('97) wrote the stories.

Moody Staff

Moody staff serve others through community involvement, Bible studies and helping in their local church. Here are just a few examples.

Emily Ferguson, assistant department manager for Planned Giving, teaches etiquette to kids from under-resourced communities in Chicago. Dr John McMath, professor of Bible at Moody Bible Institute–Spokane, leads Bible studies at a local retirement center. Juan Marcos Gomez, audio engineer with Radio Moody, serves as the missions pastor for Iglesia del Pueblo, one of the largest Hispanic congregations in the Chicago suburbs. Elouise Peace, who works in the Commons on the Chicago campus, cooks holiday meals for inmates at Cook County Jail. Dave Mitchell, Moody Radio news director, works with youth through the Chicago camp of Hockey Ministries International.

Moody Ministries

Each day, KLSP Radio broadcasts Christian programming from Louisiana State Penitentiary, the largest maximum security prison in the U.S. and the only prison in the U.S. to be issued a license to operate a radio station. The station became an affiliate of Moody Radio in 2003. Through its 36 owned and operated stations and the more than 1,500

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New Employees



Cherie Carson
Office Assistant,
Student Programs

Previously served as a deli kitchen clerk at Jewel-Osco in Evanston, Ill.

Full-Time



Cedric Choi
Staff Auditor,
Internal Audit

Recently earned a M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.

Part-Time



Keeley Rohrbach
Document Control Clerk,
Controller's Office

Previously served as a HR Specialist at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Anchorage, Alaska.

Part-Time



Jeff Roloff
Leadership Gifts Representative
for Ohio and Michigan,
Stewardship

Previously served as the vice president for Advancement Services at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Full-Time



Diane Janchenko
Office Coordinator,
Alumni Association

Previously served as an administrative assistant at Harvest Bible Chapel in Palos Hills, Ill.

Part-Time

July

independence day holiday

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first year student online
program orientation

22–28

Relying on God

Moody Alumni Serving as Bible Translators in Columbia

"What if God took everything you had, and you had to rely just on Him alone?"

Clay Strom ('77, Advanced Studies) never forgot this question posed by one of his professors at Moody. He and his wife, Bev ('72, BA in Missionary Nursing '77), have faced many dangers over the last 31 years as Wycliffe Bible translators in Columbia, South America. "I wouldn't trade any of it, because I learned so much about how faithful God is," said Clay.

Three years after the Stroms arrived in a remote Amazon jungle village in 1982 to live among the Letuama/Tanimuka people, guerrillas came seeking to harm them. By God's grace, they were at the Wycliffe Mission Center in the plains at that time, but their house was burned and the chief urged them not to return. Reluctantly, they stayed away for two-and-a-half years.

"At the time we saw it as a catastrophe, but we see how God was in it," Bev recalled. The move allowed them to concentrate

on producing literacy books in order to launch an education program in the Letuama/Tanimuka villages.

The Stroms also began recording key Bible passages and narratives on audio tapes, including a salvation message and songs. The tapes and hand-cranked (now solar-powered) tape players were distributed in isolated jungle villages beginning in 1989. Because of ongoing security concerns, the Stroms moved several years later to the Wycliffe Center reestablished in the capital city of Bogota.

In 2004, the Stroms moved permanently to Leticia, a Colombian town bordering Brazil and Peru. There they helped develop a Bible training program to prepare national missionaries to reach their own people. They also produced Bible-related films and translated and recorded the Old Testament in a paraphrased story style. Currently, they are in the final stages of translating a partial New Testament and will publish a topical Scripture book and school dictionary in 2015.



InSight

by Jim Elliott, Vice President, Stewardship

While most non-profit organizations refer to their fundraising departments as Development or Advancement, Moody Bible Institute is intentional about focusing on Stewardship. *Biblical stewardship* is the understanding that God is the owner and giver of everything . . . time, talent and treasure . . . and it is the responsibility of Christ's followers to manage these resources for His Kingdom.

The Moody Stewardship Department seeks to mobilize resources by modeling and encouraging biblical stewardship with ministry partners, developing meaningful and lasting relationships and presenting opportunities to invest in what God is doing at Moody.

With an emphasis on planned, major and capital giving, the Stewardship department works closely with the recently created department of Donor Development and Channel Strategy, which oversees mass communication channel efforts.

Moody has a long-standing Planned Giving department, providing estate and gift planning services (e.g., estate planning, trusts and charitable gift annuities). Under the

direction of Eric Beckman, director of Planned Giving, and Jim Jones, director of Planned Giving Field Operations, a team of 16 full-time representatives and four administrative staff serve thousands of alumni and friends of Moody.

Over the past year, there has been a new emphasis on developing a leadership gifts team. Five leadership gifts representatives will be in place by July 1, one of whom will be designated to serve the unique needs of Moody Aviation. To enhance grant-writing efforts and help connect Moody to Chicago's Christian business community, Kim Pickett has been appointed director of Foundation and Corporate Relations. By re-classifying a current position within Stewardship, a newly created role of coordinator of Donor Research will serve the research needs of the team. In addition to these changes, Business Development for Moody Radio will become part of the Stewardship team. A number of these changes are in preparation for the public launch of the Advance Global campaign in October 2013 and to more effectively mobilize the resources necessary to fund both current and new initiatives at Moody.