

# ALUMNI FOOTPRINTS

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## SHUSHAN RICHARDSON

SELECTED BY U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PRESTIGIOUS  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



Shushan Richardson's '11 selection by the State Department is a 10-month fellowship project teaching English in China at South China Normal University. She is one of only 140 U.S. citizens selected for the 2017-2018 English Language Fellow Program. This program is the premier opportunity for experienced teachers of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, Fellows work directly with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities and other academic institutions. Fellows teach English, conduct teacher training, develop resources, and organize events and conferences. These projects are challenging and the teachers selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. Shushan is working with both TESOL and World Gospel Mission. Her project started in August 2017. She received her TESOL degree from Fort Wayne Bible College, IN.

## NEWS FROM WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY



Dr. John Neihof '82, President of Wesley Biblical Seminary and Dr. Everett Piper, President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University share their excitement as WBS begins offering its M.A. and M. Div. programs through the Tulsa extension site beginning fall 2018.

## HOMECOMING 2018 (ALUMNI DAY)

### EVENT SCHEDULE:

**May 4th:** 4:00-8:00 p.m. - Mountain Gospel (WMTC) Sharathon with picnic/live music on studio grounds. Dan Lorimer, Manager. Musicians include Sunday Mountain Boys: Ryan White, Jordan Dunn '17 and Matt Lorimer, plus other area singers.

**May 5:** 8:30-9:15 - Country Breakfast; 9:15-10:15 - Visit with friends; 10:15-10:30 - Business meeting, John Sisler, President; 10:30-12:00 - Praise Service; 12:30-1:30 - Picnic Meal, including Delmer Gross & family fish fry; 12:00-Remainder of day - Visit, tour campus, enjoy ball game; 2:00 - ??? - Basketball Game, STIFFS VS STARS.

(Contact David Withrow Jr. [502-727-6242] or David Speas [865-209-6307] if you want to play. Free teshirt advertising your team.)



Mark Your Calendar!

**Homecoming - May 5, 2018**

*REUNION CLASSES 2018 - Ending in '03 and '08  
Get your plans humming for a great get-together  
at KMBC. Wheels are already turning for the  
class of '88.*



## PHYLLIS KILBOURN RETIRES AFTER 50 YEARS WITH WEC INT.

Phyllis '64 spent her first five years of service in the interior of Liberia, Africa working with churches, the mission school and leprosy colony. Next she worked in Nairobi, Kenya at the Christian learning Materials Centre, developing culturally and developmentally appropriate Sunday school materials. Finally, the Lord expanded her vision to include the world's exploited and hurting children, establishing two global ministries—Rainbows of Hope and Crisis Care Training, International--to restore children in crisis to children in Christ. These ministries took Phyllis to more than 40 countries to establish projects, conduct research and provide training. Now retired and with a pool of trainers established, she is free to develop more training tools to equip local churches, colleges, families and project leaders for effective ministry to children in crisis. Phyllis has written or co-authored eight books and two videos which help train workers for these projects.

### ALUMNI PROJECT REPORT:

Playground Equipment

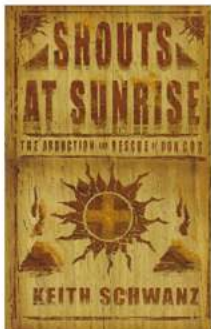
\$605.25 on hand (Pledged \$15,000)



New playground equipment for campus children is needed to replace inferior quality/safety of existing pieces. Thank you for supporting the campus children.

Please send your check to  
KMBC, 855, Hwy 541,  
Jackson, KY 41339. Mark it  
for Alumni Project  
2017/18.

# NEW BOOK



**Don and Cheryl (Stock) Cox '65** are re-living his abduction and rescue in Peru exactly 20 years ago. They have had the book, *Shouts at Sunrise* enlarged and reprinted. This 2017 copy shows more of the the struggle against evil for the life of Don Cox. The Coxes are retired career missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene, but still active with Jesus Film and other ministries. You may order the book from Amazon.

## MT. CARMEL INNERCITY MISSION TEAM

**Adam and Valerie Vanaman '12** led a team of Mt. Carmel High School students during the week of Thanksgiving, to work with the homeless in Indianapolis, IN. They worked with One Body Ministries. The group spent time praying with people, handing out coffee, blankets and other helpful items. They had several ministry outreaches. Students on the team were from Ethiopia, Korea, Papua New Guinea and Rwanda. Adam is Dean of Students at Mt. Carmel. He is also campus pastor and Bible teacher. Valerie teaches, creates the yearbook, and fills many staff needs. The Vanamans are dorm parents for the boys.

## BACK TO AFRICAN MISSIONS



**Lee and Miriam (Wheeler '66) Cobb Stevens** were recently asked to fill a nine month assignment with the Free Methodist Church at Kibogora Station in Rwanda, Africa. They are serving as Station Manager, Hospitality Director, and ESL Teacher. Besides the 260-bed hospital (where Miriam was a very involved R.N. as a career missionary), the station has a university with training in theology, nursing, midwifery and lab techniques, a secondary and primary school and large church. Among station guests in February will be 22 interns from Alabama for training in international illnesses. They have housed three young doctors and families preparing for service elsewhere. Miriam and Lee feel they are helping these young people to pursue God's call. They appreciate your prayers.

**Dr. Darius Salter '68**, retired seminary professor of 24 years, taught a KMBC J-term in Persuasive Preaching. He presently is Board Chairman for New Fields Ministries. Darius and wife, Brenda, live in Lake Winnebago, MO.



## ANNIVERSARIES



**Don and Betty (Mattox) Seymour '57** celebrated 60 years of marriage in October.



**Jerry & Charlotte (Johnson '66) Bridges** celebrated their 50th anniversary on Friday, October 13.

## IN HEAVEN

**Miriam (Stockton '53) Mason's** husband, Thomas, went to heaven November 7. He was a beloved husband and a Bible teacher for 36 years. Shortly before Tom went to heaven, Miriam told the Lord that she felt she was looking at a new chapter in her life and was waiting for His plans to be revealed.



**David Kushman '67** went to be with the Lord December 24. David, along with his wife, **Phyllis (Cox '67)** were missionaries in Bolivia and Argentina with World Gospel Mission for 10 years. David then worked as Director of Candidate Services at WGM headquarters for 14 years. After retirement, David filled in as pastor for various churches in the Marion area. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, three children, one brother, Donald, two sisters, **Betty/Randy '67 Waller**, **Barbara/Duane Erickson**, brother-in-law, **Jerry/Linda Cox**, sisters-in-law, **Helen (Cox/David Wright** and **Debbie (Cox)/Philip Renfro**, also many grand children, nieces and nephews.

# FOOTPRINTS HERE & THERE



**Robert '55 and Ruth (Davis '57) Cundiff**, “Dapper and debonair for the Christmas season, this year’s Grand Marshals enjoy the ride during the parade. The unofficial ‘Mayor and First lady of War Creek’ – Robert and Ruth Cundiff – are long-time educators at Mt. Carmel High School.” From Jackson Times Voice. Now retired Robert '54 and Ruth '57 enjoy a variety of ministries in the east KY area and are greatly loved and appreciated.



**Elizabeth (Hinshaw '59) Brown** loves serving the Lord in Botswana, Africa. She teaches children in Sunday school has a “cookie ministry” and leads a womens' Bible study. Elizabeth works under the 3C Union Church.

**Paul '60 and Berniece (Beckwith '61) Andrus** had a very rewarding experience traveling with a Nazarene Work and Witness team to Cuba in October 2017. Their purpose was not so much working on buildings as pastoral encouragement. They were in touch with at least 25 pastors across the island. Paul did some preaching and translated for the team.



**Jerry '64 and Margaret (Wheeler '68) Van Kuiken** live in Seymour, IN where Jerry pastors the Spraytown Free Methodist church. They rejoice in new souls coming into the Kingdom this past year.

David and **Claudia (Van Kuiken '65) Abraham** are both active in South Lake Church of the Nazarene in Hebron, IN. They have four adopted children with two still at home, also active in the church.

**Paul and Kaylene (Tremper) Schember '67** praise the Lord for sparing the family when their home caught fire early December 24. At this point, what they need is your prayers as they make living adjustments and decisions. They share a touching testimony of God's goodness and continue to hold lightly to “things.” Kaylene reminded us “this world is not our home.”

In Shelbyville, KY **Marilyn (Self '76) Bishop** is in her 12th year as chaplain with Marketplace Ministries. Randy '75 is a retired Wesleyan pastor.



**Beth (Cottle '82) Carr** joined the Salvation Army November 5 and enjoyed ringing bells at Christmas time. She and Brian live in Stanwood, MI.

In Waynesville, NC, **Greg '87** and **Beth Watson** were recently ordained as children's pastors at River Family Worship Center.



**Nathan Gibson '06** is a Senior Research Associate at Ludwig Maximilian Universitat in Munich, Germany. His work is doing research and teaching on Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Interaction. In December, Nathan gave two big lectures—one to his Jewish history class, the other for several LMU departments. The latter lecture was also open to the public.



**Sam Mokoli '09** returned to Papua New Guinea and is excited about the open doors for the holiness message to spread. Sam went on a mission trip to Indonesia and found the big need for missionaries. People there are hungry for the holiness message.

In July, **Angel Bradley '12** will start serving as part of the World Orphans team in Hyderabad, India. She will appreciate prayer for preparation.

**Mariela Contreras '13** teaches at Mission Christian El Calvario Grandes Lagos in Waukegan, IL. The school celebrated its 18th birthday in October 2017.

**Abigail Gordon '16** is teaching 4th grade at Wakulla Christian School in Crawfordville, FL.



Hannah Faith was born December 12 to **Dan '02 and Sonya (Murphree '01) Miller**. Proud grandparents are, Dan and Becky (Cottle) Miller and Quincy, Dianne Murphree. Great grandparents are Bob and Ruth (Bongard) Cottle '1



A 2nd daughter joined the family of **Thelma (Ninjipa '04) and Ronald Kavenmur** Dec. 13 in Papua New Guinea. Faithful is her “tummy name.” At this writing, her real name had not yet been given. Proud grandparents are **Mr. & Mrs. Wane Ninjipa '78**.