

NEWS FROM THE BRUMFIELD FAMILY

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"LORD... all that we have accomplished, you have done it for us!" (Isaiah 26:12)

Greetings from Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. We hope and pray that all of you are well and joyfully serving the Lord together. We are still being blessed by our Lord and by you. Thank you SO MUCH for your prayers and for your sacrificial support for our work here. I certainly don't consider myself worthy of the opportunity to impact the world from here at Sunset but I can rejoice with you in it and continue to do my best by multiplying multipliers. That is actually the opportunity you are giving me here. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!



Our family is doing just fine. Janet loves her work as a secretary of SIBI's Residential Dean. Our son Jesse (21 on October 25, 2008) has been working 60 hours per week at Bolton's Oil Change. Our daughter and Son-in-law, Melissa and Brian King, plan to make us grandparents around October 18. I'm going to be a great Papa! I just can't wait. My dear sweet step-mother, Inez Brumfield, who has suffered with Alzheimers for a long time, has gone to be with our Lord. Though we are very sad and miss her, we are comforted in knowing she is at peace and rest and the Lord wipes every tear from her eyes.



My mission trip to Brazil was great. I want to thank so many of you for making it possible. Two students went with me, Brent McFarland (left with a beard) and Chris Tomberlin (right). This picture was taken in the streets of São Luis, a city of one million, where no work of the church of Christ is known. We spent a week working with a couple of other recent graduates in Recife. We also worked with some of the churches in Salvador and Aracajú, Brazil. I have been developing a plan for Brazil in June 2009. I hope

we can do some significant campaigns in 2 or 3 cities. Would you go with us?

On May 24, 2008 the 77th Graduating Class of Sunset International Bible Institute was commissioned to carry on the legacy of taking the Gospel to the world. These are pictures from the LifeLine. If you click on them you can download it. Thirty-two men and women graduated from our residential programs including the Biblical and Ministry Studies, Deaf Studies, and

Women's Studies. Many of them will serve in local congregations in Texas, Arizona, California, Missouri, Michigan, Virginia, Montana, Washington, Connecticut and Kentucky. Others plan to go to Thailand, Romania, Canada, Ukraine, Philippines and Cambodia. Eight graduated from the Advanced Missions program and are finalizing plans to serve around the world in Massachusetts, Ecuador, and Ukraine. Nine students completed their course work through distance learning. There are also over **450 recent graduates** from our international schools. J.J. Turner ('66) challenged the graduates to be *Sold on Being Bold*. You can download his sermon on the SIBI website (www.sibi.cc/audio). There are more than four thousand other graduates of Sunset's many different venues of Bible and Ministry training programs.



This term started on August 11th. This is the new freshman class. I do the Confident Preaching class with the men of this class. It meets at 1:00 to 1:40, Monday thru Thursday.



We have a great international student group this year. They are from El Salvador, Uganda, Brazil, Thailand, Mexico, Scotland, China, South Africa, Peru and Vietnam. As the years go by, the documentation process actually has gotten easier. It is now mostly done on the internet. It is a much more effective system than the old hand done one.



Advanced Missions studies this year is going through major improvements. For the past several years the Missions Department has followed the model of the other residential departments at Sunset. We have had a "Missions Track". That's like a "major" in some schools, in which students choose from, Preaching, Deaf, Family and Youth, or Women's tracks. Those who have chosen the missions track have had 4 missions courses. Many students who have chosen the missions track have gone directly to the mission field without the "Advanced Missions" studies and are not nearly as prepared for the work. Because of this problem, the decision was made to eliminate the 4 track courses from the two-year training program and put them back in the "School of Missions", the six month training for missions. Because of this major change we have only one Advanced Missions student this time. His name is Brad Beckett. He is married to a Thai and plans to go work in her home town where there is no known church of Christ. The Advanced Missions courses I have this term are Doctrinal Encounter (Mondays 1:50 to 4:30pm and Wednesdays 9:20 to noon) and Evangelism Strategy Development on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:20am to noon.



As I reported last time, Charles Cook, a colleague here, used to preach at Hale Center on Sundays. When he moved to Singapore, he asked me to take his place there. I have enjoyed working with them. They are wonderful brothers and sisters I have come to love very much.

I want to again thank you all who sacrifice so much to support our work here at SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE. Together we are multiplying those who are going to the world to multiply disciples of Christ. May our Lord abundantly give you His favorite blessings.

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