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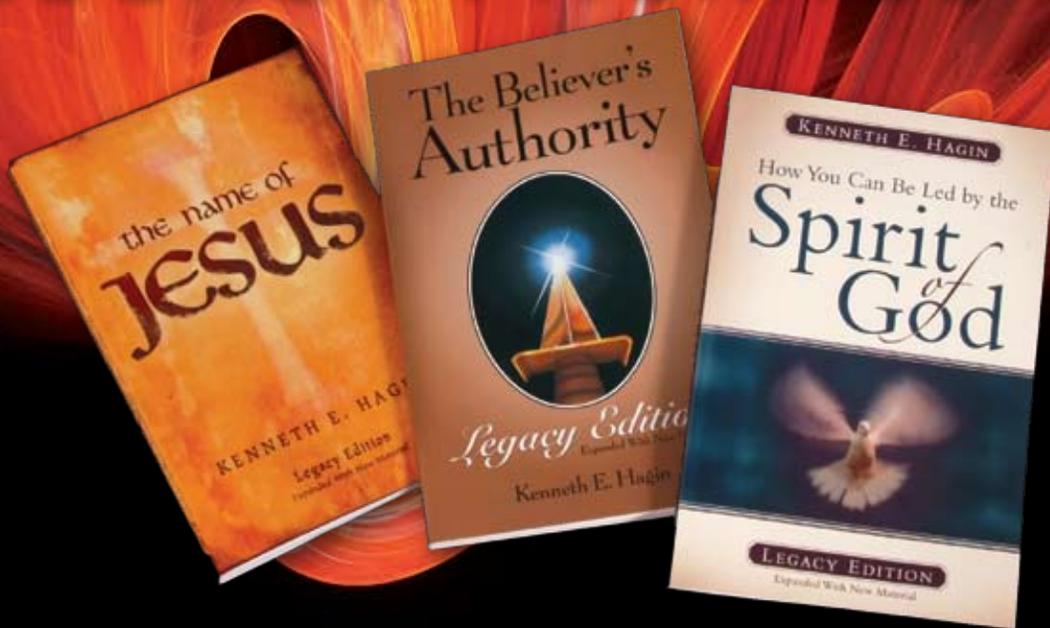
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Continuing the Mandate

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When you attended RHEMA, you didn't just come to a school—you obeyed God! Not only that, but you became part of the RHEMA family and part of a faith message that continues to expand and multiply around the world today.

In 1950 in Sherman, Texas, the Lord spoke to my dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, and gave him a mandate to “Go teach My people faith.” More than 20 years later, Dad spoke by the Spirit of the Lord at *Campmeeting 1973* that we were going to start a Bible school. He didn't even know he'd said it! We had to play the tape back to him after the meeting. But as soon as he said it, Lynette and I knew that's why we had moved from Texas to Oklahoma to work for this ministry.

Putting It Together

After *Campmeeting* that year, I sat with my dad as we interviewed many people to be the head of RHEMA Bible Training Center. No one seemed right, and I never told him that I thought I was the one God had called. It wasn't until January or February of 1974 that he came to me and said, “You're supposed to do the school.”

I asked him, “What do you want it to be like?” and he said, “I don't know. You went to Bible school, I didn't.” That's all the instruction he gave me for putting this training center together—EVER! Even when we asked him later if it was going in the direction he wanted, he never said another thing about it.

So I prayed, “Alright Lord, this job has been dropped on me.” And I sat down at a makeshift desk with a yellow pad, my college handbook, and a Bible, and I started on the curriculum for the first school year.

At that time, there was no Bible school like this in the world. There was no example to follow, no prototype. I had to put it together the way the Holy Spirit wanted it, because we weren't going to teach English, history, American literature, or poetry. We were going to teach the practical issues of the ministry and the Bible.

That first year we didn't even advertise. But the Lord said to open, so we did. And 72 people showed up. Many of them told us they were just praying and the Spirit of God said to them, “RHEMA.” They didn't even know what a RHEMA was! But God led them, and He continues to lead people here.

When RHEMA Bible Training Center started that fall, we thought if we could just train 50 people a year, it would help get the message of faith out. But now, 35 years later, there are more than 26,000 graduates from RBTC USA alone! We also have schools all over the world, and graduates from *those* schools—along with our USA graduates—are ministering *those* every continent of the earth. The sun never sets on a RHEMA graduate preaching the word of faith.

You Are Part of Something Great

The divine mandate to “Go teach My people faith” is stronger than it's ever been. RHEMA's influence is changing lives around the world, and YOU are a part of the RHEMA family. Your spiritual heritage of faith is alive and well in the earth, and is continuing to expand exponentially.

My dad took the power of God to his generation from the time he was 16 until he was almost 87. I believe we're in a new season and that this is *our* time! So let's pick it up! Let's get up and let's get on with it. Let's rise up and realize this is *our* season to take the power of God to our generation as never before! The best *is* yet to come.

Fulfilling the vision,

Kenneth W. Hagin
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1933—Kenneth E. Hagin born again

1937–1949—Pastors several churches in Texas

1949—Enters the itinerant ministry

1950—God says, “Go teach My people faith.”

M O M E N T U M :

The Mandate Continues . . .

*As in the past, so in the present.
God has been calling people to attend RHEMA . . .
and they're still being called today.*

When God told Kenneth E. Hagin in May of 1950 to “Go teach My people faith,” little did Brother Hagin know the scope of obeying that directive.

Throughout the 50s and 60s, as Brother Hagin traveled and preached faith around the U.S., he would cry out for help, “Lord, we’ve got to get this message out, some way or other. How can we do it?” Then at the first *Campmeeting* in 1973, he spoke these words: “Bless God, we are going to start a Bible school!” The solution to his cry was to train others. The first

year, RHEMA Bible Training Center graduated 58 people, and by the next year, almost 200 graduated.

For 35 years now, people from all walks of life have been led by God to attend RHEMA to fulfill a mandate that one man alone could not fulfill. Now with more than 26,000 U.S. graduates, RHEMA’s influence is felt around the world, and every year people are being added to the mandate God gave to Brother Hagin. Here are some of their stories from over the years, as well as today:

1970s

Wes Oakley ('76)—Just out of high school, my friend Jack Johnson had a dramatic conversion and went from being a rebellious drug addict to a guy who carried a Bible. He graduated from RHEMA in the charter class, and the change in him had a significant influence on me. I’d

always felt I had a call on my life, even though I didn’t understand it. Because of Jack, I ended up coming to RHEMA and that changed the course of my life. Without the foundation of faith that I got in 1976, I don’t think I’d be in the ministry today.

(Wes and his wife, Sandy, pastor Westview Church in Hays, Kansas, the church pioneered by Jack Johnson in 1975.)

www.westviewchurch.tv



Terry Whitson ('78, '79)—I was born again and received the call of God in 1973 when I was a Marine. I’d never heard of RHEMA, but in the spring of 1977, I happened upon *The Word of Faith* magazine and saw a small ad about a nine-month training center. Instantly, I had the witness of the Lord that this was where my wife and I were supposed to go. We arrived that fall. Our years at RHEMA were some of the best years of our lives. There is no way to measure what we received—it’s been priceless over these 30 years of ministry.

(Terry and his wife, Debbie, are itinerant ministers based out of Kingsport, Tennessee.)



Ken Smith ('79)—God spoke to me in my early 30s and told me it was time to go into ministry full time, but I didn’t know how. One night after church at the Dairy Queen, a man came up to me weeping. He had just been filled with the Holy Spirit and said, “I was coming down off a tank today in the oil field, and God told me to tell you to ‘check on RHEMA.’” I said, “Max, what is a RHEMA?” He told me it was a Bible school in Tulsa. As I began to pray that night, God said, “Do it tomorrow.” When I called, I was told they had stopped taking applications, but through a series of supernatural events, I started that fall. It changed my life, and I thank God every day for yoking me spiritually to RHEMA.

(Ken and his wife, Dawn, pastor Heartland Church in Brownwood, Texas.)

www.heartland-church.org



1960—First book published: *Redeemed from Poverty, Sickness, and Spiritual Death*

1966—First radio program airs / tape ministry begins / ministry moves to Tulsa, OK

1968—First *Word of Faith* published (mailed to 200 people)

Prophecy given by Brother Hagin

at RBTC graduation, May 1979:

What is that sound? What is that sound that I hear? It's the sound of many feet. It's the sound of beautiful feet. It's the sound of feet going forth with the Good News.

Who are these that make this sound of tramp, tramp, tramp, as they come—as they go tramping along? Who are these?

Yea, they are those chosen of the Lord, called of God, equipped by His Spirit. Yea, they are those who have been loosed from the bondage of the enemy and sent forth to set men free. They're those with the story of redemption, the story of freedom, the story of the glory of God.

Who are these who go forth ever enlarging in number and increasing in number? Who are these?

Yea, they are those who do know their God. They are those who do know His Word. They are those who know the mighty Name—the Name that's above every name, the Name of Jesus.

They're those who know how to take the Name and break the power of darkness over the lives, the mind, the bodies, the spirits of men and set them free.

Yea, they are those with the message of deliverance, the message of healing, the message of victory, the message of God.

Who are these and from whence have they come? Where are they going? Yea, they come from the very bosom of the Father—from the right hand of God.

For their Master, even the Lord Himself, as He ascended on High, gave gifts unto men. And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.

They come from the very Throne of God—from the right hand of authority.

Where are they going? They're going to the uttermost parts of the earth. They're going where an empty hand is reaching out for help. They're going where there is a hungry cry, hungry for the bread of this life and for the true Bread of life. He's crying out for help. They're going around the world to tell the story, to proclaim the message, to do the work that God called them to do.

1980s

Sherry (Voyles) Jones ('79, '80)—In 1978 a pastor from Tampa, Florida, preached to our youth group about faith. I knew God had a plan for my life, but I didn't know how to walk it out. This pastor told me about RHEMA, and although I'd never heard of Brother Hagin, I knew I was supposed to be at RBTC. Within

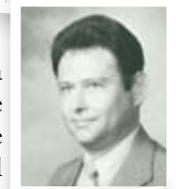


weeks, I'd been accepted and flew to Tulsa. I had one suitcase and a few dollars in my purse, and the only person I knew in town picked me up at the airport. At church that night, I met a couple who invited me to stay with them until I found a job and an apartment. God supernaturally provided all of my needs. Coming to RHEMA was one of the most important decisions I ever made. My life changed for the better in every way.

(Today Sherry is in full-time itinerant ministry based in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and her children are attending RHEMA.

www.sherryjones.org)

Al and JoAnn Altman (both '81, '82)—When the Lord told us in the summer of 1978 to attend RHEMA, we had no idea what it was. We had never heard of Brother Hagin. We were a young married couple with two children. We sold our house and shipped our furniture to Tulsa, all without being accepted. We



just *knew* it was God. When we arrived, so many supernatural things happened to get us into housing, jobs, and school. Thanks to RHEMA and the life-changing teaching we received, our lives and the lives of our children were altered forever.

(Al and JoAnn pioneered KFM Word Church in Verona, Pennsylvania, in 1986 and just celebrated the church's 23rd anniversary. Their daughter graduated from RHEMA in 1987.)

Steve Wiley ('82, '83)—Just out of college I was working as a news director at a Christian radio station, when I got two phone calls in one day—one person thought they'd committed the unpardonable sin and the other person wanted to commit suicide. I wanted to help them both but realized I didn't have enough knowledge of God's Word. I thought, *I need to go to Bible school.* One of our radio preachers was Brother Hagin, so I applied to RHEMA. After I was accepted, I became the drummer for the RHEMA Singers and Band and worked for the ministry for seven years. RHEMA not only changed my life, it changed the lives of my family and promoted my ministry. I am tremendously blessed from my RHEMA experience.



(Today, Dr. Wiley and his wife, Pam, pastor Praise Center Family Church in Muskogee and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He also teaches at Bacone College.)

www.praisecenterfc.org

1972—Kenneth W. Hagin becomes Crusade Director for Kenneth E. Hagin

1973—First *Campmeeting*

1974—RHEMA Bible Training Center opens / Correspondence school begins

1975—RBTC's first graduation

1976—RHEMA Alumni Association formed / RBTC and KHM move to Broken Arrow

1979—First session of Prayer and Healing School

1985—RHEMA Bible Church begins / RMAI is launched

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1990s

Alicia Dossenbach ('92, '93)—I grew up Catholic in Europe, but in 1985 a protestant pastor gave me the minibook *In Him* by Brother Hagin. I read it and began attending a RHEMA church. Then God called me to the Philippines, but after I'd been there for a year, I realized that I needed more ministry training. I felt led to go to RBTC in the U.S. I remember the first day on campus. I felt so blessed to attend this Bible school. I am forever grateful to RHEMA.

(Alicia has served as a missionary in the Philippines.)



Shawn Knight ('93, '94)—When I was 18 and in trouble, my kindergarten teacher invited me to her church pastored by **Clinton and Sarah Utterbach ('80)**. From the first time I walked in, I saw excellence in the way they conducted ministry, in the Word that was being taught, and in the demonstration of the Spirit. I'd never seen anything like it before. One day as I was sitting in church, God spoke and said He was calling me to ministry, and I decided to go to RHEMA. Words can't describe how it has affected me. It became a part of the fiber of my life. I wanted to aspire to that level of excellence, not just as a minister, but also as a person.

(Today Shawn and his wife, Tonya, pastor Lighthouse Christian Center in Long Island City, New York. www.lighthouseinc.org)



Pam Jones ('98, '99)—In 1997 my husband of 20 years walked out on our family and the church where we served in leadership. One Sunday after that, Oral Roberts visited our church and talked about starting a Christian network in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As soon as he said, "Tulsa," the Lord said to me, "I want you to go to Tulsa and attend RHEMA." I had heard of RHEMA but had not followed Brother Hagin's teachings directly. I applied to RHEMA, packed up 20 years of my life into a Penske truck, and drove from California to Oklahoma. It was the biggest leap of faith I had ever taken. I didn't know anyone, didn't have a job or a place to live, and I didn't even know if I had been accepted. Long story short, I was accepted, and God did supernatural miracles in finding me housing, a job, and most importantly, my calling. It was the most amazing time of my life. God is faithful!

(Pam is a schoolteacher in California and also travels throughout the U.S. and Spanish-speaking countries preaching the Word of God.)



2000s

Angel Añorga ('06, '07)—I grew up in Huancayo, Peru, which is a tiny town in the Andes mountains. My father was the pastor of our church, but when I was 15 years old, I got tired of being poor. I prayed, "Lord, I love you, but if this is all you have for me, I don't want to serve you. I'm going to leave this life." Within a week, a missionary from Jim Andrews' church in Lima (what is now RHEMA Peru) came to our church. She preached an amazing message about the authority of the believer, and after she prayed for me, she gave me Brother Hagin's book. Our entire church read that book and it changed our lives. We had revival! After I saw the picture of RHEMA on the back cover, the dream of going there was birthed in my heart. Miraculously, after I graduated from high school, I went to school in Lima, attended Pastor Andrews' church, went to his Bible school, and worked there several years. From there I went to college in the U.S. and after that to RBTC in Tulsa. Sitting under the word of faith gave me so many dreams. I have gone to graduate school and have even taught at RHEMA and ORU. God continues to do miracles!

(Angel is earning his Ph.D. tuition-free while teaching at the University of Cincinnati [Ohio] as a full-salaried professor.)



Connie Molitor ('07, '08)—About the time we left our denominational church of 30 years and joined a charismatic church to learn more about God and His Word,



1995

2000

2005

2010

1995—RBTC begins third-year GES program

1996—RHEMA Praise makes its television debut

1999—International RBTCs open in Germany, India, Italy, and Mexico / RBTC begins third-year missions program

2000—International RBTCs open in Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, the South Pacific, and Thailand / RBTC begins third-year pastoral and worship programs

2001—International RBTC opens in Singapore

2003—International RBTC opens in Romania / Kenneth E. Hagin goes home to be with the Lord

2004—International RBTC opens in Indonesia

2005—RHEMA Bible Church celebrates 20th anniversary

2006—RHEMA Praise TV program celebrates 10th anniversary. Now reaching millions around the world through Daystar, TBN, and www.Rhema.TV.

2009—International RBTC opens in Australia / First-ever Worldwide Homecoming / Kenneth W. Hagin celebrates 50 years in ministry

2010—RBTC USA to launch a Spanish-speaking school / RBTC extension schools scheduled to open in England and Nigeria

2011—RBTC extension school scheduled to open in Zambia

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I sent for some Bible correspondence school information and received a RHEMA catalog. I was 58 years old, had a houseful of grandbabies, a husband with a career, and there was no way I could go to school. But as I held the catalog in my hands, I knew God was calling me to RHEMA. By *Campmeeting 2006*, we moved and I was enrolled in RHEMA. God took care of every detail. Words cannot describe the revelation that came during the next two years. My entire family's lives were changed completely. RHEMA didn't just fit in God's plan for us; it was the major link that enabled it to happen!

(Connie and her family live in Tuttle, Oklahoma, where they've started a business and serve in their church.)

Art Mills ('08, '09)—I had it in my heart to come to RHEMA since 1985. In December 2005, the Lord spoke to me that now was the time. It wasn't an audible voice, but it was a really strong "knowing." After discussing this with my wife and reviewing all of the reasons why we couldn't go, I found myself in the garage weeping. I laid out all of the reasons why we couldn't go to the Lord. The Holy Spirit said, "Don't you think I've considered that?" That's when I understood that He already had seen and provided. When the Holy Spirit says go, it's because you can go. I went and RHEMA changed my life.

(Art is currently serving in Altar Care at RBC; he and his wife both work in Tulsa).



CURRENT STUDENTS

As in the past, so in the present, God has been calling people to attend RHEMA . . . and they're still being called today.

As alumni, you're familiar with the past, but be encouraged that others are being added to your ranks every year. Let us introduce you to a couple of them:

Matt Fleming—RHEMA School of World Missions (Third Year)

I was living in the world, drinking and doing drugs, when I surrendered my heart to God. I told Him, "If you tell me what to do, I'll do it." But I still kept living for the world. One night I was at a friend's house drinking when someone told me about another friend who was going to RHEMA. When I heard the word "RHEMA," something happened in my heart. I went outside and heard an audible voice tell me, "That's what I want you to do." So I applied to RHEMA and I was denied! My pastor and the dean had talked and decided I should wait a year. So for a year I sought God, got off drugs, served faithfully in my church, and then got accepted. Now I'm in my third year."

(Matt is from Clearwater, Florida.)



Ramin Parsa—First Year

I was born and raised in a wealthy Muslim family in Iran. We lost everything after the revolution, and as a result, my father was very bitter. I passed the exam to go to university, but after a year, I was kicked out because of my family's background. I had built a future dependent upon my education, and when I lost that, I was angry and rebellious. I fell into deep depression and began to look for ways to commit suicide. One day I saw **Reza Safa ('86)** on TV. He said, "Jesus can change you. He is Lord, and He died for you. He can give you peace, and answer your questions."



I said, "Jesus, I don't know you. But this man says you died for my sins. If it's true, come into my life and change me." I began to weep, and then I began to speak in tongues! I went to see my mother, a devout Muslim, who had been sick for years. I laid my hands on her, even though I'd never seen it done before, and she was healed! I began talking to others about Jesus and eventually my entire family was saved. One day a man tried to kill me for witnessing, and God told me to leave the country. I fled to Turkey without a passport or money, and after working in a church there, I was accepted by the United Nations as a refugee. I came to the U.S. and eventually to Tulsa because I knew some people there. When I got to Tulsa, everyone was talking about RHEMA, and I knew I had to come. I didn't have money, but God did miracles and opened the doors, and now I'm a RHEMA student! I know God has a calling for me. It's not by accident that I'm here.

The fruit . . .

Alumni, obeying God in every conceivable role, have gone into every imaginable venue to work as *vital parts of the Body of Christ.*



Christian Music **Darren Tyler ('90, '91, Youth)**—Darren Tyler graduated from RHEMA with an emphasis in Youth Ministry. After working professionally in Christian music for several years, he pioneered Platform Management in Nashville, Tennessee. Darren works with Christian artists, building and guiding their public ministry as well as mentoring them in their personal lives. Darren has worked with *Jars of Clay* and *Third Day* and currently works with *Kutless, Disciple, Stellar Kart, Chasen, and Esterlyn*. In 2007 he launched a volunteer-driven organization called *The Conduit*. It's a group dedicated to biblically based service to the poor, marginalized, and oppressed. To date, they have received and given away over \$100,000 to ministries on the front lines in Haiti, Africa, and the United States. www.platformmanagement.com



Crusades **Christopher Alam ('82, Evangelists)** was born into a Muslim family and received Jesus Christ in 1975. He is the founder of *Dynamis World Ministries*, which began preaching behind the Iron Curtain before the fall of communism. From there, the ministry spread to Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where many of his crusades see over 100,000 people in attendance. Christopher is the author of several books and has preached the Gospel in over 60 nations so far, with hundreds of churches started as a result. The ministry is based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and has full-time crusade teams at bases in Africa and Asia. www.pentecostalfire.com



Children's Ministry **Jerry Moyer ('88, '89, Youth)** is the founder of *The Jubilee Gang*, a multimedia ministry to children and families based in Springfield, Ohio. He started his ministry in the housing projects of inner-city Ohio, asking kids to “say yes to Jesus so you can say no to drugs,” and in most projects he sees over 100 children born again when he ministers. The outreach expanded to public schools and churches, and since 1998 *The Jubilee Gang* has seen over 14,000 salvations. Jerry says RHEMA was essential to his success. “Going to RHEMA set me years ahead in ministry,” he says, “and it grounded me in the Word.” www.jubileegang.com



Native Americans **Dave Morrison ('91, '92, Pastors)** and his wife, Cathy, pastor four churches around Indian reservations near Interior, South Dakota. The churches are spread about 120 miles apart, and every week at each church the family holds services and Bible studies and conducts outreach activities. “It was laid out by the Holy Spirit,” Dave says. “We didn’t set out to be here, but it suits us.” He says he’s grateful for the training he received at RHEMA, and he adds that so many of the classes help him in the ministry today!



Mission Field Nanny **Katie Austad ('02, '03, Youth; '04, Missions)** spent three years in the Ukraine as a nanny for **Barry ('89, '90) and Adrienne ('91, '92) Jensen's** three boys. As Katie listened to the Jensens speak in her missions class, God told her she was going to work with their children. She used many RHEMA principles while in the Ukraine, such as doing things with excellence and being a person of her word. “Ministry is work, whether you’re in supportive ministry or out there on the platform,” Katie says. “The most rewarding part about being the Jensens’ nanny was that I *knew* I was obeying God!”



Corporate World **Dawn Forrester ('94, '95, Supportive)** works for *Synnex Corporation*, a Fortune 500 company, in Greenville, South Carolina. Reminded by her pastors, **Wyatt ('78) and Debbie Brown**, that Christians can be anointed for the corporate world, Dawn claimed favor at her job and thanked God for the ability to solve every problem that arose. She’s been promoted several times, and the CEO even called her to help with a merger. “Now I go all over America fixing problems in the company,” she says. “The people I deal with usually have law degrees!” Dawn, in contrast, has a high school diploma, an RBTC certificate, and the Word of God. She often remembers Doug Jones saying, “God is a rewarder.” She experiences the reality of that truth every day!



Troubled Girls **Shawn Simmons-Collier ('84, '85, Missions)** is the founder and president of Harvest Time Ministries, a home for troubled teenage girls in Louisville, Alabama. "RHEMA absolutely changed my life," she says. She loves to share the message of faith with the families that come through her ministry. "Most of them haven't gone to church," she says, "and even those who have say, 'We were never taught the things we've learned here!'" She says at least 10 girls so far have gone to RHEMA after leaving Harvest Time. www.harvesttimeministriesinc.org



Cowboys and Miners **John ('84, '85, Pastors) and Kimberly (McFarland '84, '85, Teachers) Prewitt** pastor Great Adventure Harvest Church in Spring Creek, Nevada. Located three to four hours from any major city, they reach out to the mining community and also to cowboys. The Prewitts hold services every Sunday, but they also host team roping and ranch roping events. "We have an arena on the church property," John says. "Every weekend during the summer we have events." The teaching the Prewitts received at RHEMA on how to minister has proved invaluable. "We learned to walk by faith and not by sight," he says, "and to listen to that still, small voice."



Orphanages **Lana Vasquez ('99, '00, Supportive)** has started two orphanages in and around Burma, Asia. The homes currently shelter 67 children, many of whom were or would have been sold into prostitution or child slavery. "The most rewarding part about working with these children is to see the healing that Jesus brings into their lives," she says. "Our mission is to rescue them and raise them up to be a mighty army for God." RHEMA was the foundation for her ministry. "I learned about faith and my authority as a believer, two main things I have used over and over as a missionary."



Armed Services **Andy West ('91, '92, Youth)** serves as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Army. He says RBTC was a great start for him, but he and his wife, **Judy ('91, '92, Teachers)**, also served at RHEMA Bible Church for 14 years. "The spirit of excellence that was taught in the classroom was practiced in every department we volunteered in," Andy says. "We're able to bring that to where we are now." Andy currently works with a Bible study group, plays on a worship team, and coordinates parts of chapel services. The family lives in Heidelberg, Germany, where Andy is continuing school to become a chaplain.



Medicine and Ministry in Africa **Jon ('92, '93, Missions) and Kimberly ('05, '06 Evangelists; '07, Missions) Slusser** live in Botswana, Africa. Jon assists Pastors **Matthew and Kristin Buckley ('87, '88)** at Light of the World Ministries, and Kimberly works in a pediatric HIV clinic. The Slussers both went to other colleges before RBTC, but Kimberly says, "RHEMA taught me that my medical expertise means nothing without listening and being sensitive to the Holy Spirit!" She mentioned another important principle they gleaned from RHEMA: "In leading, you must be a servant."



High Schools **Chris Musgrove ('84, '85, Pastors)** got saved when someone gave him a minibook by Kenneth E. Hagin, and his experience ignited in him a desire to help kids find the abundant life God gave him. Today he and his wife, Terri, head Future Now ministry, based in Valdosta, Georgia. They and their team present assembly programs in public high schools and then invite kids back to an evening concert where the Gospel is preached. "The message we're sharing is, 'Having Vision,'" Chris says. "Kids today often don't have a vision for the future." The Future Now team has presented as many as 45 assemblies in a year, and they've seen nearly 11,000 salvations. www.futurenow.us

PROPHECY

Tongues and interpretation given by Rev. Hagin near the end of his message:

Recognize your time. Recognize where you're at. And I will lead you and I will guide you into places that you've never thought that you would go. Because this is the season that I want to move. This is the last hour. This is the last day! And this is your time to rise up and demonstrate Me among the people. It is your time to rise up and go forth with the power of God in demonstration. If you will take the step of faith to do it, I will be there and I will honor you, says the Lord God.



THIS IS THE SEASON!

The following has been adapted from the powerful message Kenneth W. Hagin preached on Tuesday night of *Campmeeting 2009*.

In the last days, everything is going to be uncertain and changing. Men's hearts will fail them (Luke 21:26). There will be perilous and dangerous times (2 Tim. 3:1). But we can also see from the Word of God that this will be a season when the Spirit of God will move in our midst! Some people don't even realize that the Charismatic Renewal is gone. This is the time of our visitation!

Positioned on the Threshold

One of the saddest commentaries in the whole Bible, I think, is in Luke chapter 19, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem because their Messiah had arrived and they "did not know the time of their visitation" (v. 44 NKJV). They didn't understand the season they were living in. They rejected the very thing they were looking for—when He came, they missed it!

I grew up in Pentecost and I've lived in it all my life, and I've heard it preached for as long as I can remember that Jesus is coming soon. But sometimes we've heard it so much, we don't realize that *this is the season* when He's going to come again!

How do I know that? Because of what's happening in the Middle East. All we have to do is read the Bible and we can see that the prophecies are coming to pass. The players are moving into place. Let us recognize the

season! Let's stir ourselves up to realize that we're there—positioned on the threshold of the door to the end of all things!

Our Greatest Hour

Today the Holy Spirit wants to move in our midst. We can't afford to miss it. People are looking for everything in the world to fill up their churches, not recognizing the season. Paul told us about it in Second Timothy 3:5 when he talked about "*having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.*"

It is time for us to fall on our faces before God and understand the times and the season that we're in. This is the greatest opportunity that the tongue-talking church of the Lord Jesus Christ has had in the last 15 years! This is our greatest hour!

Let's get out of our lethargy—out of the smog of "bless me"—and let's start *being* a blessing. The Church has gotten to the point where it's all about "what I can get." Let's not leave out salvation, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and preaching the Bible. Let's keep the power of God!

Contend for the Faith

Let me tell you something: we must continue to contend for the faith. We must hold up a standard. There are other groups that are Pentecostal, but this is *our* group.

If you've been part of RHEMA and Kenneth Hagin Ministries, then I'm calling on you to stand up and demonstrate what we say we are!

The Apostle Paul said, "I don't come to you with great oratorical ability, but with the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:4).

It is time that every one of us—in our churches and in our individual lives—begins to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit, because this is the season and this is the time!

Everything's going to change—let's go to the new season! Too many people want to stay in the old season. "Oh, wasn't it great?" they say. "Didn't we used to have a good time at *Campmeeting* when Brother Hagin was here? I sure do miss Brother Hagin." You don't miss him half as much as I do!

We all miss him. But I want to tell you something: he's gone, but the Holy Spirit isn't! And the same Holy Spirit Who was on him can be on all of us! I wish that season wasn't gone, but it is. So let's take the power of God to *our* generation!

My dad demonstrated the power of God from the time he was 16 until he was 86 years old. And now this is one old Texas boy who's not going to deny the power of God, even if it's not popular. Let's rise up and realize *this is our season! This is our time!* •

A Vibrant Connection:

ONE FAMILY'S JOURNEY OF FAITH WITH RHEMA



The Yoder Family

In 30 years, Abner Yoder has lived through many changes. He built a strong construction supply business, raised a family, and has watched his children form families of their own. He's seen the world around him change. Yet two things in his life have remained constant: RHEMA's mandate to train laborers to take the Gospel to the world and his enduring commitment to support that mandate.



Abner Yoder

A member of RHEMA's board of directors since 1979, Abner Yoder has faithfully supported RHEMA from the time he first met Kenneth E. Hagin in the mid-1970s at a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship meeting.

"I loved Brother Hagin's ministry," Abner says, remembering those times. "It was like fresh manna from heaven. I'd never heard anything like it." After the two men became acquainted, Brother Hagin asked Abner to join RBTC's board in 1979. He has been serving ever since.

"I have always appreciated this ministry's quality—the way it does things with excellence," Abner notes. "But mostly, I love the teaching of God's Word."

Although Abner himself never attended RBTC, through his steady connection, his entire family has experienced the blessings that come through a life of faith. "Our family has benefited a lot from RHEMA," he says. "I have three children who have gone to school there. My wife, Esther, and I have learned a lot, and it has helped our business. Through Kenneth Hagin Ministries, we've learned to trust God's Word."

Abner's son Steve ('88, '89), who is also a current board of directors member, agrees. "After Dad hooked up with RHEMA, he

started bringing the family out to *Campmeeting*," Steve says fondly. "I was young, 11 or 12 years old. Dad encouraged my siblings and me to go to the evening meetings, and I did. But I went to the morning meetings too, because I enjoyed the faith teaching so much."



Steve Yoder

As RBTC has grown over the years, its teaching has remained consistent, a fact that both father and son are thankful for.

"Over the years, RHEMA's teachings haven't changed," Abner shares. "But the school's growth has been miraculous. Pastor Kenneth and Mrs. Lynette have been excellent leaders."

Steve agrees. "My father and I see the Hagins' pureness of heart and the transparency of how they do business. That's important to us."

Both Abner and Steve visit the campus as often as they can to receive a fresh impartation from the Holy Spirit. Remaining attached to their roots in RHEMA is essential, as Steve, who works with his father, points out.

"I often tell my father that part of my management training is to go to *Campmeeting*, *Winter Bible Seminar*, and *A Call to Arms*," Steve says. "I know it's a key to our business success," he adds. "You need the boost that these meetings provide. I've noticed that when I don't go back to my roots at RHEMA as often, I can tell the difference."

Abner has seen the impact of a vibrant connection with RHEMA in his own life many times. "In this current economic downturn," he notes, "I haven't lost one night's sleep, because RHEMA taught me how to trust God's Word." ❖

MOMENTUM

THE MANDATE CONTINUES . . .

RHEMA's influence is expanding exponentially. What started in the heart of one man has multiplied around the world. More and more are being trained, insuring that the message of faith is being heard every day on every continent, touching millions of lives. You are a part of something that continues to grow at a phenomenal rate . . .

RMAI in

RHEMA's influence is felt in every corner of the world. If we used a dot for every one of them, you would see a map of the world.
RHEMA Ministerial Association

RMAI (RHEMA Ministerial Association International) is the credentialing branch of RHEMA Bible Church and began in 1985. Approximately 2,400 RHEMA graduates are currently licensed or ordained with RMAI.

Did you know . . . ? Kenneth E. Hagin was 57 years old when he started RBTC, an age when many people begin to think of retiring.

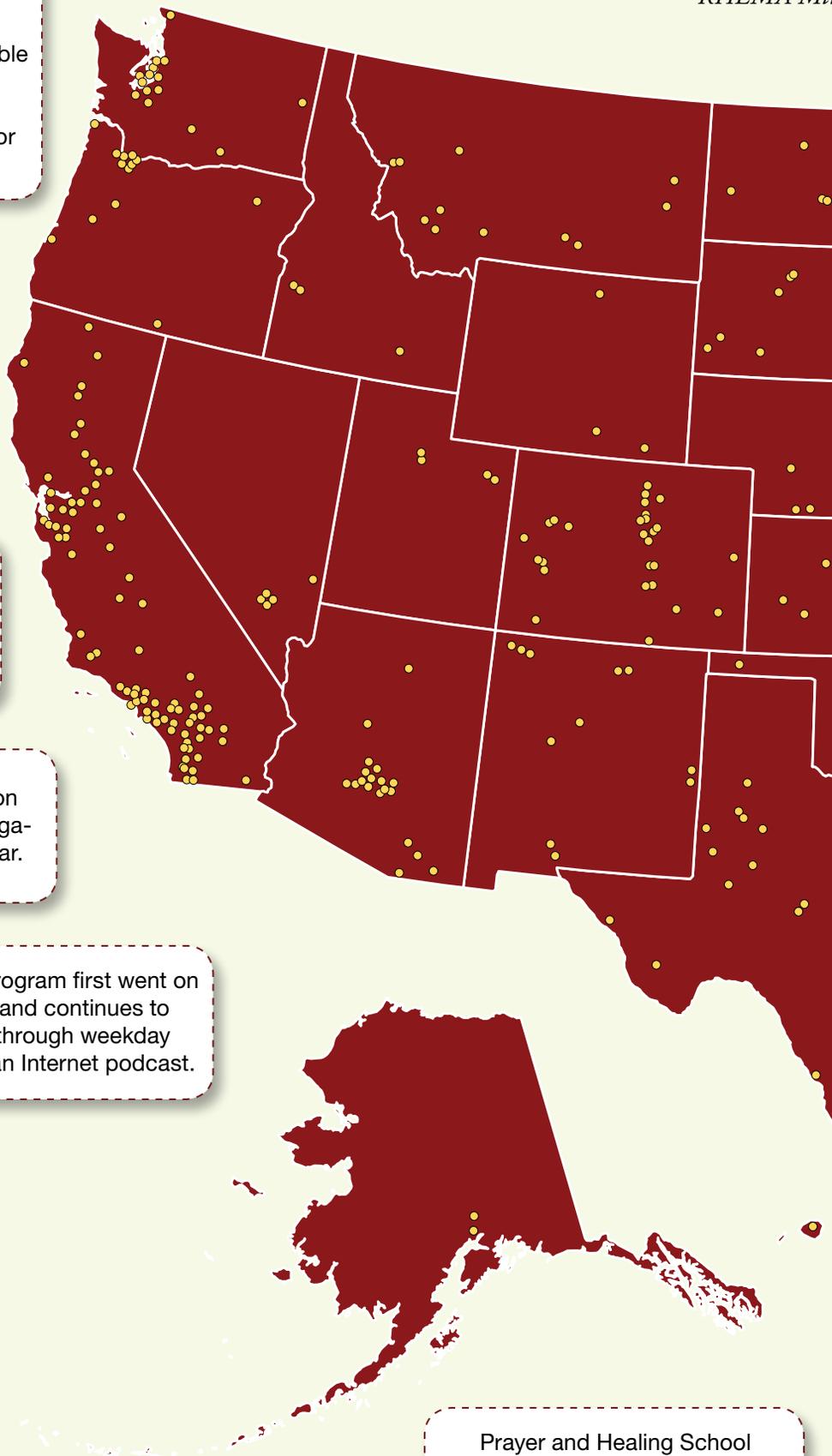
Did you know . . . ? RHEMA Alumni Association (RAA) members can find ministry jobs at www.rhema.org. Just click the "alumni" quick link on the home page. And be sure to post your résumé!

Today over a quarter of a million copies of *The Word of Faith* magazine are mailed nine times a year.

RHEMA's radio program first went on the air in 1966 and continues to reach millions through weekday broadcasts and an Internet podcast.

Did you know . . . ? When RHEMA moved to Broken Arrow, there were only two buildings on the campus and the property was only six acres. Kenneth W. Hagin commissioned and supervised the construction or remodeling of all 17 buildings on the current campus, which now covers more than 100 acres.

Prayer and Healing School began in 1979 and still holds services each week on the RHEMA USA campus.

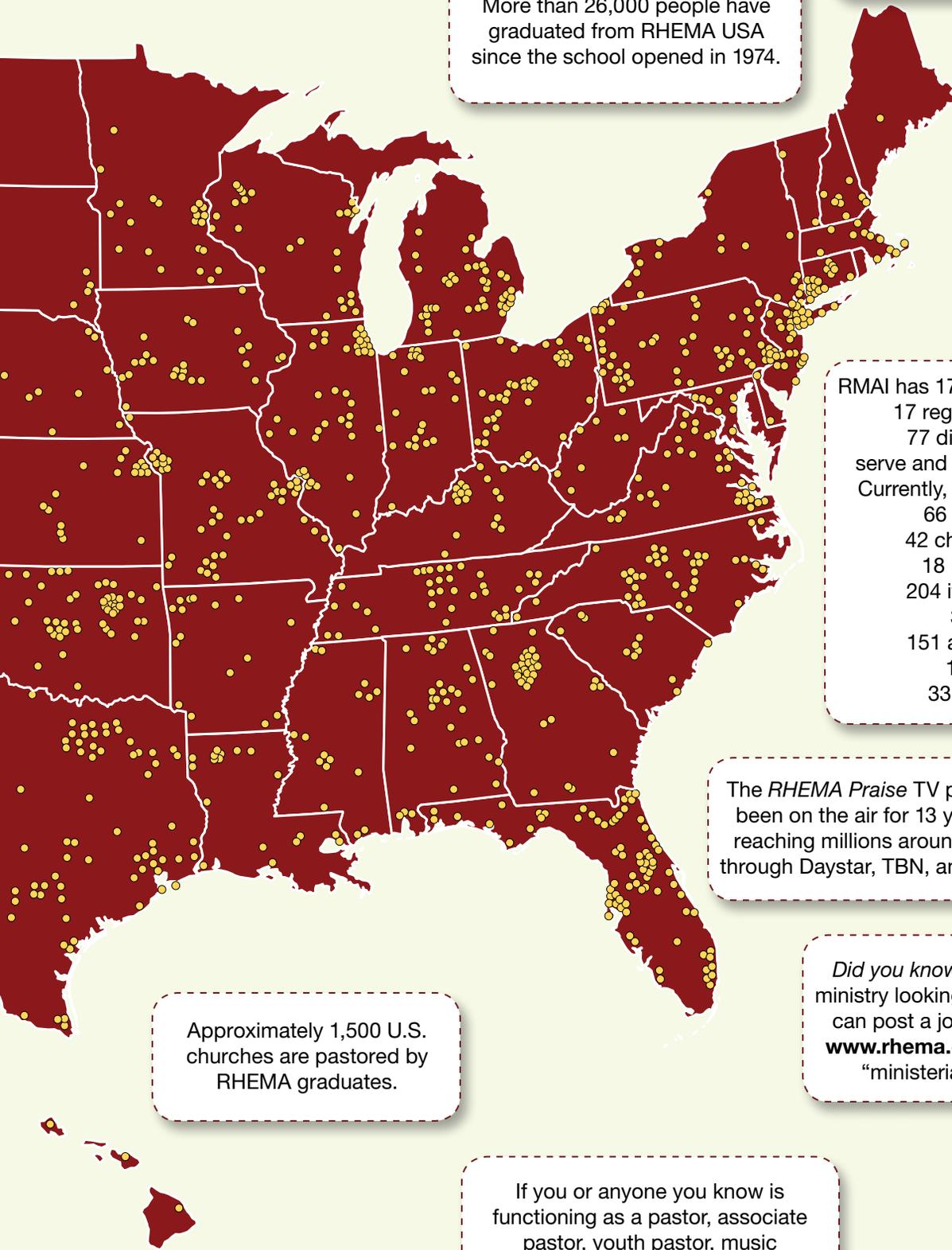


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*his nation. RHEMA graduates live and minister in all 50 states. If
n't be able to see the map! Below is a representation—members of
ministerial Association International.*

More than 26,000 people have graduated from RHEMA USA since the school opened in 1974.

RHEMA Correspondence Bible School began in 1974 and more than 100,000 people have been enrolled over the years.



Approximately 1,500 U.S. churches are pastored by RHEMA graduates.

RMAI has 17 regions in the U.S. with 17 regional directors and 77 district directors to serve and care for each member. Currently, RMAI is comprised of:

- 66 youth ministers
- 42 children's ministers
- 18 music ministers
- 204 itinerant ministers
- 30 chaplains
- 151 associate pastors
- 1,082 pastors
- 336 missionaries.

The *RHEMA Praise* TV program has been on the air for 13 years and is reaching millions around the world through Daystar, TBN, and Rhema.tv.

Did you know . . . ? Any church or ministry looking to hire RHEMA grads can post a job or view résumés at www.rhema.org by clicking on the "ministerial jobs" quick link.

If you or anyone you know is functioning as a pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, music minister, children's pastor, chaplain, missionary, or itinerant minister (with 24 meetings per year) you (or they) might qualify for RMAI credentials. Call us at (918) 258-1588, ext. 2256.

RHEMA's Influence

In 35 years, RHEMA's influence has spread to every continent. RHEMA graduate preaching the word of faith." Below is

To date, there are 14 RHEMA international schools with over 30,000 graduates combined, and many of these schools have extension schools:

- ★ Australia
- ★ Austria
- ★ Brazil
- ★ Colombia
- ★ Germany
- ★ India
- ★ Indonesia
- ★ Italy
- ★ Mexico
- ★ Peru
- ★ Romania
- ★ Singapore
- ★ South Pacific
- ★ Thailand

RHEMA Europe (based at RHEMA Germany in Bonn) has extension schools in France, Ukraine (two), Germany (five), and Québec, Canada, with plans to open schools in the U.K. (two), Berlin, Cologne, and Nigeria.

In addition to the ministry headquarters in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Kenneth Hagin Ministries has offices in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, and in Queensland, Australia.

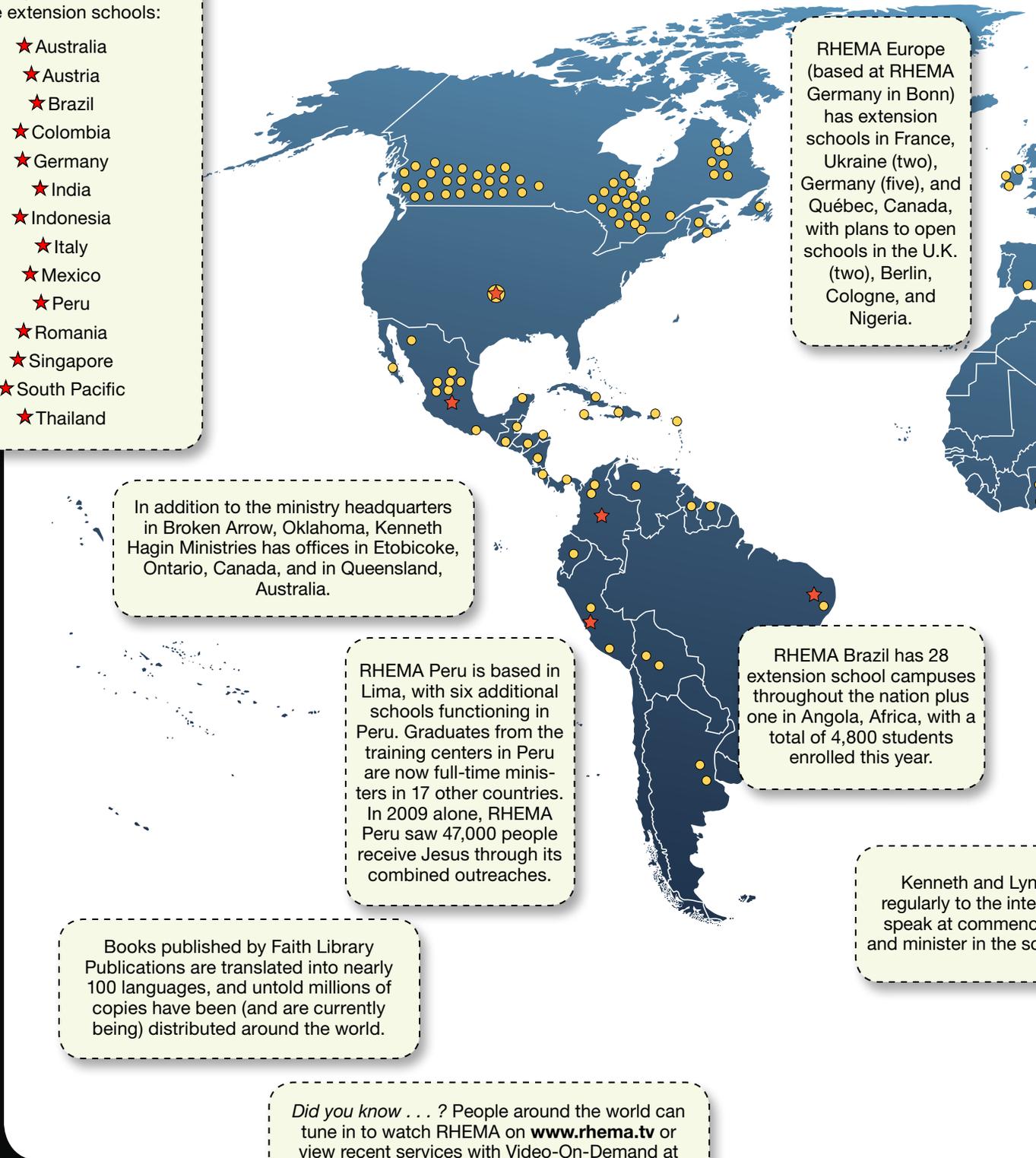
RHEMA Peru is based in Lima, with six additional schools functioning in Peru. Graduates from the training centers in Peru are now full-time ministers in 17 other countries. In 2009 alone, RHEMA Peru saw 47,000 people receive Jesus through its combined outreaches.

RHEMA Brazil has 28 extension school campuses throughout the nation plus one in Angola, Africa, with a total of 4,800 students enrolled this year.

Books published by Faith Library Publications are translated into nearly 100 languages, and untold millions of copies have been (and are currently being) distributed around the world.

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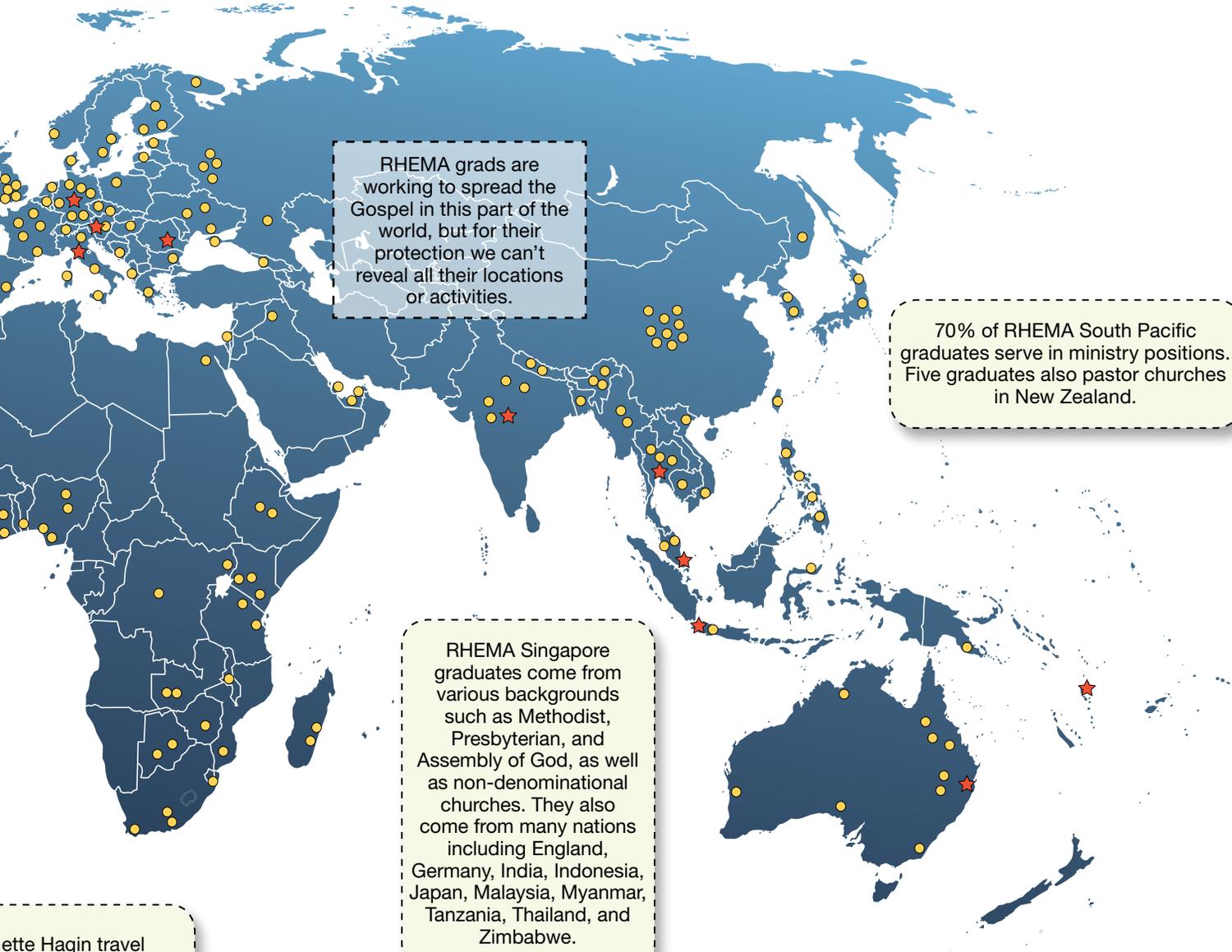
Did you know . . . ? People around the world can tune in to watch RHEMA on www.rhema.tv or view recent services with Video-On-Demand at www.rhema.org/media.



... Around the World

...ent. As Kenneth W. Hagin has said, "The sun never sets on a representation of RHEMA alumni around the world."

More than 1,500 graduates live and minister in Europe.



RHEMA grads are working to spread the Gospel in this part of the world, but for their protection we can't reveal all their locations or activities.

70% of RHEMA South Pacific graduates serve in ministry positions. Five graduates also pastor churches in New Zealand.

RHEMA Singapore graduates come from various backgrounds such as Methodist, Presbyterian, and Assembly of God, as well as non-denominational churches. They also come from many nations including England, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Tanzania, Thailand, and Zimbabwe.

Kenneth Hagin travel International RBTCs to cement ceremonies in schools and churches.

There are currently 824 RHEMA Alumni Association members serving as missionaries in foreign countries, with 88 countries represented.

RHEMA Australia graduates are pastoring in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, South and Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and New Zealand.



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RBTC UPDATE

RHEMA USA Is Going Español!

Beginning in September 2010, RBTC USA will open its first extension school, right on the campus in Broken Arrow.

Dean Tad Gregurich, who will also be the dean of the new school, says the idea was conceived in order to meet the spiritual needs of the growing Spanish-speaking population in the United States.

“We have an opportunity to reach another language group—right here in the U.S.—with the message of faith that God has entrusted to us for the last days,” says Tad. “The Spanish-speaking population is the largest minority in the U.S. A recent study says that the next great expansion of the Gospel will be to those who speak the Latin-based languages. So we’re very excited about this opportunity.

“Classes will be in the evenings, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday,” he continues. “They’ll be the same classes as those taught during the day at RBTC, except there will also be a class to teach English as a second language.”

For more information about Centro de Entrenamiento Bíblico RHEMA Español, USA (CEB RHEMA), visit www.cebrhema.org.

Announcing the start-up of a Spanish extension school at RBTC USA!



Know anyone who might want to come to RHEMA?
Have them check out www.rhema.org/rcw.



April 16-18,
2010

Also beginning September 2010, RBTC will be offering a new second- and third-year program entitled Biblical Studies. This exciting new program will consist of 24 in-depth biblical courses not currently offered. The program is open to anyone who has completed one year at RBTC and to all second-year graduates. For more information, call (918) 258-1588, ext. 2260.





blog (bläg/):
a journal written by one or more contributors, often about a particular topic with the latest news and ideas.

“We can’t sit inside and wait for the world to come to us. We’ve got to get out in our communities and show people that we care and that there’s a God Who wants to heal them.”

—Dino Rizzo

▶ Alumni, Let’s Exchange Ideas!

The Alumni Blog . . . RHEMA Alumni sharing what works, reaching the world with the message of faith! Send us your great ideas (along with your name, phone number, and photos) to rmai@rhema.org.

ideas and outreaches

▶ Joseph and Barbara Sorce (both '96, '97) say . . .

Bless unchurched teens. Our church has a food pantry ministry, and as families in the community came to us for help with food, we realized that their teenagers weren’t being ministered to. We saw the need and came up with the “Five-Day Frenzy Youth Camp” idea just to reach out to these specific unchurched youth. For five consecutive days, we took 27 teens to special events and just loved on them. We went to the beach, county parks, track and field events, an outdoor activity center, and Six Flags. We also had them help us distribute food at an apartment community. The big finale was our regular youth service on Friday evening, where a powerful message brought salvation responses from 25 of the youth that participated.



About . . . Joe and Barbara pastor New Beginnings Christian Church in Brick, New Jersey. www.newbeginningsnj.org

▶ Devin ('03, '04) Kroner says . . .

Reach children; help schools. We conducted a weekly Backyard Bible Club at a trailer park, then picked up children by bus for Sunday services. We taught the same curriculum theme at both locations, reinforcing the truths of the Word. Children were given a mini-devotional paper to take home and received prizes for returning the completed devotional the next Sunday. We also found that schools often need facilities for various functions, such as training classes. We offered our church for this purpose as a means of opening doors of communication. As a result, the school used our facilities to conduct a mentoring program and foster parent training classes.



About . . . Devin is the children’s pastor at Cross Points Church in Shawnee, Kansas. www.crosspointchurch.com

▶ Brent Bailey ('92, '93) and Keith Nachbor ('95, '96) say ...

Make your own green screen.

If your church or ministry is into doing videos, it can cost over \$500 to buy a professional green screen, or to buy the special paint to make one. We took a "real" green screen down to a paint store and had them analyze the color, then had them mix it for us and we painted our own green screen. We used Lowe's Ultra Premium Valspar. The paint code is 103-3Y10 / 107-1Y19.5 / 113-Y0.5 / 114-6Y18. It cost about \$20 and works perfectly. Note: Your screen needs to be lighted really well. We bought a couple of halogen construction lights for \$60-\$70 each and they work great.



About . . . Keith and Brent are the junior and senior high youth pastors at RHEMA Bible Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. www.axisyouth.com

▶ Dean ('80, '81) and Kim Hawk say ...

Think outside the box. Our church meets in a local business—the Mr. Biggs Family Fun Center—on Sunday mornings and we give free one-hour passes to visitors. We also have committed to meeting the natural needs of the people of our city through an outreach program we call "Dare to Care." Our goal is to pour one million dollars into the lives of hurting people. In a matter of months, we have given over \$200,000 to 16 worthy community organizations including TESSA Domestic Violence, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Bethany Adoption, and several public schools. The results have been phenomenal as we've impacted over 400 families.



About . . . Dean and Kim pastor Rock Family Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. www.rockfamilychurch.com

What's working in your church or ministry? Tell us about it!

Send your name, phone number, details, and photos to: rmai@rhema.org

▶ Tony McKinnon ('98, '99) says ...



Honor emergency personnel and local government officials. Inspired by the dedication of police and firefighters at the September 11th tragedy in 2001, our church has chosen that day each year to honor our local officers, firefighters, judges, mayor, state representatives, sheriff's deputies, and jail officials. We provide a nice dinner and our appreciation for their service to our community. This has created an open door in the community as the people realize that our church wants to give back to our city. We have been called to minister in disaster situations and to pray at public events.

About . . . Tony and his wife, Kim, pastor Family Worship Center in Williamstown, Kentucky. www.fwcgc.com

▶ Tim Davidson ('77) says ...

Meet needs in rural areas. We have an outreach program called Rural Ministry Network. We partner with other groups to offer DVDs of services and we plan to stream our services by Internet soon. If a small church has no youth ministry, we take our youth group and hold services to encourage them. For those who are hungry for the Word but lack teachers, we currently provide a 20-minute DVD for home group Bible study. Our mission is to fill the ministry gap from our resources wherever we find a need.

About . . . Tim is RMAI Regional Director for Region 5. He and his wife, Gena, pastor Word of Faith Church and Outreach Center, Bismarck, North Dakota. www.wordoffaithchurch.com

▶ Steve and Mamie Ogle (both '93, '94) say ...

Reach out in coin laundries. We ask church members to save their quarters (or donate toward this outreach), then they go out to coin laundries on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and offer to pay for people's laundry. Even those who are shy about street witnessing find this act of kindness a comfortable way to show the love of Christ. In the three years we've been doing this, our offer has been met with varied responses, but many times with tears of gratitude. Often the Holy Spirit opens the door for further ministry, and we pray with them or help in any way we can.

About . . . Steve and Mamie pastor Community Life Church in Butler, Pennsylvania. www.clcbutler.org



Great Web Sites:

- **Pursue the lost.** Stir up your church to reach out with God's love with simple acts of kindness. Create a culture of serving and watch lives change, both inside and outside your church. Find out how to get started, get creative, and get connected! www.servolution.org
- **Soul winning training.** Get equipped and encouraged to win the lost. This Web site features audio and video lessons, videos of on-the-street witnessing, answers to common questions, free tools, group training, daily encouragement, and much more. www.wayofthemaster.com
- **Resources for Christian living.** The leading Web site for Bible study tools, devotionals, news, leadership, Christian TV and movies, e-cards, chat, forums, and so forth. www.crosswalk.com
- **Christian books.** The online home of Christian Book Distributors (CBD), the world's largest distributor of Christian resources. Books, Bibles, music, DVDs, gifts, and more, plus discounts and midweek markdowns. www.christianbook.com
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Great Reads:

From New Age to New Life

by Sandra Clifton

Formerly a well-known TV psychic, Sandra shares how she got saved and became a minister. Her story can help anyone who is trapped in the world of the occult or knows someone who is. Useful tool for ministry, small groups, and outreach.

The Greatest Psychologist Who Ever Lived: Jesus and the Wisdom of the Soul

by Mark W. Baker

Bridging the gap between science and religion, this book links the teachings of Jesus with contemporary psychological discoveries and shows us how to solve everyday problems. A guide for living for everyone who wants to truly grow.

Visioneering

by Andy Stanley

How to engineer a clear, God-ordained vision for each of the roles of your life. For parents or pastors or leaders or CEOs or employees, this is a tool to help you develop and maintain God's unique purpose for your life.



A Tale of Three Kings

by Gene Edwards

Based on the biblical figures of David, Saul, and Absalom, this book can bring light, clarity, and comfort to the brokenhearted. Christian leaders around the world have recommended this simple, powerful, and beautiful story to their members and staff.

What I Learned While Destroying a Church

by Gerald Brooks

This book walks you through eight mistakes that destroyed a church, and the lessons that Pastor Brooks learned from them. It's an honest look at key leadership principles that can provide insight into how to avoid fatal mistakes in ministry.

The Gospel According to Starbucks: Living With a Grande Passion

by Leonard Sweet

The main idea of this book is not Starbucks, but how the Church can connect with people. People go to Starbucks not for the coffee but for the experience. And the Church should be a place where people come to connect with God, not just to go through the motions.

Where Are They Now?

1980

Alberto Delgado ('79, '80), who pastors Alpha & Omega Church in Miami, Florida, prayed the opening session prayer at the U.S. House of Representatives on July 8, 2009. This made him the first Cuban-American minister in history to open a session of legislature in Washington, D.C.



1984

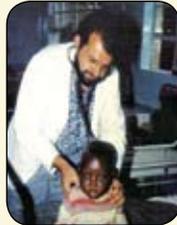
Tony and Debi Palmisano (both '84), after 18 years of pastoring Living Word Community Church in Lauderhill, Florida, have become the Southeast Regional Directors of PastorCare.org—a national clergy support network. www.pastorcare.org



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Joseph Bergeron, M.D. ('79, '80)

When Joseph Bergeron attended RBTC, he worked at Kenneth Hagin Ministries and also enjoyed a brief career with the student musical group "The Trumpets of Zion." After graduating, he worked in pastoral ministry and missionary evangelism for seven years, but then made a life-changing decision to attend medical school.



Today, Dr. Bergeron is a specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—a specialty dedicated to treating neuromuscular injuries and disabilities. Faith is an integral part of his practice and he shares the Gospel with his patients whenever he can. Active in the Christian Medical and Dental Association, he has taken many short-term evangelism and medical mission trips, including more than 15 trips to India. He has also organized and participated in trips to Mexico, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

Dr. Bergeron lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Magdalen, and sons, Joseph, age 10, and Matthew, age 7.



1989

Carl and Belinda Benton (both '88, '89) celebrated 20 years of ministry on September 20, 2009. Upon graduating from RHEMA they returned to Lafayette, Louisiana, and pioneered Living Word Church (now The Living Glory Church). They have purchased 14 acres of land and are in the process of building a new facility. www.thelivingglory.org



Prentice and Becky Knight and Cecil and Jan Jensen (all '88, '89) are good friends who met at RHEMA and now regularly visit and pray for each other. The Jensens are active in itinerant ministry based out of Colorado Springs; the Knights pastor Great Harvest Family Church in Salt Lake City and are RMAI District Directors for Utah. www.ghfchurch.webs.com



1992

Barry Moen ('89, '92) and his wife, Beth, have an outreach to the Native American nations in Wyoming and Montana. They hold revival meetings—as well as meetings from house to house—and also hold weekly meetings in the Crow Nation. This past summer, they traveled over 8,000 miles on their motorcycle and led between 800 and 900 people to the Lord.



Matt ('91, '92) and Julie ('90, '91) Beemer have turned their church in Manchester, UK over to their assistant pastors. They continue to work in the UK and Ireland, but are now moving to Nigeria to start a Bible school and expand RHEMA's influence in North Africa and the Middle East. www.sowersclub.org



Donisha Worsham ('91, '92) graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff on May 9, 2009, with a Bachelor of Science degree. She says, "This degree was 46 years in coming! But I'm sure glad I took the route that led me to RHEMA." Donisha lives and works in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

1995

Jay and Sarah Jayaraman (both '94, '95) pastor Word of His Power Faith Christian Centre in London, Ontario, Canada. Jay was a former Hindu priest in his native country of India before getting saved and attending RHEMA. www.wohp.org

1999

Joyce McNaughton ('98, '99) has ministered in Mexico, Russia, China, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, India, and Africa, as well as teaching healing schools in the U.S. She has been living on the Costa del Sol in Spain since 2005, focusing mainly on ministering to prostitutes and other young, at-risk women. www.rejoiceministries.info



2000



Bryan and Cheyenne Adkins (both '99, '00) announce the birth of their second son, Jared Bryan, on April 21, 2009. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 inches long. The Adkins family lives in Valdosta, Georgia, where they pioneered and pastor Anchor Faith Church.

2001

Mark McCorkel ('00, '01) and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Cade, on August 15, 2009. He was several weeks early, weighing 2 pounds and measuring 13 inches long. Mark is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is based in Lawton, Oklahoma.



Billy ('00, '01) and Eltha ('01) Banks travel in the United States and abroad, preaching and teaching. In June 2009, Billy went to Istanbul, Turkey and Nairobi, Kenya, where he distributed 10,000 minibooks by Kenneth E. Hagin. The Banks are based in Dallas, Texas. www.billybanksministries.org



2003



Mark Brady ('02, '03) married Ashley Triebel on March 3, 2007. The Bradys live in St. Augustine, Florida, and are currently the children's pastors at Anchor Faith Church for Pastors **Earl and Marci Glisson (both '99, '00)**.

2004

Beth Cameron ('02, '03, '04) has gone on 17 short-term missions trips around the world since graduating from RHEMA, including places such as South Africa, China, the Philippines, Mexico, Peru, Cambodia, and Thailand. She also travels to churches in the U.S. and Canada to impart the desire for short-term missions into the hearts of people. bcame@cfaith.com



2005



Travis ('03, '04, '05) and Erin (Price '04, '05) Cole announce the birth of their daughter, McKenzie Rae, on June 8, 2009. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long. The Coles are youth ministers in Nevada, Missouri.

Linda Thiessen ('04, '05) married Gerry Hoepfner on March 7, 2009, in Manitoba, Canada. Gerry is an organic farmer, Linda works as a nurse, and they are both involved in their local church.



2007



Michele Chiappetta ('05, '06, '07) is a staff writer for Oral Roberts Ministries in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In April, she accompanied Richard Roberts and his medical missions team to Nicaragua and chronicled the trip with a daily

blog. Michele previously worked for three years as a staff writer for Kenneth Hagin Ministries.

www.thechippermuse.blogspot.com

Mark ('06, '07) and Kaley (Hall '07, '08)

Ostrom were married on August 4, 2007, at the RHEMA Chapel in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Their first child, Caleb Elliott, was born on June 3, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces. The Ostros live in Broken Arrow where Mark is employed by Kenneth Hagin Ministries.



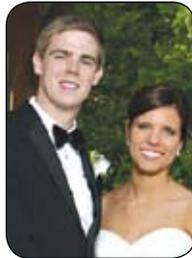
2008



Julia (McNeese '07, '08) and Rob Post were married on August 1, 2009 at Harvest Family Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Her father, **Rev. Bill McNeese ('81, '82)** and Rob's pastor, **Rev. Scott Webb ('82)**, performed the ceremony. The Posts live in Tulsa, where Julia is a music teacher and travels with the RHEMA Crusade team, and

Rob is completing his second year at RBTC.

Laura (Pfeffer '07, '08) married William Paul McNeese III on June 5, 2009, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, at Grace Christian Church. The bride's father, **Rev. Paul Pfeffer ('84, '85)**, and the groom's father, **Rev. Bill McNeese ('81, '82)**, performed the ceremony. The McNeeses live in Broken Arrow, where Laura works in retail customer service and Paul is completing his second year at RBTC.



2009

Hector ('07, '08, '09) and Tina (Weninger '08, '09) Casiano



were married June 13, 2009, at the RHEMA Bible Church Chapel. They currently live in Tulsa and are involved at RHEMA Bible Church with plans to move to Texas in 2010.

HOMEGOINGS

'79, '80	Jack Cashman*	July 18, 2009
'80, '83	Gary Jones*	May 13, 2009
'82, '83	Ray Westbrook*	June 27, 2009
'78, '84	Deloris Benintendi	April 29, 2009
'80, '81	Bill Bush	September 29, 2009
'80, '85	Patty Alex*	January 31, 2009
'85, '87	Robert Consagra	March 15, 2009
'86, '87	David Rzeszutek	October 26, 2009
'86, '87	David Stephens	January, 2009
'88, '89	Bob Williams	September, 2009
'89, '90	Christine Johns	November 11, 2009
'89, '91	Jan Bregard	November 11, 2009
'90, '91	Pam Keil	September 21, 2009
'90, '91	Terry Rummage	September 7, 2009
'87, '92	Mary Ann Baran	June 25, 2009
'93, '94	Frank Newman	August, 2009
'93, '94	Nestor L. Soto	August 11, 2009
'93, '95	Gerard Rush	September 15, 2009
'95	Michael Cain	September 5, 2009
'96, '97	Eugene Gregory	October 16, 2009
'97, '98	George Brandt	November 3, 2009
'99, '00	Pauline Potter	September 2, 2009
'00, '01	Steve Poorman	September 15, 2009
'96, '97, '03	Mike Kelly	September 19, 2009

*Member of RHEMA Ministerial Association International (RMAI)

IN MEMORY OF:



Willis "Doc" Horton 1921-2009

On Tuesday, September 15, 2009, Rev. W.M. "Doc" Horton went home to be with the Lord. He was 88 years old.

Rev. Horton served as a RHEMA Bible Training Center instructor from 1981 to 1994. His anointed teaching ministry blessed people around the world for more than 50 years.

Doc was born April 23, 1921, in Douglas, Georgia, one of 13 children. After he was saved in 1945 in Fitzgerald, Georgia, he served as an evangelist, pastor, teacher, and missionary all over the United States. He established many Indian mission churches on reservations in the Southwest and founded an Indian Bible institute and a home for children in the heart of the Navajo reservation.

Rev. Horton held degrees from Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee, and Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He was also involved with continuing education programs at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia; the University of Georgia in Athens; and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. Horton was an accomplished writer and World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jerri; a daughter, Cassandra; and a son, David.

IN MEMORY OF:



Bill Bush ('80, '81)
1958–2009

On Tuesday, September 29, 2009, Rev. Bill Bush went home to be with the Lord. He was 51 years old.

A RHEMA Bible Training Center instructor from 1999 to 2003, Rev. Bush will be remembered as one who was sent where others would not go, and a visionary who walked out the plan God had for his life.

Rev. Bush was born on January 23, 1958, in Ohio. In high school he was an honor student and excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated from RHEMA in 1981, and in nearly 30 years of ministry he served in several capacities—including children's evangelist, pastor, and teacher. Rev. Bush pastored for 11 years in Minden, Louisiana, and for six years in Owasso, Oklahoma.

Rev. Bush was also an author and a publisher. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Margo, and two sons, Adam and Casey.

IN MEMORY OF:



Leon Eugene Gregory ('96, '97)
1965–2009

On Friday, October 16, 2009, Leon Eugene Gregory went home to be with the Lord. He was 44 years old.

Eugene served as a RHEMA Bible Training Center instructor from 2000 to 2005, and his anointing and skill as a musician and songwriter were a blessing to many.

Eugene was born May 9, 1965, in Merkel, Texas. He spent 15 years in the music business, then served at RHEMA Bible Church as worship leader and at RHEMA Bible Training Center as director of the RHEMA School of Worship. Recently he served as worship pastor at Sanctuary Church in Tulsa and also kept a heavy traveling schedule in the United States and abroad.

Eugene has several recording credits to his name. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Margo; a daughter, Bailie; and three sons: Brancen, Britton, and Briley.

We Want to Hear From You!

If you've had a wedding, a new baby, something exciting happen in life or ministry, or just want to update fellow alumni about your life, write rmai@rhema.org and let us know!

PLEASE help us make the most of your updates and photos by following these tips.

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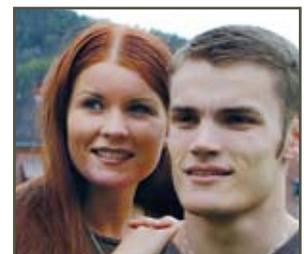
- Look at past issues and see what others have sent us.
- Tell us where you live, what you're doing in life or ministry, and how long you've been doing it.
- Remember to include your spouse's and children's names.

Tips for sending photos:

- Send close-up shots with faces close together, as in this example. → 
- For baby pictures, please include Mom and Dad too. (Your fellow alumni want to see you as well as your baby!) → 
- *Digital Photos:* Send only sharp, good quality photos with high resolution—300 pixels/inch on your computer or digital camera. (If you are unsure of what pixels/inch your camera gives you, set your picture size to its highest resolution and largest file size; then we can adjust accordingly.) **Low-resolution photos used for Internet sites and e-mail do not work well for print magazines like *Connections*.** ↓



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