In my role as President of Manhattan Christian College, I truly get to experience the best of both worlds.

First, I am able to travel around and witness first-hand how our many alumni are serving and what they are doing to help penetrate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I hear their stories from the mission field, I listen to them preaching in their church, I watch them teaching in a classroom, and I marvel at the many other incredible accounts of how God is using them regardless of their chosen profession.

Second, on campus with our current students I am able to experience the future of the church. Their passion for Christ and willingness to go wherever, whenever is inspirational to be around. I love spending time with them in any setting I can, and when I do, it gives me hope for the future of the church.

This summer, those two worlds came together and it was a double-shot of inspiration!

It happened at this year’s North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis. I was walking through the exhibit hall Tuesday afternoon visiting with people up and down the aisles. One of my visits was with Darren Key ’95, who serves as the CEO of Christian Financial Resources based in Lake Mary, Florida. Darren is one of our dual-degree graduates and uses his degrees in Christian Service (MCC) and Finance (KSU) in a not-for-profit organization that assists churches with their financial needs and dreams. Since 1980, CFR has grown to more than 2,200 investors and has assisted independent Christian Churches and their associated ministries with a wide variety of projects. It was great to hear about the growth in CFR’s impact.

As Darren shared with me about their ministry, he also told me that one of our current dual-degree students, Avery Simecka, was their summer intern. He related how great it was to have him and how everyone at CFR was very impressed. He said, “Avery has been doing a wonderful job and has a very bright future ahead of him serving Christ.” An alum and current student, serving together, and impacting the world.

Another “Aha moment” for me came the following morning. I had coffee with Josh Hough ’04, a youth pastor at Gateway Christian Church in St. Louis. Josh’s youth ministry is active, growing, and reaching more students all the time. I loved hearing how passionate he is about seeing his
students connected to a life-saving relationship with Christ and with each other. He is making a tremendous impact in St. Louis.

Josh also shared with me that Jonathan Kaehler, an MCC senior, was serving with him this summer as an intern with his youth program. Josh readily praised Jonathan and said he was doing a wonderful job. The students love him and Josh said, “Jonathan is probably the best intern I’ve ever had, and I’ve had some very good ones.” Once again, an alum and current student, serving together, and making an impact.

I am sure you can see why these visits were such an inspiration for me. I am always blessed to hear of ministry success, yet I especially love hearing the stories that remind me of the important mission of Manhattan Christian College!

Since 1927, MCC has been educating, equipping, and enriching Christian leaders. Our educational process focuses on developing the head, the heart, and the hands of our students. We want them to know how to put Christ first in their lives, how to influence those around them, and before they graduate we want them to have the practical experiences they need to be effective in ministry. Currently, there are more than 2,000 MCC graduates serving around the world in a wide variety of professions and making a difference. These stories and the pictures on the cover of this magazine are just a sampling of the training and ministry that was accomplished this summer around the globe. This is important for all the partners of MCC to hear and understand. They are vivid examples of the fruit of MCC’s ministry and the results of our partnership.

Our partnership produces a ripple effect that will impact the world for generations to come. What we can do together is greater than what we can do alone.

Synergy: • Cooperation • Unity • Teamwork • Partnership • Alliance • Collaboration

One word that describes this ripple effect is synergy - when two or more people or organizations come together to produce a result that is greater than they could do alone. We call this newsletter Synergy. It is the evidence that our partnership is producing great results for Christ!

Thank you for your partnership with MCC!
The Oasis Conference provides a spiritual shot in the arm for youth groups. It is a dynamic ministry event that specifically meets the needs of both high school and middle school students. Worship, breakout sessions, study, and fellowship activities help teens develop a deeper relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ as well as learn more about the individuals in their youth group.

Hosted by MCC, the conference utilizes the campuses of Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University. This year for the first time, the main sessions will be held in McCain Auditorium which will allow all of the students to worship together at one time. Speaker Jeff Walling will bring entertaining and thought-provoking messages and worship will be led by the phenomenal Jordan Howerton Band.

Breakout sessions and electives will give students a chance to explore topics relevant to them. The location of the conference gives students the added benefit of being exposed to college life at both a Christian college and a major university.

Events begin Friday evening at 6:30 and last through Sunday at noon. The cost is $30 per person and that price includes the registration fee, all of the activities, lunch on Saturday, four main sessions, one morning show session, and four workshops. One sponsor attends free for every five students registered. Churches are responsible for their own housing arrangements and the other meals of the weekend. Late registrations postmarked after October 1 are $35 per person.

Register today at www.oasisconference.org. Other questions may be directed to Nick or Teka at 785-539-3571.
MCC Athletics

By Shawn Condra ’96

Athletics at MCC provides student-athletes an opportunity to use the gifts and abilities that God has given them to compete and represent the college as well as practice the very practical skills of teamwork and leadership.

MCC was a founding member of the Midwest Christian College Conference (MCCC) in 1964 and has been a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) since 1994. MCC competes in eight varsity sports (baseball, men’s & women’s basketball, men’s & women’s cross-country, men’s & women’s soccer and volleyball) within the NCCAA. In addition to the NCCAA and MCCC competition, our teams compete against many other private NAIA-level colleges during non-conference play.

During our twenty year involvement in the NCCAA we have won six National Championships, and over 30 Regional Championships. Our coaches have over 60 years of cumulative experience, with four of them having been named National Coach of the Year on at least one occasion.

The athletics webpage www.mccks.edu/athletics is your complete source for up-to-date articles as well as each team’s roster, schedule, and scores. Many of the home games are broadcast on the MCC Network. Fans may also follow the athletic department on Facebook (MCC Athletics) and Twitter (@mccathletics).
The MCC Alumni Association relies on the involvement and input of the volunteer Alumni Advisory Council to help guide its communication, networking opportunities, ministry, and personal enrichment events each year. The upcoming fall alumni events are featured to the left.

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Alumni Association Advisory Council Members:

*Front:* Doug Ingmire ’72; Steve Slack ’85; Kai Blakeborough ’10; Jeremiah Holcomb ’02
*Back:* Caitlin (Bliss) Reed ’13; Holly (Helmers) Elsey ’06; Terri (Spurgeon) Kern ’91; Sara Keller ’06; Genae (Willich) Denver ’90, Alumni Director
*Not Pictured:* Deb Kluttz ’99 and Nathan Kluttz ’05

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**2014 Alumni Awards**

**Crusader Ministry Award**

**Sandy ’75 and Barbara ’71 Sandell**

Married for 46 years, Sandy and Barbara Sandell have served together on the mission field for 39 years. The Lord sent them first to Europe, then to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, and then on to Thailand and Laos. Together they have continually sacrificed their comfort by living in difficult situations, sleeping in primitive villages on split bamboo floors and eating barely edible things such as a soup of leaves boiled in salt water. They have learned how to live with the local villagers as well as be accepted by them so that those same villagers would listen to the gospel message that they were sharing.

“The Lord calls us to go to exotic places to spread the good news of His love, and then waits for us to answer His call,” Barbara says. “When we answer His call, He equips us with the unique gifts and abilities that we need to do the job He has set out for us to do. It is our greatest honor and blessing to have been chosen by the Lord to do His bidding, His calling, His work.”

After Barbara graduated from MCC in 1971 with a degree in Bible/Christian
Education, she went on to study social work at KSU. She then worked a total of 7 years in the local hospital and the county social and rehabilitation services.

Before coming to MCC, Sandy served in the U.S. Army for four years. As a student, he continued to serve in the special forces reserves. He graduated from MCC in 1975 with a degree in Bible/Missions. He was a decorated military soldier throughout his career receiving 15 medals and accommodations by the US government and 2 by the South Vietnam government. It was while Sandy was in the military that he received some medical, dental, and pharmaceutical training that he would later use in China, Burma, Laos, and Thailand.

Since 1985, the Sandells have lived and worked among the Lahu and Karen tribal groups of Northern Thailand. Sandy has served as a medical/dental worker and Barbara known as Ma-MaLow (the big, important missionary lady) has been by his side and an integral part of the overall work. In addition to leading Bible studies, evangelizing, baptizing, and helping the locals make a better life for themselves, together the Sandells have raised three daughters and one adopted son from the Lahu tribal group of Northern Thailand on the mission field. Now they also have 4 grandchildren.

As a family they have taken care of the sick, smuggled thousands of Bibles across the borders, trapped a cobra in the house, taught Bible studies and preached at large conventions through an interpreter, prayed for the sick and watched them be healed, prayed for the demon possessed and witnessed them being released from the oppression, and watched the miracle of people turning their lives around. To God be the glory!

**Crusader Professional Excellence Award**

**Ron Grover ’64**

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**Distinguished Alumni Award**

**Harland Cary ’40**

In 1937 before Harland Cary attended Bible College, he was ordained to the ministry. He married Hazel Frances Johnson on June 4, 1938 and that same fall he transferred to Manhattan Bible College.

He earned a Certificate of Biblical Literature in June 1940 and started serving the Christian Church in South Hutchinson, KS. In September 1942, Harland went to Cincinnati, OH, to attend Cincinnati Christian Seminary where he graduated in May 1943.
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- Saturday, Sept. 6: Manhattan Christian College
  Manhattan, KS
- Sunday, Sept. 7: Community Christian Church
  Council Grove, KS
- Monday, Sept. 8: First Christian Church
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- Sunday, Oct. 5 (am): Wilsey Christian Church
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Other dates are available. Contact Jolene Rupe at jrupe@mccks.edu to get one scheduled in your church.

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Complete details: www.mccks.edu • RSVP is appreciated but not required.
New Chaplaincy Program Established Between MCC and University of Kansas Hospital

The opportunity for undergraduate students to do clinical work is rare, but a new agreement between Manhattan Christian College and The University of Kansas Hospital provides opportunities for MCC students to be a part of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

This unique partnership which began in January showed success in the first semester. Five students took the Principles of Chaplaincy class, two of whom concurrently participated in CPE at KU Med from January-May. Since then, Will Eickman, one of the students who completed his first CPE unit, was accepted into the year-long residency program at KU Med and now serves as a chaplain resident there. Matt Guinn, the other student who completed his first CPE unit, has been hired at Via Christi Village in Manhattan to serve as a chaplain. Additionally, Dr. Rick Wright, VP for Student Life, is currently completing his first unit of CPE at KU Med.

A chaplaincy emphasis in the Christian Ministry major is a new addition to the curriculum. This chaplaincy emphasis is designed to help MCC students be on the leading edge in knowledge, skills, and intrapersonal understanding as they enter graduate school or occupations in the field.

The Clinical Pastoral Education program at KU Med allows students to serve as chaplains at the hospital in addition to participating in interpersonal and intrapersonal development in a group setting. Students in the semester-long program benefit by the opportunity to earn one unit of CPE credit which is typically required for those applying for residency at most institutions.

Dr. Greg Delort, MCC Professor of Family Ministry, heads the program at MCC as well as provides some of the instruction for the chaplain cohorts at KU Med. Having completed a year-long residency in chaplaincy during a recent sabbatical, Delort is board certified with the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP) as a pastoral counselor. He has been accepted into the supervisory group as a Supervisory Education Fellow. The residency outcomes will provide Delort with the credentials needed to conduct education toward chaplaincy for MCC students as well as students from other institutions.

During the upcoming fall semester, Delort will write his papers and hopes to sit before the board to receive certification as a Diplomate – a CPE supervisor. Dr. Delort will also be writing a self-study for MCC to be granted Clinical Pastoral Supervision site status so that the college can provide education in CPE here on campus concurrent with students doing their clinicals at a variety of sites. MCC is also pursuing options for other clinical sites at which students can complete their praxis in the CPE program.

There is no doubt that this affiliation with the University of Kansas Hospital creates an exciting, leading-edge opportunity for Manhattan Christian College and provides an entry point for learners to pursue further education in the field of chaplaincy.
A Snapshot of Jesus’ command to
“DISCIPLE THE NATIONS”

By Rusty Thornley

What exactly are you trying to do here at the Corner Stone School? A simple but direct answer from C. the director of the ministry located about an hour outside of Hyderabad, India was, “We are discipling the next generation of leaders who will be the hope of India for God’s Kingdom here.”

This seemed to be the theme of the ministries recently visited by a small team representing Southeast Christian Church. Blake Shively, a business man from Louisville, Ben Thornley ’06 the church’s Partnerships Coordinator and Rusty Thornley, an invited consultant, encountered three ministries recently on a one week fact finding visit to the exciting yet very complex culture of India.

Each of the three ministries visited has focused on the specific command of Jesus to his disciples to “make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). Sometime in the past it seems that the church in America as well as in other places in the world has concentrated on bringing the good news of the Kingdom of God to those who had not heard of it, yet somehow we/they have forgotten to follow through with the specific command: MAKE DISCIPLES.

Each and every child of God needs concentrated attention to complete their maturation from birth (baptism) to full maturity (discipling others). These three Indian ministries: a school educating young people of local churches from first grade through tenth, a church planting movement in the state of Punjab, and an English school focusing on young adults looking for the advantage of a solid command of English, are leading the way of a new/old approach by focusing on the simple, yet profound wisdom of Jesus to reproduce Christ in others by discipling.

Each of the three uses different resources, different methods, and very different target groups, yet each has a clear objective: Obey Jesus by developing followers who are mature enough to continue the work through disciples.

Manhattan Christian College has the Great Commission engraved on the bell tower in the center of campus. Taking the lead from these ministries in India and many other successful ones like them, may we continue to dedicate everything we do to obey Jesus as we reproduce Christ in the lives of all the MCC students. With God’s provision we ask that you join us in remaining faithful to the call to make disciples of all nations until Jesus returns.

Schedule

Wednesday, Oct 8
Monday, Nov 3
Friday, Nov 21
Tuesday, Dec 2

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Wednesday, Feb 11
Monday, Mar 9

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For the next three years he hitchhiked all over the United States to raise missionary support for what he felt God was calling him to do. In August 1945 Harland moved his family to Texas with the intent of starting a Spanish Bible College.

Colegio Bíblico was established in 1945 in Eagle Pass, TX, to prepare workers for Christian ministry among the 350 million Spanish-speaking peoples of the world. It was the first institution of higher education to minister to the Hispanic people in the United States. Today, 90% of the Hispanic preachers in the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in the U.S. are graduates of Colegio Bíblico.

From 1949 to 2012, there have been 484 graduates of Colegio Bíblico. These committed men and women are spreading the Good News in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Chile, Spain, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Honduras, Brazil, and Argentina; with 75% serving in Mexico, 20% in U.S. Hispanic communities, and 5% in Latin American countries and Spain.

Colegio Bíblico offers academic programs to prepare students for preaching and teaching the Bible. Students pay only a $60 registration fee per semester. In exchange for 20 hours of work on campus each week, the students get their education, room, and board. As part of the academic program these students are involved in local ministries in 30 churches in Texas and Mexico as well as sharing the Gospel through preaching, music, and drama at camps and youth conventions.

Harland was the founder and president of Colegio Bíblico for more than 30 years. It was his lifetime mission work and the Administration Building on the Eagle Pass Campus is named after him. The cafeteria is named after his wife, Frances. Over the years, Colegio Bíblico has grown to become two campuses; one in the United States and one in Mexico.
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- www.thrivingpastor.com
- www.biblegateway.com

Why We Exist?

Manhattan Christian College exists to impact the world for Christ. Founded in 1927 by Dr. E.C. Sanderson, the vision of the college has always been that every student and graduate would be prepared and motivated to penetrate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ regardless of their chosen profession.

MCC is a regionally accredited private Christian college with a very strategic location across the street from a major university. Those two characteristics combine to help MCC provide a unique training ground for young leaders to help them become the best they can be to better the world around them.

The rigorous academic programs are rooted in the Bible and help students receive an education that deepens their knowledge of God’s Word, matures them in their personal relationship with Christ, and prepares them to be able to share the Gospel in their sphere of influence. Students have the opportunities to grow spiritually and intellectually in a variety of settings such as the classroom, chapel, residence halls, mission trips, small groups, local church involvement, and their own personal worship.

MCC’s mission is summed up in these words, “to educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders.” To fulfill that mission, leadership training is an intentional focus of the student experience. Students are prepared to be leaders who serve Christ and others. Hands-on experience is strongly encouraged to help them develop their unique God-given strengths and abilities.

The strength of the MCC experience is found in relationships. The college is a close-knit community of believers where personal relationships with fellow students as well as faculty and staff are the norm. Life-long friendships, that will help support them throughout their life of service, are forged in every facet of the life of the college.

God has called every believer to “go into all the world.” Manhattan Christian College exists to develop leaders who are first and foremost servants of Christ with a passion to change the world and a willingness to go wherever God leads.

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