

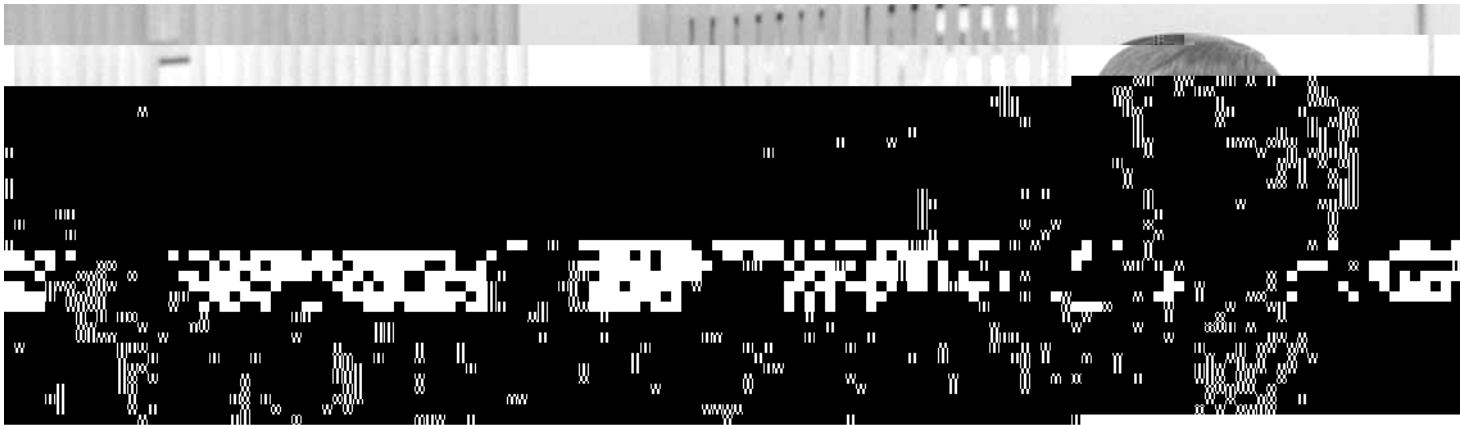


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# Oregon's Professor of the Year

*A mix of community service, scientific research and devotion to students earns Dwight Kimberly the highest teaching award ever earned by a George Fox professor*



**W**alking into the office of biology professor Dwight Kimberly, a visitor is met with a riot

A little more than three years ago, David and Debby Thomas started their dream jobs. They moved to Rwanda, an African nation still bruised and bloodied from its 1994 genocide. The George Fox graduates provide support and guidance to pastors in the Rwandan Friends Church, most of whom have less than a third-grade education.

Their dream began more like a nightmare. Ten days after arriving, their family dinner was interrupted by two off-duty soldiers, who entered their home, pointed an automatic weapon at them, and demanded money. Later, David ('93) made a gruesome discovery while exploring old foxholes where fighting had occurred during the war.

About a quarter-mile from the Thomases' new home, he found army helmets and human bones.

Many would question the couple's decision to volunteer to work and raise three small children in such a frightful place. At times, David and Debby do, too. But, like more than 100 other George Fox alumni who work as full-time cross-cultural missionaries, the Thomases have responded to a spiritual call.

At age 16, Debby ('94) saw photos of starving Rwandan children presented by a missionary visiting her church. Immediately, she aspired to become a missionary teacher, jettisoning plans for an engineering career. She expected to forgo marriage as well.

"I thought, 'How am I going to find a guy who wants to go off to Africa?'" she says.

Then she met David — the son of third-generation missionaries — who had been inspired to missions by a spiritual experience during his preschool years in Bolivia.

"I wanted to work in other parts of the world where the Holy Spirit was working," he says.

From the apostle Paul, to Dr. David Livingstone, to George Fox alumni like David and Debby Thomas, cross-cultural missionaries have taken the words of Jesus Christ to heart and abandoned their native homes to share the gospel and serve their neighbors throughout the world.

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 much we have to learn. For years, as a student and as a disciple of Jesus, I thought I understood what it meant to integrate my faith into everyday life — until a handful of men and women from a small village in the Altiplano (high plains of the Bolivian Andes) taught me what it really means to live out my faith in everything I do. Their village lies three hours by jeep and a one-hour drive on a burro path from the nearest major city. There is very little communication from anyone outside the surrounding hills. I was invited there to observe their annual ritual and offering to the Pachamama (their god/earth mother). They performed a series of ritual dances, sacrificed a lamb, and presented their offering on the highest hill in their community. Before

they plant crops, they give a ritual offering asking permission of the Pachamama. They 'call in' the wind with another ritual before blowing the chaff from their grain. Every action is spiritual for them. They have no alternative but to depend on their spiritual life for sustenance. It is true that they need to hear about the God greater than all other gods, but on this trip it was the community that left a life-changing perspective in me on what it really means to live out my faith."

**Susannah Sparks** (MAT '99) is in her second year with the Network of International Christian Schools (NICS), teaching third grade in Bangkok, Thailand. About sixty percent of the school's students come from non-Christian homes.

**Goals:** "One goal is to understand the love that God has for me so that I may love others. I would like to learn

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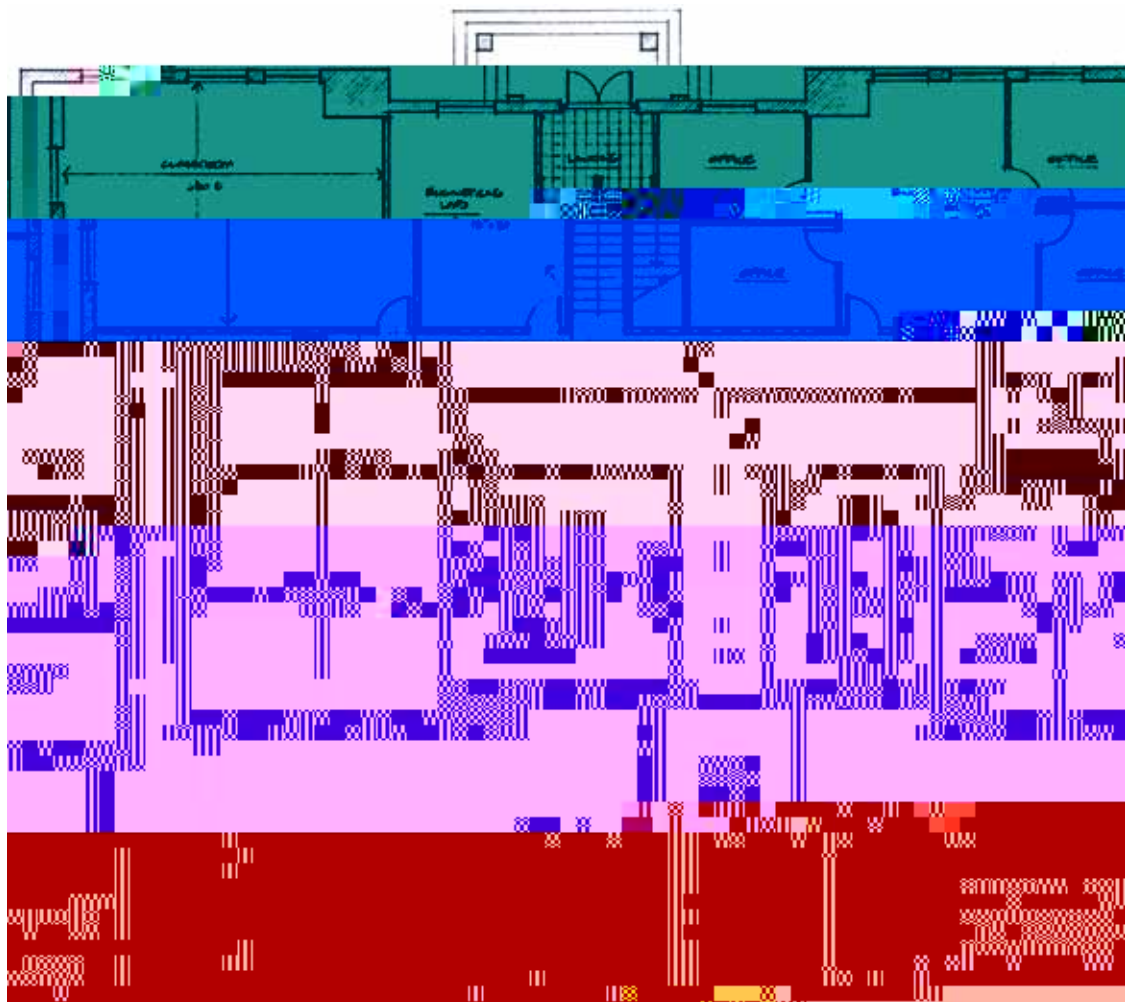
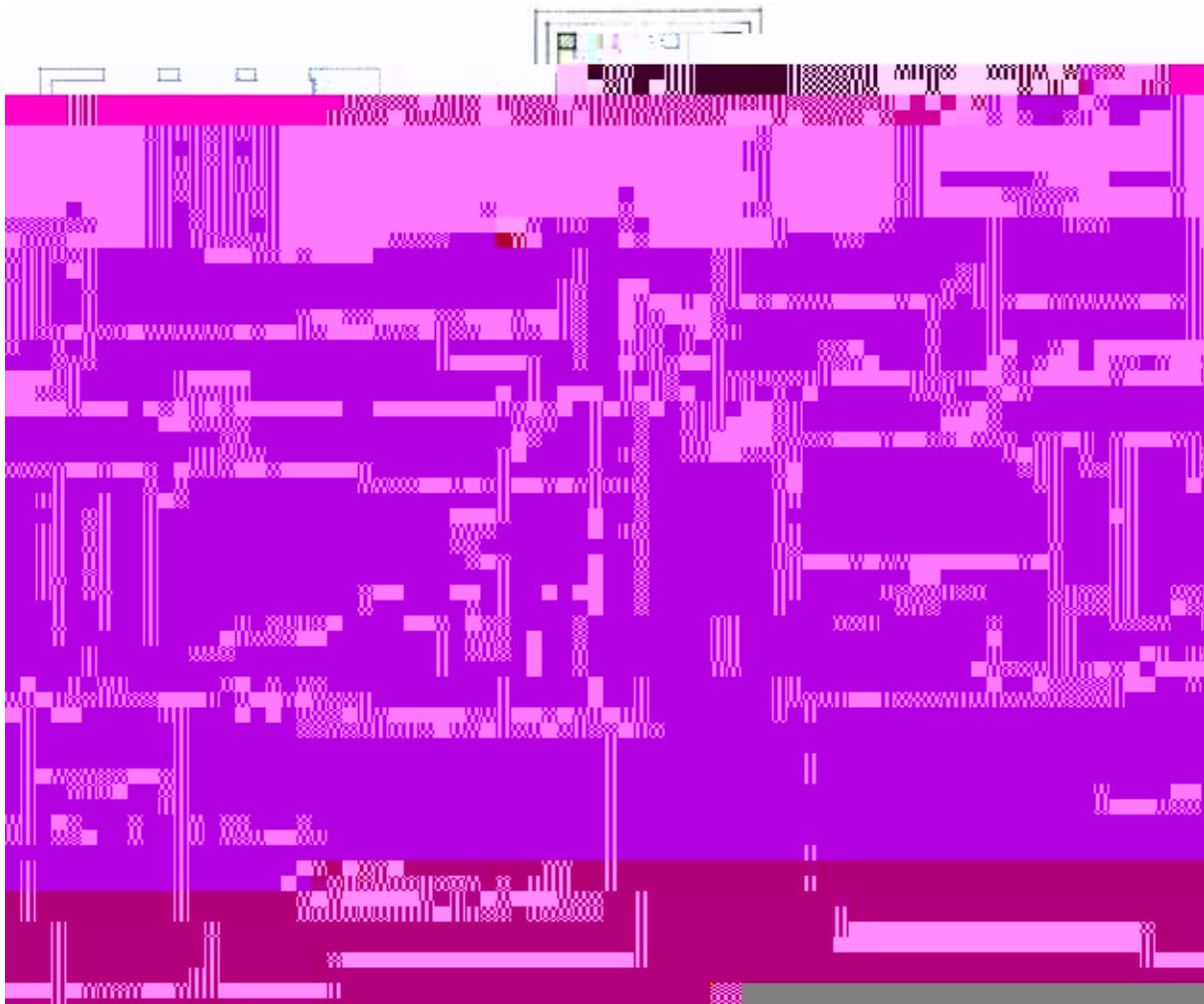
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## Alumni and Friends Responding to Kresge Challenge Grant

Alumni and friends have responded to the Kresge challenge with gifts and pledges of more than \$200,000 in the past three months. “We’re making progress, but there’s work still to be done,” says Dana Miller, vice president for university advancement. Just over \$1.1 million remains to be raised toward the \$7 million needed for construction of the Stevens Center.

The Kresge Foundation will provide \$500,000 toward the building, provided George Fox University is successful in raising the balance and in reaching its \$22 million Legacy Campaign goal by Dec. 31, 2001.

In September, the advancement office sent a large mailing of

videos, followed by brochures, providing details about the campaign. In October, in Boise, Idaho, it held the first of six regional campaign dinners.

“There’s been a good response to the fall mailings, and efforts continue with individual donors and select foundations and corporations,” Miller says. “Our success will depend in part on our ability to attract new donors to George Fox. This is where we’re particularly dependent upon the guidance and support of the campaign steering committee — particularly co-chairs André Iseli and Barbara Palmer. They are helping us identify new potential donors.”





**A**lisa Vanderzalm remembers feeling concern for the needs of others from a very young age.

“When I was a little girl, in Boston, I remember my mother taking me to the library, and I would see an old man and I’d run up to him and throw my arms around him and say, ‘I love you, old man!’”

Vanderzalm, now a senior at George Fox University, still shows love to people. During the recent holiday season, the 21-year-old psychology major and peace studies minor from Newberg was again busy helping coordinate a campus food and clothing drive for area social service agencies.

Vanderzalm is well known on campus for such activities, and for demonstrating the same compassion for the needy for which her father, Bas, is known. Bas Vanderzalm is president of Portland-based Northwest Medical Teams, Inc., a Christian relief agency that responds to the most critical emergencies in the world today, whether a war in the Balkans, a flood in Central America, or an earthquake in Turkey.

Bas Vanderzalm joined the agency in 1997 after working for 15 years for another Christian relief agency, World Relief, in Wheaton, Ill. Before that, he ran a Salvation Army Harbor Light Center shelter and alcohol treatment center for 10 years in Boston.

His daughter says that her outlook on people was clearly shaped by her father’s work in those days and by the concern both her parents have long shown toward the downtrodden.

“The people that my parents brought home, and that I used to run wild around, were not the kind of people that most would want to surround their three-year-old daughter with,” she says. “There was this acceptance thing. I had to grow, out of necessity, to be incredibly warm toward and accepting of people.”

She was still very young when her father took the job in Illinois. “I grew up from a very early age being aware of what was going on in other countries, being aware of starvation, and of America’s role in the world,” she says.

Although she lived on campus her first two years at George Fox, Vanderzalm spent part of last year at her parents’ Newberg home and now lives off campus with another student. She says college work has only heightened her role in a socially concerned family.

“We will have family conversations around the table devoted to ‘income-generational relief and development projects in developing countries,’” she says, smiling.

While the Vanderzalm’s interests may perhaps be unusual, her family is also a very normal one, she emphasizes. “It’s fun when I drop by my folks’ house,” she says. “We just tell jokes back and forth.”

She is quick to credit both her parents for their example of love to others.

“I think my father is the more public figure, but it’s definitely been a partnership between the two of them,” she says.

Vanderzalm doesn’t recommend that every family make the kinds of commitments hers has, particularly given the dangers and intense emotional and physical demands that relief workers face.

“Not all families are cut out for this,” she says. “When Papa had to be gone for

weeks on end when I was young, that was hard. I was never angry about that, but there was a time, when I was in the eighth grade, that I realized that because Papa slept, people died. That was hard to come to terms with.”

Having grown up in the Chicago area, Vanderzalm was at first reluctant to move to the Northwest and to attend school in Newberg when her father accepted the Northwest Medical Teams position. She wanted to attend a Christian college, but being in a community that was so predominantly white wasn’t what she had in mind.

“I had grown up in ethnically mixed neighborhoods,” she explains. “I really loved growing up with different cultures, different beliefs, different foods. I wanted to have that experience in college.”

She now believes it was God’s will for her to attend George Fox, especially because the Quaker-based University offers a peace studies minor. “That’s something that’s unique to the Mennonite and Quaker colleges,” she says.

She says her father thinks that perhaps one of the biggest reasons he felt called to take his current job in Oregon was so that his daughter would wind up attending George Fox.

She has been involved in the University’s Multicultural Club and the Cultural Celebration Week that the club annually sponsors on campus. She also serves on the board of advisers for the University’s Center for Peace Learning. She is active in the Psy Chi honor society for psychology students and tutors others in psychology. She is currently doing internships with Yamhill County Mediators, an agency devoted to local mediation efforts, and with the Campus Mediation Project, a group program that makes peer mediation available to students at George Fox.

After she graduates, Vanderzalm would like to counsel survivors of war trauma, and is especially interested in meeting needs in the African nation of Rwanda. She got a close-up view of such counseling work two summers ago, when

for the first time she accompanied her father on one of his overseas relief trips.

It was not to a vacation spot.

“My father asked, ‘Do you want to go to Albania?’ I answered, ‘Is the pope Catholic?’” she says.

From Albania, they went into Kosovo, spending five days observing firsthand much of the destruction and horror that had resulted from the war in that land.

“It was hard, and we cried together before I went, but it turned out to be an incredibly safe trip,” she says. “I was lucky.”

She spent much of her time accompanying Portland-area resident John Fazio, who counseled those traumatized by the fighting there. It piqued her interest in such ministry.

“I don’t know if I could ever do fully what my father does,” she says. “He comes in contact with a lot of pain and injustice and just horror. I don’t know if I could ever fully swallow all that, as a human being; but then again, I want to go off and counsel survivors of war trauma, so maybe I can.”

While not all Christians are called to such

**A**nn Scott is a classic example of a true believer. As far back as she can remember, she says, she has been optimistic, energetic, and motivated by her faith in God.

How else to explain all that she has

## Record Number Attend Family Weekend

George Fox University hosted more than 600 people on campus Nov. 3–5 for Family Weekend. “It grows every year, and this was an all-time high,” says Sheri Philips, director of alumni and parent relations.

Philips attributes the growth to “Genesis,” the summer registration program for new students and their parents, conducted by the admission office. “They’re taking such excellent care of parents and starting a type of communication with them that’s meeting their needs,” she says.

Other factors include a newsletter for parents, the strength of the Parents’ Council, and programs such as the Parents’ Day of Prayer and Family Weekend.

“Together, all of this really sets the stage

## Women's Soccer

Led by Northwest Conference Player of the Year Karli Holub, the George Fox women's soccer team posted the second-best record in team history at 13-5 and finished third in the Northwest Conference at 11-3.

Only the 1998 team's record of 15-4-2 topped this year's season results, which included seven wins in the first eight Northwest Conference matches. The highlight of the season was a 1-0 victory over nationally ranked Willamette, breaking the Bearcats' 62-game regular-season conference winning streak.

Holub, a junior forward from Pleasant Hill, Ore., finished second in the conference in scoring (35 points, 1.94 per match), goals (13, 0.72) and assists (9, 0.5), and scored nine goals that either tied a game, put the Bruins ahead, or were game winners. A three-time all-conference first-team selection, Holub is the University's all-time leader in goals (42), assists (18) and total points (102).

Senior defender Erin Oates, Grover Beach, Calif., also was named to the all-conference first team. Second team honors went to defender Beth Liljenberg, a junior from Portland; Rachel Denning, a sophomore midfielder from Boring, Ore.; and midfielder Brooke Pitner, a freshman from Vancouver, Wash.

## Men's Soccer

If ever a team would have benefited from a "split season" format, it was the 2000 GFU men's soccer team.

In the first half of the season, the Bruins were 7-1-1, with a 3-0 start in Northwest Conference play. Their only