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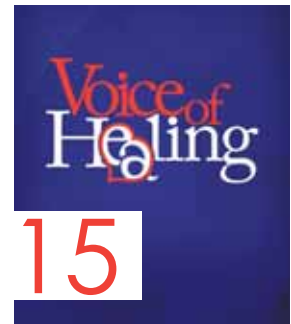
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CFNI REACHING THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

BY DENNIS LINDSAY



How in the world is the Church going to reach today's generation? If there is going to be a great revival as the Prophet Joel reveals in Scripture, then there must be a way to train young people for this mission. Christ For The Nations Institute is anointed to reach the millennial generation. CFNI is a Bible School that is set apart in a very unique way. The Bible based curriculum is not simply about accumulating Bible knowledge, but it is about each individual being strategically positioned to be transformed by the power of the living God and His Word.

WHAT OR WHO IS THE X, Y, OR MILLENNIAL GENERATION?

Our current generation is called the X, Y, or Millennial generation. Previously, those born before the 1970's were made up of the Post WWII baby boomers and baby busters. In a nutshell, those following the baby boomers and baby busters have been designated the post-modern generation or the X, Y, or Millennial generation. This post-modern generation usually refers to anyone born after 1980. I am convinced these youth will be the generation that God will anoint and use to usher in the final great revival which the Bible proclaims in Joel 2:28-32.

Generation gaps have always been a part of the sociological landscape. However, culture shock occurs at times when an older generation tries to relate to or understand a younger generation. With the pace of technological advances and the internet, the gap seems to be widening, not to mention, the hip-hop language, music, funky clothes, tattoos, and piercings, all of which reveal outward signs of a generation who is intensely searching for meaning and identity. Most senior citizens would love to turn the clock back to the "good old days," but it won't happen. Today's contemporary culture is so unconventional and non-traditional that parents should try to understand the culture that is dramatically influencing their children. We know that the greatest missionaries are those who know and understand the culture and language of those they are ministering to and can bridge that culture to be able to respond to the Gospel message.

SURVIVORS OF THE MODERN DAY HOLOCAUST

The youth of the millennial generation have survived the 21st century, modern-day holocaust (over 50 million U.S. babies have been killed since the legalization of abortion in 1973), and yet, many of these individuals have come to the conclusion that there is actually no reason to survive. Students have been taught that they are the result of an accident, there is no purpose in life, and when they die, they will be dead. There is no future and no after life. Man is simply the product of chance that has evolved from pond scum.

The Millennial generation's motto is, "Hey, let's live life to the extreme." They are looking for a gig (an entertaining engagement) or searching for the transcendent (something beyond the limits of all possible experience and knowledge). They are into extreme sports, reality shows, and life on the edge. They blog, communicate on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter in cyber space, listen to U-2 songs, play X-box for days without end, are into text messaging, iPods, iPhones, drink lattes, and drive hybrid SUV's.

They have access to instant information, both good and evil, on any subject through the Internet on their iPads and iPhones, etc. Their culture is radically different from any previous culture. The millennial generation is involved in an intellectual revolution taking place in the world today, much like what occurred in the Middle Ages. It seems the foundations of the modern world are collapsing, and we are entering the “brave new world,” which states that the only thing one can believe is what is in one’s own heart and what is experienced personally.

The millennial generation has been taught by secular humanists that there is no absolute truth. As a result, the youth have become skeptical and suspicious of authority. Morality has become blurred and materialism dominates the culture. This generation has been led up the road to nowhere. They have come to believe that they don’t know where they are going, and they don’t really know where they have been.

With the threat of nuclear annihilation, and the continual threat of natural disasters by tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados that can destroy communities and cities in a moment of time, not to mention the threat of oncoming meteorite impacts that can wipe out the human race in a millisecond, young people do not see much of a future for their lives.

THE “HAVE IT YOUR WAY” RELIGION:

Today’s youth are wallowing in mysticism, relativism, amorality and haven’t got a clue about life’s great questions: Where did I come from, what am I doing here, and where am I going? Secular humanism once proudly boasted of changing the world and solving all of mankind’s ills through technology and progress. Now the dream

has become an illusion. Technology has failed to solve man’s problems, and it has contributed to human suffering such as the destruction of rain forests, the Chernobyl and Japanese nuclear accidents, global pollution, global warming, global war, genocide, and the threat of nuclear annihilation.

As a result, the millennial generation has negative attitudes towards organized Christianity, hypocrisy, and conservative politics. They seem to have an appetite for spirituality in any form: Buddhism, other Eastern religions, meditation, yoga, and the New Age. As a result of the pessimism towards science and the future, the post-modern generation is searching for meaning through spiritual realms. A glance at the newsstand over the last decade, catches an avalanche of cover story magazines, featuring spiritual issues—most of them on the New Age Movement and other Eastern faiths. There is a renewed interest in matters of faith. The reason for this is that God has put within every human soul a void, which can only be filled with Himself. Unfortunately, the post-modern generation has been taught to fill the void with the god of their choice.

The choices are numerous due to each belief system being user friendly, with little accountability and no threat of eternal punishment. These belief systems do not ask much of their subscribers. It allows one to pick and choose with emphasis on self-fulfillment and inner spiritual discovery and exploration. There is a greater sense of self worth and appreciation for one’s body than spirituality. Satan has always been clever in packaging his deceptive lies in a beautiful, slick cover. Unfortunately, each of Satan’s lies lead to the same dead end.

The millennial generation has a smorgasbord of



“AT CFNI, STUDENTS ARE EQUIPPED FOR REAL-WORLD MINISTRY THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND ANOINTED PROFESSORS, WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THEIR STUDENTS.”

possibilities, which offers them the same pleasure the Burger King ad does, “Have it your way.” This appeals to the flesh and allows one to create his or her own personalized belief system without boundaries. As a result, moral instruction from a Christian persuasion is of little appeal to the millennial generation.

A DEAD END FOR THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

What is occurring with the present generation is that they are a marked generation by insecurity and anxiety. There is no purpose, no meaning, no identity, no future—only hopelessness. Traditionally, the family unit has nurtured solid families and provided some sense of self esteem and identity. Today, the family breakdown has loosened the bonds of family ties and security, leaving the post-modern generation to fend for themselves. For this reason the youth have no sense of being connected, and their individual freedom increases at the expense of personal identity. Materialism is what the youth have turned to as they drift, looking for anything for a point of reference to give them personally and their life some meaning. Understand that when people cease believing in God, it’s not that they stop believing in anything. It’s that they will believe in anything that is desirable. It may be Mother Nature, astrology, meditation, marijuana, or the occult.

The Christian community, led by an older, mature generation may be inclined to react in anger or fear, failing to recognize that the post-modern generation is groping for meaning to life. They have been raised by their materialistic, consumer-age parents, who are devoted to instant gratification. Without a lack of moral restraints, today’s youth have been taught to pursue immediate pleasure at the expense of personal identity. There is not much for young people to cling to. They search, hoping to find meaningful relationships. The millennial generation

has lost its ability to discern right from wrong because it has lost the truth about the person, character, and nature of God.

THE POST-MODERN GENERATION DOESN’T CARE ABOUT CHURCH

How does the Church reach out to the post-modern generation? Studies reveal that the younger generation does not go to church because it is unreal and meaningless to their everyday life. A recent George Barna survey reveals that two-thirds of Americans no longer believe in objective Truth. This does not mean they do not believe in God, nor does it mean they do not go to church. They simply live by a different set of values than their parents. The 1960’s hit song by Bob Dylan, (the rock icon of the baby boomers), “The Times They are a Changing” sounds like he had prophetic insight into the times in which we are living.

Unfortunately, the non-religious youth of our society look at the relevancy of the Church much like watching the old reruns of the 1950’s “I Love Lucy” shows. Not much has changed. After visiting a church service once a year at the invitation of a friend, they conclude, “Not much has changed.” Our evangelism and preaching must be relevant to the millennial generation if young people are to be reached. The Gospel has to be good news, rather than yesterday’s news. It must meet their needs where they are today, not yesterday, or tomorrow.

CFNI CAN REACH THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

I believe the ministry of Christ For The Nations has prevailed for the previous 60 years because its purpose was birthed in the heart of God. It’s focal point and passion is obedience to the Great Commission—to harvest sons and daughters into the family of God, disciple them in His



ways, and then train them to reproduce themselves.

The ministry has not been built on gifted or charismatic personalities, but simply managed by faithful stewards with the character, heart and vision of the Father. As CFNI's students learn about the supernatural, while attending they are instructed to not seek human wisdom to instigate "revival." They quickly learn that to lean on the arm of human wisdom, while doing God's work, may be deadly. King David discovered this the hard way when he took the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel on a new cart, rather than on the shoulders of the priests as God had instructed. CFNI's standard of ministry instruction is to seek to know the Father's heart, so that the anointing will remain strong upon every facet of one's ministry and upon every man and woman of God who is serving him in the ministry.

CFNI is more practical than it is theoretical. Each course emphasizes servant leadership and sincerity in life. Numerous opportunities are provided for on-the-job ministry training, in order that the student can gain practical experience. This allows the student to apply and grow in his development of a Spirit-led life and in studying the Word of God.

At CFNI, students are equipped for real-world ministry through hands-on experience and anointed professors, who are dedicated to their students. During their training, they are given the opportunity to engage in a local church internship, which is part of the student ministry program. After graduation, students have the opportunity to receive their ministerial license through the CFN Fellowship of Ministers and Churches.

At one of our board meetings, when we were considering the advantages of pursuing accreditation, our Missions Director shared, "Sirs, when I came to CFNI in the 1980's, I didn't come here for a transcript; I came here to be transformed. I believe the majority of students who

come to this Institution do so, first of all, to receive a heart transformation."

One of the principles CFNI seeks to instill in each student is that a missionary is not one who crosses the sea, but one who sees the Cross. If there is going to be a true end-time revival that reaches into the hearts of the millennial generation, it will not simply be done with good academic Bible training which inspires individuals to become members of a good Church. Rather, it will be accomplished by the power and anointing of the Savior and God's Spirit in and through His Word that will motivate individuals to become world-changers and God-worshippers.

Central to the heartbeat of CFNI is its call to worship. Each morning, before classes begin, all students meet together for a time of worship and prayer. This sets the stage for students to receive the anointed Word and empower them to go into the world to impact it with the Gospel message of salvation, healing, deliverance, and holiness. This is the message that changes the lives of the millennial generation and brings on the end-time revival. CFNI is a spiritual training camp to help fulfill the prophetic message in the book of Joel.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28, 29 NIV).

Come to CFNI, and have your world turned upside down, inside out, and right side up. Come to be trained to evangelize the world, and each generation that rises up from within it, with the power, Presence, and "Good News" of the Gospel. 🌊



THE CFNI PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL CELEBRATES MISSY LINDSAY'S (CENTER FRONT) DEGREE CONVERSION DIPLOMA.

President's Council, left to right, John Hollar, Adam McCain, Ed Bianchi, Ginger Lindsay, Rod Groomer, Randy Delp, Dennis Lindsay, Jack Hatcher, Eric Belcher, Brian Downey




MAJOR Developments at CFNI

By
Brian Downey
Academic Dean

Looking back over the history of CFNI, we cannot help but marvel at God's blessing, with over 38,000 students attending our Institute! They have come from every state in our nation, as well as every corner of the globe to be trained, equipped, and sent out! Over the years there have been numerous changes to the Institute. Initially, when Gordon and Freda Lindsay started the Bible School in 1970, it was only intended to be for one year. It soon became obvious that a second year of studies was needed, as none of the students wanted to leave after just one year. It was then proposed, in the '90s, that a third year be added to the program. At first, Mom Lindsay didn't like the idea, but subsequently, she embraced the concept as the School of Missions was birthed. Some years later the Pastoral School was started, followed by three other schools, as well as a Spanish School and the School of Evening and Weekend Studies.

For years, students have earned one of the numerous one, two, or three year certificates and diplomas as they have walked across the stage during one of our December or May commencement ceremonies. Actually, looking back, many of our graduates between 1976 and 1986 were able to earn a degree; it was during this period that the State of Texas granted CFNI permission to award the Associate of Practical Theology Degree. This permission, however, was given under the condition that CFNI pursue accreditation in order to maintain our degree-granting status. In 1984, after



much prayer, counsel, and research, the CFNI leadership team determined that accreditation was not the path for the Institute to pursue. The Institute leadership therefore notified the state of our decision; accordingly, the last graduating class to earn the Associate Degree was December, 1986, and effective May, 1987, CFNI graduates began earning diplomas.

Twenty-four years later, we find ourselves again at this juncture with degrees and diplomas. Recent events within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) have now made it possible for CFNI to offer degrees. Historically the THECB has provided oversight and control of religious higher education in the State of Texas; nevertheless, the recent policy changes have removed that oversight. These policy changes allow CFNI to once again confer degrees! It should, of course, be noted that these are religious degrees, exempt from state oversight, and without the requirement of a federally recognized accreditation.

Therefore, under the guidance of President Dennis Lindsay and Chief Operating Officer, Ginger Lindsay, with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors of Christ For The Nations, we are excited to announce that CFNI will again confer degrees. Not only will CFNI offer the two-year, 64 credit hours, Associate of Practical Theology Degree, as it did between 1976 and 1986, but we will also award the 120 credit hour, Bachelor of Practical Ministry Degree for the first time in our history! This new bachelor degree is earned after completing just three

years of study at CFNI in Dallas and offers six different majors to choose from: Children's and Family, Global Missions, Healing and Miracles, Leadership and Pastoral, Worship and Technical Arts, and Youth Studies.

The three-year bachelor degree plan is somewhat new in the United States, but is certainly gaining popularity. This model is widely accepted in Europe, as well as Canada, and serves the students well by making it possible to earn the necessary credit hours for the bachelor degree in just three years, rather than the usual four years. This three year program not only saves the students time, but also additional tuition, housing, board, and registration fees.

While it is important to note that the above degrees are religious degrees without state regulation or federally recognized accreditation, these are credible degrees and CFNI credits continue to be transferable to many Christian Colleges and Universities. CFNI maintains formal agreements for transferring credits and scholarship programs with several Christian Universities, including Dallas Baptist University, Ecclesia College, The King's University, Oral Roberts University and Southwestern Assemblies of God University. Each of these institutions holds either a national or regional accreditation, recognized by the United States Department of Education. Our graduates are able to transfer up to 94 credit hours to an accredited university, which means that after one more year of General Education studies, a CFNI graduate can also

earn an accredited bachelor degree. Additionally, CFNI graduates who complete our bachelor degree program and have seven years of full-time ministry experience, qualify to apply directly into the graduate School of Divinity at Regent University, Virginia Beach, in order to pursue a master's level degree.

We extend our thanks to the CFN Board of Directors for their approval to move forward with offering the degrees, to Dennis and Ginger Lindsay for their visionary leadership moving CFNI ahead into the next season, and for the many hours of research and prayer by members of the Academic Affairs Committee under the watchful eyes of our ministry elders and CFN Vice Presidents, Dr. Eric Belcher and Dr. Jack Hatcher, Provost of CFNI.

With such exciting news to share, Adam McCain, Director of the Institute, scheduled a special chapel service to announce the new degree plans, along with several other initiatives that were ready to be revealed. This chapel service was held April 15, 2011, at the main auditorium in the Institute Building with the entire student body in attendance. We had an amazing morning with the students, announcing the new food services and food court program, the new CFNI website, and the degree granting ability. The students were overwhelmed with excitement and jumped to their feet with applause and shouts of joy to the Lord for what was being implemented at CFNI. After Chapel, students all over our campus were on their cell phones calling and texting parents, loved



ones, and friends, communicating the news. Within minutes, the phone lines at CFNI were ringing with inquiries about these new initiatives. The campus atmosphere was filled with excitement!

We are also excited to announce the diploma conversion program to our alumni who earned the Diploma of Practical Theology! If you earned the two-year diploma between 1987 and 2010 you are now able to request your diploma be “converted” to the new Associate of Practical Theology Degree! The THECB has confirmed that we are able to grandfather in these diplomas under our new degree-granting status. We ask that interested alumni log onto our CFNI alumni home page at <http://alumni.cfni.org/>

and complete the diploma conversion request form. Currently, the conversion price is \$30.00.

September 15, 2011, the price will go to \$75.00. We will mail your degree once it’s printed. (Be sure to take advantage of this discount while available.)

Additionally, many alumni have been contacting us, asking how they can continue their studies at CFNI to earn the Bachelor Degree. We are excited to hear from so many of our alumni and invite them to return to CFNI Dallas to complete the new 120 credit hour, Bachelor of Practical Ministry Degree. All previously earned credits are still valid and count towards the degree requirements. The length of time it

would take to complete the Bachelor Degree would depend on exactly how many hours you have previously completed at CFNI. Please contact CFNI Enrollment Services for details on re-enrolling at CFNI through our website at <http://admissions.cfni.org/>.

Brian Downey, a 1987 CFNI graduate, has served at Christ For The Nations Institute since 1997. He is currently the Director of Academic Affairs and a member of the President’s Council. Other degrees include a bachelor’s in Christian Ministries and Business and a master’s in Human Relations and Business. 🇺🇸

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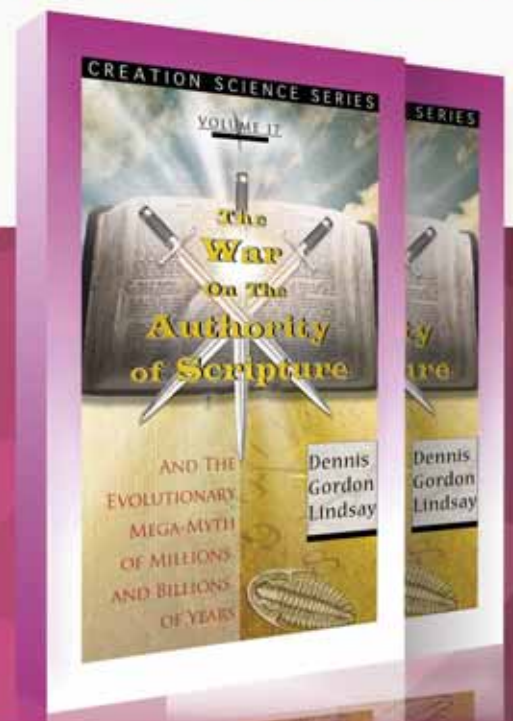
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YOURS IS GREEN; MINE IS RED

By:
Alumna, Rachel Allish
CFN Marketing Admin and
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Sometimes, little happenings throughout the day teach me lessons. On my way to work the other morning, I found myself stuck at a red light. Directly in front of me was a shiny little Mustang; to our left, sat a big, pick-up truck, patiently awaiting a left-turn arrow. I love mornings, but red lights are never fun when you're in a hurry.

Soon, it was obvious to me that the Mustang's driver wasn't well prepared for the day. The large truck got his green arrow and proceeded to turn left. To my surprise, the Mustang also accelerated; missing the fact that our lane still had a red light. The red-light camera flashed just as the Mustang crossed the intersection—barely escaping the impact of an oncoming car. Mere inches spared the drowsy, red-light-runner.

I quickly realized that sometimes I find myself doing the same thing. Rather than focusing on what pertains to me, I tend to feel like moving when someone else is given a green light. Even though we may both be sitting at the same light, or in the exact same location, the fact still remains that we're headed in completely different directions and should be moving at completely different times. I've now learned, however, that justifying my life in order to keep up with someone else's is like running a red light. It's simply wrong, often costly, and always messy.

Life is full of times to go and times to stop. Following someone else's path will only keep me off of mine. Sometimes, I'll need to wait. Other times, it will be my turn to proceed. This is the way God has designed it. The Scripture declares in Ecclesiastes, chapter three, verses one and eleven, "To everything there is a season; a time for every purpose under heaven ... He has made everything beautiful in its time." Remembering this will help me stay focused on what the Lord has set before me. My eyes will remain fixed on Him. 🙏

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"Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions. Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you. Look neither right nor left ..."
Proverbs 4:25-27
(The Message Bible)



CFNI IMPACTED MY LIFE



By
LaDonna Croffe
Dean of Women

“Pressure cookers are very effective, cooking the food from the surface all the way through to the center while also cutting the cooking time by up to two-thirds without losing the foods nutritional value ... It doesn't matter where you come from or where you've been. You could be as sweet as sweet tea or as bitter as bitter herbs; God has a way of using the short time spent here at CFNI to cut to the core of your very existence. ”

As a little girl, I learned that the way I responded to my mother, when she called my name, mattered. “What?” and “Huh?” were unacceptable. The appropriate response was “yes.” Even before I knew what was wanted or needed of me, “yes,” was always the right thing to say. A verbal yes, however, was never quite enough. In my mother's words, I also had to “come and see” what she wanted. I suppose she wasn't fond of communicating with me from a distance.

It was this experience that helped me to understand how to properly respond when God called my name. I know that whenever He calls, my “yes” must become something I do, rather than something I say. Abram understood this type of yes. God told him, “Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you” (Genesis 12:1). God basically said to Abram, “Come and see.” Abram did just that; he left where he was to get to where God wanted to take him.

When I came to CFNI, as a student in 2004, that was the beginning of one of my “come and see” moments. I'm sure you've had some of those times, as well. I believe that at some point, we all have had them or will have them. CFNI was my first BIG one, since I'd been a Christian. I had no idea that I was headed on a journey that would change my life forever. Seven years

later, I can see so clearly that God's call for me to come to CFNI wasn't just about going to Bible school. His call was more of an invitation to encounter Him. I wholeheartedly believe that that invitation is a part of the call He has for every individual who comes to this great Institute.

INVITATION FOR INTIMACY

God says in Jeremiah 9:23, 24, “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me.” Wow! The type of knowledge that God refers to in this text is more than a mere casual acquaintance. He's not talking about some mental assent to knowledge, or something we can read in a book, or hear from a guest speaker. He's not even talking about our emotional experiences or being able to recite all of His magnificent names. Knowing Him is about diving into the depths of Who He is in a very personal and intimate way.

You see, God desires more than a “fly-by-night” romance. He wants more than our left-over time, left-over allegiance, and left-over love. He wants all of us. He wants that part of us that can only come through intimacy. He wants that part of us that comes from gazing upon His beauty with undistracted attention. The amazing thing is that

He WANTS to reveal Himself to us. He wants a personal relationship with His children. So, when I was a student at CFNI, I took advantage of every opportunity to know God more. The times of all-night prayer, corporate days of fasting, and worship every morning, served as a launching pad for my increased intimacy with the Lord. Of course, intimacy is a personal choice, but God used CFNI to facilitate an atmosphere that stirs up true passion and hunger for Him.

INVITATION FOR COMMUNITY

In the midst of growing in intimacy with the Lord, another wonderful thing happens here. COMMUNITY! I graduated from CFNI in the spring of 2006, and remember that some of my greatest memories were spent in the company of other students. Whether it was interning at YFN summer camp or watching a movie in the Christian Center, some of my best times were spent with those God placed around me. Now, as the Dean of Women, I've still seen how living in community is healthy and life-giving.

One of our many goals in



the dean's dept. is to facilitate an environment for this to happen. At the beginning of every semester we have "Party in the Park," an event for the entire campus with bounce houses, rock climbing walls, Velcro walls, a petting zoo, and lots more! This serves as a great time for new and returning students to interact with one another and begin forming those lasting relationships. As the semesters continue, one week we'll worship together through painting and creative dance, and the next, we'll have a "pampering" night for the ladies to do their nails and make-up. With the guys it's no different. Baptism service today ... disc golf tomorrow!

There are also opportunities for students to be a part of small groups with the resident assistants or other students on campus. Sounds like fun, right? Well, it is! The thing that's the most fun is we get to grow in Christ. Community encourages us to live beyond ourselves, what we want, and what makes us comfortable. It provides an avenue for us to learn how to resolve conflict, accept the fact that not everyone thinks like we do, and love one another the way Jesus loves. When Jesus prayed for all believers in John 17, he prayed that we would come to complete unity so that the world would believe on Him. The quality of life we have with one another is our witness to the world!

INVITATION FOR GROWTH

Are you familiar with pressure cookers? They're really heavy pots with reinforced lids, designed to cook food at rapid rates. Pressure cookers are very effective, cooking the food from the surface all the way through to the center, cutting



the cooking time without losing the foods nutritional value. Additionally, they can be used to cook anything from tender vegetables to big chunks of meat without damaging the final product.

What does this have to do with CFNI? God has a way of using the short time spent at CFNI to cut to the core of your very existence. When He does, it ultimately kills the flesh (pride, anger, hatred, gossip, jealousy, immorality, etc), leaving behind what's good, His character (Love, joy, peace, patient, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). How does He do this? He uses roommates, instructors, worship, quiet times, policies, procedures, difficult financial moments—He uses the good, the bad, and the ugly. Paul says in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." What is His purpose for you? He wants you to look like Jesus! God uses every experience at CFNI to mold you into the image of His Son.

As a student, CFNI was one of the best experiences of my life. As an employee, CFNI is one of the best experiences of my life. There is much to be gained from this great place. The opportunity to encounter God in a new way awaits those called to CFNI. It won't be experienced by simply saying "yes," you'll actually have to "come and see." 🍷



DEVELOPING LEADERS

By: Adam McCain
Director of the Institute

One of the key areas responsible for the success or failure of an organization falls under the category - Leaders. CFNI is not only in the business of developing leaders, but we have some great examples of true, genuine leadership serving the Lord in various roles, throughout campus. The CFNI staff and faculty are dedicated to developing individuals to be leaders in God's army. Recently, I asked a few of many dedicated at CFNI, "Why do you love what you do for CFNI?" I believe their responses are worth sharing:



Roxanne Ford—Enrollment Services

My name is Roxanne Ford. I am the Director of Enrollment Services, and I have a staff of 16 people who work in my department. It's my joy to be in the area of our Institute which holds the door wide open. Enrollment Services encompasses Admissions, International Services, Recruiting, and Retention. We are not only the first face they see, but the last voice they hear. God has entrusted us with destinies. Our department is the one that fuels CFNI's engine. We are contacted by potential students from the U.S. and

countries around the world. At any given semester, we have over fifty different nations represented on our campus. It is exciting to be a door keeper for CFNI, which empowers and educates world-changers.



Jeff Polley—Student Services

I wear many hats, but an area that gives me great joy is guiding the students through the financial preprocess of paying for their expenses and seeing God do miracles. The Bible talks about money more than any other topic, and when students are here, they are forced to depend upon God and develop financial stewardship in their lives. Our department works hard to connect students to jobs and to also encourage them to take ownership of their finances. Sometimes, regardless of a student's best effort, he/she is still

a little short on their bill. If students cannot believe God for a few thousand dollars for their school bill, how will they believe God to heal the sick and raise the dead? Each semester, we see amazing miracles as God supernaturally provides for student finances in ways they never expected and from sources they didn't know. I am privileged to encourage students to totally rely on God for their needs, which helps them develop a life of faith.



Joe Temte—Deans Department

Privilege, Investment, Transformation: This is what I love about serving as Dean of Students at CFNI. Nothing compares to the thrill of walking into our main auditorium as students from around the globe gather to worship. Before chapel begins, students come together to pray and prepare to offer praises to our King! From start to finish, you can witness the power and Presence of God responding to their faith, love, and pursuit.

Through teaching, training, and personal mentoring, I have the honor of investing into students' hearts. A great treasure is receiving reports from graduates who returned home and have begun to bear much fruit.

Finally, witnessing Holy Spirit transformation is a tremendous aspect of my work. Each semester, over five hundred new students come from different backgrounds and cultures. The Holy Spirit immediately begins to work deeply in their lives as they cry out for His transformation. My reward is seeing them graduate as individuals who have developed humility, faith, godly character, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.



Michael Lehman—Multi-media Department

I love Media at CFNI because we are able to integrate so many different aspects of media into everything we do here on a daily basis. We train students in four key areas: Lighting, Video, Audio, and Media. The staff and students are then able to use these throughout the various aspects of CFNI from chapels, lectures, Tuesday Night Experience, and the annual recording.

Lighting is a great asset that can be used to set various atmospheres for worship, speakers, dramas, and other special activities. In Video, we incorporate camera operation, technical directing of services, video editing, and the creation of animated graphics. Audio is comprised of aspects from setting up sound systems to using proper mic techniques. In Media, we incorporate the use of Song Display, PowerPoint, and various other programs to play video content.

These four areas of multi-media require attention to many details and flexibility in knowing that something can go wrong. When a video doesn't work, everyone looks to the media team for an explanation. The use of multi-media equips us with the ability to impact the Kingdom of God in various avenues. Marketing can be done with video promotions, graphics are used during presentations, and incredible times of worship captured by the camera enable the experiences at CFNI to reach the nations of the world. We do it all to bring glory to the King of Kings, which is why I love Media at CFNI.



Michael Cole—Placement Services

One of the most rewarding experiences I have served in as a minister is getting to function as the Placement Director at CFNI. I have serendipitously discovered in my role that there is only ONE true Placement Director and that is the Lord of the Harvest! The Holy Spirit alone has the role of sending the laborer into the harvest, as we pray in Luke 10:2. It has been so exciting to be the connection point between graduates with a desire to serve and ministries with a role to fulfill.

Probably the most rewarding part of Placement has been developing existing and new avenues that will help guide graduates and alumni into ministry opportunities worldwide. In the near future, we will be offering "apprenticeships" to third year graduates, seeking to gain practical ministry experience or an evaluation period for placement. Over the years, CFNI has developed a healthy and diverse relational network of ministries, which allows us to partner together and link biblical training with practical ministry.



Sharon Hobbs—Gordon Lindsay House of Prayer

In the Gordon Lindsay House of Prayer we start fresh and new every semester in training students in worship and prayer. This means that those students who serve weekly, thirty-five hours of worship and prayer, change every few months. However, it's through this setting that we see the Divine sovereignty of God. Every semester, God sets the prayer focus for the students; it is amazing to witness that focus passed on to the next group of students through His Spirit.

This system offers its obstacles and challenges, but the beauty of it is seeing new students transformed by encountering the face of God. We want them to cultivate their inner life in God; as Gordon Lindsay stated, "Training men and women in the art of prevailing prayer." It means pushing them beyond the comfort zone they're accustomed to and pressing them to contend to hear the voice of God at a deeper level. This is just beautiful to see happen. **

Isaiah 62:6, "I have set watchman on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent." When passion, ability, and experience come together, they create the expertise to move things. As you can tell from our leaders' writings, they have the qualities to develop "World-Changers," and that is exactly what we are doing!

As leaders at CFNI, we take our responsibility to help train our students to reach their full potential in their roles of leadership very seriously. Christ For The Nations has become one of the forerunners in developing solid Christian leaders. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful; it is the laborers (leaders) that are few.



Testimony of how CFNI builds up Leaders.

A recent graduate by the name of Sean Rose has a powerful testimony. Sean Rose was a self-proclaimed atheist and evolutionist, until a close friend invited him to church and God changed his life. Sean committed himself to his local church, serving faithfully. He longed to be a man who changed the world for Jesus, but the lack of breakthrough and development left him in a life of carnality. Sean had been introduced to CFNI by his future wife and longed to attend, thinking this would be the place where God could really develop him. After marrying, he and his wife, Megan, came to CFNI.

Sean testifies that the first semester was all about God's cleansing work in his life, during which he was involved in the Jail & Prison Ministry. In this student ministry, the students enter local DFW prisons and minister face-to-face with the inmates, which "was terribly intimidating at first" Sean admits. It was here that Sean's real transformation happened. He fell in love with helping the hurting people who had been incarcerated, and his leadership began to emerge. Following his two years in this student ministry and the summer in full-swing, there were no students able to take on the leadership of the Prison Outreach, so Sean stepped up. His need for student ministry credit was already fulfilled, but Sean volunteered to lead anyway.

Under his leadership this year, the Prison Outreach team has personally handed out 750 Bibles for the inmates to keep. In June and July alone, they prayed with over 100 inmates to receive Jesus. To their excitement, each week, they see miraculous healings— back and neck pain, STDs, and broken bones.

Sean testifies: "If it wasn't for CFNI, I would have been one of those complacent Christians who never did anything for Jesus and never reached the call God had on my life."

Like Sean, so many students declare it was here, at CFNI, that their Christian leadership was developed. With the past 43 years as an indicator of what is to come, CFNI has a bright and promising future of training Christian leaders for many generations. 🙏

WORSHIP'S AIM

BY GABRIEL ALLRED

Institute Worship Leader



Standing in front of a student body every morning to lead worship is something I never thought I'd be doing. Its reality cannot be adequately explained. It's like trying to convey the facets of marriage to a single person. Words only go so far. Anyone can burn with passion for something for a short period of time, but seasons change. If my worship is only alive on stage, then I am not. Worship doesn't have an on and off switch, only an aim. Like a water hose. It's going to shower something. The question is, "What?" I've learned I must lay a firm hold on my own personal passion to see God glorified, in me—through me, to see those under me carry that same flame. Christ For The Nations has taught me to carry intimacy with me through each moment of the day. Regardless. Worship never stops. 🌿

Healing ❤️ Testimonies

VERIFIED HEALINGS AT CFNI CAMPUS STUDENT'S HEARING RESTORED

Daniel "Shayka" Minter is a student of CFNI. In recent years Shayka came to know Jesus as his Savior. Daniel came to Christ For The Nations to pursue God's plan for his life. He has experience as a producer in the music industry. For most of his life, one of Shayka's ears was 85% deaf. At an evening service during the Kilpatrick Revival, hosted by CFNI in February, Daniel was in the production booth. The Lord's Presence was healing people in the CFNI auditorium. Shayka was enjoying watching the rich altar ministry down near the platform. While still in the production booth, without anyone praying over him, Shayka's deaf ear started dripping a clear fluid. Daniel "Shayka" Minter began to hear from his deaf ear! He ran to the front of the altar rejoicing giving glory to God for this healing.

Daniel "Shayka" Minter // <http://holyhustlas.com>

COUGH HEALED

I was a student in the Principles of Healing and Miracles class at CFNI. I kept having a bad cough in the middle of the night. It was so bad that I couldn't breathe, and it was scaring me. God healed me from it when I spoke out my healing in a loud voice with power and authority. I declared my healing and trusted God, and He healed me by the end of that week. I did not cough anymore because I was healed.

Anonymous (used with permission)

ALLERGIES HEALED

About midway through the Principles of Healing and Miracles II class, I realized, "If the Word of God is true, and healing is in the Atonement, then allergies should not be ruling my life." I began to implement what I learned, and spoke the Word everyday, at the appearance of every allergic symptom. I'm now able to breathe through my nose, and I've been off of allergy medicine for over four months. Praise God!

Jeremy Willis

Please see Voice of Healing Conference information on the back cover.



THE BUTCHER, THE BAKER, AND THE CANDLESTICK MAKER

By: Dr. Jack Hatcher
Vice President of CFNI and Provost of the Institute

My tenure with CFNI and CFN Inc. began in August 1981 as Dean of Students and a teacher. Having newly arrived on campus with my family, Alta and Dan, the first person who met us was Dr. Harold Reents, former Director and Academic Dean. In our opening discussion Dr. Reents attempted to describe to me “Who is called to attend CFNI?” he noted with enthusiasm, “The Butcher, The Baker, and the Candlestick Maker.” I thought to myself ... interesting comment, coming from someone who holds a Ph.D., and was the Director of an International Ministry.

As I taught and met students from around the world, I understood his curious description of our student body and its diversity. Yes, we had seventeen-year-olds, right out of high school, but we also had those with a B.S., M.A., Ph.D., or accreditation from all walks of life—physicians, lawyers, school teachers, businessmen and women, engineers, accountants, etc.

Students who attend CFNI have a common thread or theme; they were called here to become more equipped to actualize the purpose God had given them in life.

I remember Dr. Bertha from South India who came to participate in our third year, Advanced Leadership and Pastoral Major. Dr. Bertha teaches anatomy in a medical school of Southern India; she took a one year sabbatical to become more equipped in her ministry skills. Back in India, Dr. Bertha was in charge of a ministry at her local church, which reached out to young street women. When she went back she continued to teach in the medical school but the call of God on her was to see these young street women saved, delivered, healed, and discipled in Christ. Dr. Bertha has honed her ministry skills at CFNI,

her focus is on eternal things. “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:14) Similar to Dr. Luke of the New Testament, her higher calling is reaching people for Christ.

Many of our graduates continue their education by going to other colleges or universities. A few years ago, one of our graduates received a promotion in the corporation he’d been with for several years. When the President of his company called him into his office to inform him of the promotion, he asked, “To what do you attribute your success?” The alumnus responded by giving a brief history of his Christian upbringing, his education at CFNI, and how he learned to put his future hopes and desires in the Lord (Matt. 6:33, 34). He also explained how he specifically prayed for the people both under and over him and asked the Lord for wisdom in his work efforts.

The answer to the end-time needs in our world today will never be met by man’s natural talents or intelligence. The Apostle Paul expresses this as “foolishness.” (1 Cor. 1:27) The only answer that brings forth redemption and peace has been taught for over forty-three years at CFNI. With a foundation built on Christ, by the unusual sacrifices of Gordon and Freda Lindsay, and their family, and others who have followed after them in service to the Lord. Gordon quotes in one of his books, “And above all, let each one of us make our full consecration to fulfill our part in Christ’s Great Commission, the evangelization of the world.” Is God calling you to study and be equipped at Christ For The Nations? 🙏

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