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# NEWSLETTER

## LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY REVIVES FORMERLY DISMANTLED ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM

*By Paige Patterson*

Lipscomb University's Lanier Center for Archaeology in Nashville, TN, features academic programs on the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels led by Dr. Steven Ortiz and Dr. Tom Davis. Dorothy and I recently visited the Center named for Houston attorney Mark Lanier to deliver our personal contribution. God in His mercy did not allow our dreams of an evangelical program of biblical archaeology to be quashed. Instead He has made the program bigger and better than ever! Our sincere thanks to President Randy Lowry and his administration for assisting our students and professors who moved to Lipscomb to continue their critically important work. The Sandy Creek Foundation is thrilled to join us in supporting an international work of such importance.



*Tom Davis, Mark Lanier, Paige Patterson, and Steven Ortiz gather in Lipscomb University's new Lanier Center for Archaeology*

## SANDY CREEK FOUNDATION: GLOBAL MINISTRY IN PANDEMIC TIMES

*By Armour Patterson*

The pandemic has made 2020 and now 2021 a challenge for all of us in ministry, but these changes have not changed our mission at Sandy Creek. Due to forces of business and economics, there has been a substantial movement of Japanese individuals and families into the greater Dallas area, and their

numbers are steadily increasing. The presence of the Japanese Baptist Church of North Texas in Dallas, led by Pastor Yutaka Takarada, a former student of Dr. Patterson's, has given us a lead partner in outreach. As Pastor Takarada preaches regularly both in Texas and Japan, and given that many

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*Armour Patterson preaching*

Japanese professionals may come here for several years and then return to Japan, our mission can focus both upon the citizens of Japan and on the Japanese people here.

Armour Patterson currently serves in the JBCNT under Pastor Takarada. They are working to utilize multiple forms of outreach, some of which are conventional and others that are not, to make the many

non-religious Japanese feel welcome. Dr. Patterson also has preached there on several occasions. The work of the members at JBCNT has allowed for the production of some pieces of gospel literature in Japanese as well as Japanese translation for sermons put out on video through various venues. Pastor Takarada and Armour also remain in contact with pastors and missionaries presently serving in Japan and continue to try to find

more ways to assist and encourage them.

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## INDIA—LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

Our ministry focuses on going as Jesus went, seeing as Jesus saw, feeling as Jesus felt, and doing as Jesus did according to Matt. 9:35-38 in order to reach the unreached and to train them to reach their own people and villages. In 2020 because of the lockdown, we could not go out and preach the gospel in the villages. But God opened doors for our ministry to reach 1,359 non-Christian families with food supplies along with one Holy Bible each. Later on when the lockdown was relaxed, our people were able to follow up each of the families and present the gospel. Seven hundred lost souls received Jesus as their personal Savior, and seven new churches were planted. Students come from Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, and throughout India.



*Food Distribution In India*

## MADAGASCAR— FBC, FORT DAUPHIN

*By Nirintsoa and Toky Mamitiana*

First Baptist Church, Fort Dauphin, is a growing, healthy church. Since last year, we have more than 50 church members. Recently, we had our first koinonia fellowship with those who are covenant members. The word of God is preached each Sunday. We prioritize evangelism, discipleship, and mercy ministries. Through personal, door-to-door, open-air evangelism we have shared the gospel with more than 6,000 people in Fort Dauphin and the bush of the Androy land, resulting in 256 professions of faith and 12 baptisms. We fed 1,200 units (with at least 8 to 12 people in the house unit). We praise the Lord for supplying prayer partners and

faithful supporters to make this strategic ministry possible.

Toky started Shema Christian Academy last year. We are moving toward year two. By faith, we are slowly producing concrete bricks. Our church has given sacrificially to make these bricks, slowly gathering materials we need to build the church building with the school on top. A pastor friend is an architect, and he is preparing the plans for this construction. Every day the need for the Christian Academy is confirmed, and Toky and I are encouraged with the direction and growth of the school. Pray for God to provide

all we need for the 2021-2022 school year beginning in August.



*The people are making their own bricks one at a time to build the church and school*



*The "Dorothy" carries us into the Bush. After many trips, we need four new tires!*

<b>6,000</b> PEOPLE HEARD THE GOSPEL	<b>12</b> BAPTISMS
<b>256</b> PROFESSIONS OF FAITH	<b>12,000</b> HUNGRY PEOPLE FED



# SPANISH MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

*by Joe and Melva Jordan*

We rejoice in God's good hand on training young men and women in the Word of God. The Spanish Master of Arts in Ministry is an online degree from Piedmont Divinity School of Carolina University located in

Winston Salem, NC. Dr. Paige Patterson is teaching Old Testament, Theology, the Book of Revelation, and Contemporary Theological Trends. Dr. Dorothy Patterson and Dr. Candi Finch are teaching Biblical Womanhood. What a joy to see students enrolling from 17 countries—South

America, Central America, Mexico, and Europe—growing in their knowledge of the Word of God and being equipped for service as pastors, pastors' wives, missionaries, and those pursuing other equipping ministries.



*Joe Jordan and Paige Patterson*



*Paige Patterson teaching*

# WOMAN-WOMAN-TEACHING IN THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT TRUETT MCCONNELL UNIVERSITY

According to the [intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com)'s 2020 Best Master of Arts in Theology rankings, Truett McConnell University ranks as the Best for Women's Studies concentration.

"There are times where the world claims Biblical topics as its own, and the job of a Christian University is to reclaim them for Christ," said Dr. Maël Disseau, dean for the Balhasar Hubmaier School of Theology and

Missions. "Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Candi Finch, our women's studies program reclaims women's studies from a Biblical perspective."

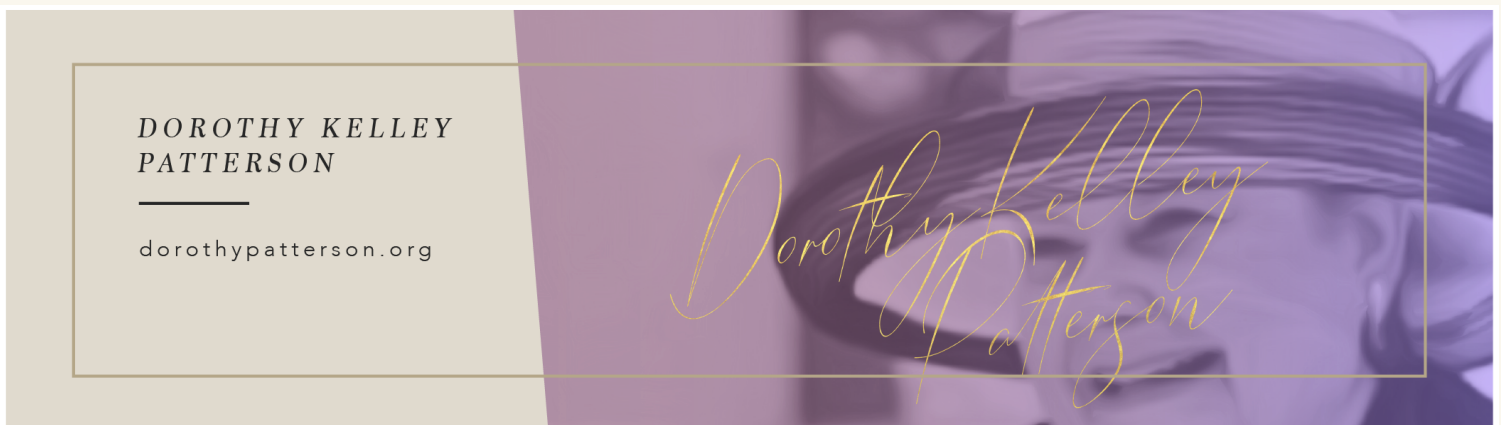


*TMU's Master of Arts in Theology Women's Concentration Receives Recognition*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- The court in Bremen, Germany, just fined Olaf Latzel, a Luthersque pastor, €8,100, or about \$10,000, for the alleged crime of publicly standing up for biblical marriage and calling attention to the fact that the Bible has something to say about same-sex unions. In a throwback to Hitler's repression of freedom of faith and freedom of speech, Bremen seeks to silence Latzel, who will not be silenced. The Sandy Creek Foundation offers its enthusiastic support to this courageous pastor. Pray with us and the German evangelical community for God's intervention.
- Paige and Dorothy Patterson and their ministries in churches and institutions as well as writing projects and personal mentoring and counseling
- Candi Finch and her teaching at Truett McConnell University and at Boston Bible College as well as her work with young women in her local church
- Armour Patterson and the Japanese Baptist Church of North Texas as well as writing projects in English and Japanese
- Transition of Scott and Sharayah Colter to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN, and Kimberly Hobbs, with her husband Jason, to his pastorate in Alabama
- Replacement tires for the vehicle (\$2,000) and solar-operated projector and screen (\$5,000) to be used in the Bush of Madagascar
- Worship shed church for campus (\$5,000) in northeastern India

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