



THE FLAME

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TODD DALY TO JOIN FACULTY IN THEOLOGY

Celebrate with us! Urbana Seminary has a theologian! We offered the faculty position in Theology to Todd Daly. At the meeting of June 6 the Board confirmed the offer and on June 8, Todd accepted the job. Todd will arrive to begin teaching Theology 2 and Ethics in the spring semester. Todd is completing his Ph.D. in Theology with an emphasis in Bioethics at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He expects to defend his dissertation in the fall. Todd comes to us with a varied set of experiences—for a stretch of his career he worked as an electrical engineer for Motorola—and with a diverse church background, that we believe will help him to connect with the wide range of students who attend Urbana Seminary. When he arrives Todd will teach the spectrum of courses in Theology, as well as courses in Ethics and Apologetics. Todd and his wife, Ann, have two small children (Malynn, 2 and Grey, 4 months).



WOULD YOU HELP TODD CROSS THE ATLANTIC?

Todd and his family need to move to Illinois. Our budget for helping move someone here to fill the position was based on our guess that whomever we hired would live in America. Coming from Scotland adds a new wrinkle. It will cost more to move the family here, possibly double the budgeted amount. Beyond that the family needs to fly to get over here. Would you consider making a special gift beyond whatever you regularly give to the Seminary to help Todd and family come over the Atlantic? If so please note on the envelope "Daly moving fund."

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Donations to the Library August 2004 - June 2005
Over 1700 book have been donated to the UTS Library

There are so many ways to help build a school for God's glory. The above people have provided an invaluable service through the donation of books which will be used in the burgeoning Seminary Library. So we want to say "Thank you!" And let you see how God is graciously expanding our circle of support in so many varied ways.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In the past several months I can see God's hand on Urbana Seminary in tangible ways. Approval from the state; graduating our first two Certificate students; and Todd Daly accepting the offer to fill the faculty position in Theology are all highlights! But beyond the big news events, I see the Spirit of God at work in so many ways in the lives of our students and am moved by them, their growth, and the chance to be involved in their lives. Sitting in a coffee shop or my office to talk about future directions, about the church, about the Bible, about God and His working, about life... gives such a gratifying sense of what our Lord is doing to prepare people. And of how our seminary's classes and relationships all fit together for God to use. I'm blessed to have this as my calling.

Ken

In Christ, Kenneth Cuffey

URBANA SEMINARY GRADUATES FIRST CLASS

On May 20, 2005, Urbana Theological Seminary awarded the Graduate Certificate of Christian Studies to Natalie Cho and Mary Um. This is a first for us! Natalie and Mary have each been taking classes for the last several years to prepare for fulfilling God's call on their lives. Natalie and her family will be moving to Bangkok, Thailand later this year where she and her husband Milo will work with a church. Mary will be using what she has learned in a ministry teaching in the public schools. The ceremony was conducted in the beautiful setting of the Chapel of St John the Divine Episcopal in Champaign. We were honored to have Dr. Judith Webb play the organ. The brief commencement address to the graduates was based on Zechariah 4. A reception for the graduates followed at the Canterbury House next door to the Chapel. Our special thanks to Mike Chan for photographing the event and to Kim Sauder and Ann Steffen for ushering and facilitating the reception.



Derick Miller, Ken Cuffey, Adrian Lamkin, Paul Chi
Natalie Cho, Mary Um



URBANA SEMINARY RECEIVES ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROVAL FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

Though many of you have heard the sounds of our celebration over this since the last newsletter came out, we did want to make sure that you all knew! On April 5, the Illinois Board of Higher Education voted to grant Operating Authority to Urbana Seminary for the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Religion degrees. In essence this creates the degree programs. It means that we can accept people into each program and allow them to begin pursuing either degree. Praise the Lord! This is a huge step.

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