



# Covington Informer



*Dr. Steve Sullivan*

## *From the President's Heart*

How gracious and marvelous is our God. I continue to be blown away by our Lord's enabling grace and His commitment to our school and His provision for us. In our international outreach and commitment to train pastors and church leaders around the world, our Lord is doing a magnificent work and showing Himself faithful to support the teaching of His Word.

Dr. Eddie Ildefonso has proven to be a dynamic spiritual leader and an anointed agent of the Lord in establishing international extensions. Please read Dr. Ildefonso's thrilling article in this issue of the Informer. He will update us on the exciting events of his and Dr. Fleetwood's experience in Papua, in which a new extension was birthed simply by an exploratory visit.

That invitation came through one of our graduates, Pastor Lipiyus Biniluk. Pastor Biniluk had a brief visit with us during the graduation week of 2014 and issued an invitation for Dr. Ildefonso to visit his country. On the visit it was discovered that Pastor Biniluk is actually one of the key governmental leaders for the whole nation. His home island was where the gospel first came to the island nation of Indonesia and remains one of the key areas of the whole system. On the visit, Dr. Ildefonso and Dr. Fleetwood were given opportunity to preach and teach and their teaching was broadcast nationwide.

Listen to the invitation that was issued to Covington through Pastor Biniluk. Pastor Biniluk had chosen Covington to investigate and to attend personally because of a need he perceived for his country. Dr. Ildefonso was issued an invitation to change the spiritual direction of this nation by changing the spiritual development of their pastors. Thereby, through changing the biblical competency of the pastors and church leaders, the churches would be changed, along with their communities and their culture. What an awesome challenge and what an amazing opportunity.

Come change our nation. Wow! I cannot imagine anything more evident of God's mighty hand than this. Please Pray for Dr. Ildefonso and our international deans as they labor together to do this very thing. This endeavor bears the mark of the same labors as the apostle Paul. Please join us as we provide a prayer covering for these remarkable servants of our Lord. Also, remember that there is a gigantic need for financial support to translate materials into the native language of our Indonesian students. You may support this work by giving to ***Impact Eternity*** – Covington Theological Seminary.

God bless you. You are loved. Pastor Steve

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**TRAINING LEADERS, IMPACTING ETERNITY**



## *Graduation Banquet 2015*

An evening of fun, food and fellowship was enjoyed by all the graduates and their friends and family. Music was provided by the Clay family.

### Award winners for the graduating class of 2015:

President's Female Award



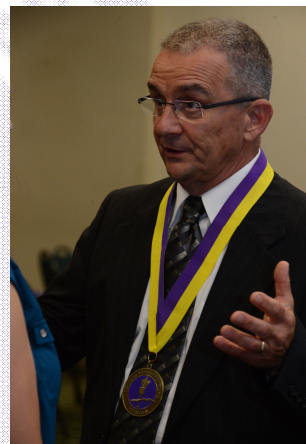
Elizabeth Arthur

Pioneer Award



Michael Stansell

Scholastic Award



Gary Fleetwood

Academic Award



Kenneth Bryan Ward

President's Male Award



John McCarthy





Dr. Bret Sullivan, Vice President of Operations

It is my great honor to have a role at Covington Theological Seminary. It is rare that we can do something that we love and enjoy every day and do it with people that we love and admire. Covington is important to so many of us and the Lord is being glorified and exalted throughout the nations, together in us. We are doing this as a family of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit. There is no greater joy and fulfillment than being used by our heavenly Father for the glory of His Son, Jesus Christ.

There has been so much taking place at Covington and through us. We have board members almost monthly in other countries throughout the world equipping leaders for the work of the ministry, sharing the gospel in those leader's churches, and seeing a mighty move of the Lord. Across the southeastern United States men of God are sacrificing their time and their finances to make sure that the next generation is equipped to shepherd and oversee the flock of God. We would not have the opportunities that we have without the sacrifice and effort of so many men and women of God and we want to say thank you. It is so very encouraging just to simply be involved in this wonderful work of the Lord. I am reminded that "the lowly brother should boast in his exaltation." I am reminded to "let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows the Lord, that He is the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things He delights, declares the LORD."

So, let me boast in the Lord and let me tell you that He has practiced steadfast love, mercy, and righteousness with Covington Theological Seminary. We have wonderful teachers who continue to sacrifice to develop and oversee CTS Online classes of the highest quality. A busy father and pastor can now receive the highest quality of education right from his own home and not miss one birthday party, not one ballgame, and not one opportunity to tuck his children in at night. This is something that we continue to be excited about in that it provides an opportunity for the highest level of education at a pace that anyone can keep.

You continue to tell your family, friends, and parishioners about Covington Theological Seminary and we cannot thank you enough. Without your support in this way CTS would struggle to thrive and provide the affordable, quality education that we are now able to provide. With the new addition to our staff, Cody Horne, Assistant Registrar, we are now able to launch new plans for promoting the school and do it with quality and efficiency. We want to grow because we are convinced that CTS is the best kept secret in the theological and biblical education arena. Please pray for Cody as he learns new responsibilities and leads us in this way. We are thankful to have him on our team.

Please pray for our Turbeville, SC extension as we are prayerfully considering plans to move to Sumter, SC where better opportunities are available. Pray for the deans, assistant deans, professors, and partnering churches of our twelve extensions throughout the southeastern United States. Please pray for Dr. Eddie Ildefonso as he leads our International Extensions all over the world and I want to personally ask you to pray for one of our local students here at the Fort Oglethorpe Extension named Christa Lambert. Christa is working on a Doctor of Ministry and has had to deal with serious recoveries from a major car accident along with the removal of many tumors internally. I also want to ask you to remember our president (Dr. Steve Sullivan) as he has just lost his father and is recovering from some health issues himself. We need your prayers.

We are family here at Covington and we belong to the heavenly Father. We see this as a family partnership and we need each other to continue to grow in the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us. Please keep our board members in your prayers as we oversee this work of the Lord and provide direction and leadership. In all things we desire for Christ to have preeminence and to be the living head of this work; to Him be the glory and praise, great things He has done.

Dr. Bret Sullivan



## Graduation Banquet 2015 (Continued)

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### Award Winners Continued:

Professor of the Year



David Martin

Dean of the Year



Gary Fleetwood

Lifetime Achievement Award



Eddie Ildefonso

Alumni of the Year



Larry Wilson

Advisor of the Year



Zeke Zanatos

30 Years of Service



Steve Sullivan



## *Impact For Eternity On The Move*



Dr. Eddie Ildefonso

I am taking this opportunity to speak with the Covington family about what is taking place overseas in the International CTS extensions. Both Dr. Gary Fleetwood and I have the opportunity to travel together and see the challenges as well as the blessings of the Lord in our endeavors.

Recently we had the opportunity to visit a number of different countries to teach pastors and church leaders the full counsel of the Word of God.

In the month of September Dr. Gary Fleetwood was in the country of Romania teaching at the Romanian CTS Extension and then flew to the country of Indonesia to meet me there so we could do the same at the Papua, Indonesian CTS Extension. To begin with we were invited by a Masters CTS graduate from Indonesia, Pastor Lipiyus Biniluk to come last February, 2015. We went and discovered another world of believers in the world's largest Muslim country in the world.

In the month of February we were given the opportunity to teach at a Bible Conference that was celebrating the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gospel reaching Indonesia. We had no idea that we were teaching on national radio as well as being filmed for national television. Later in the same week we were invited to speak at the Football stadium where thousands came as part of the week long festivities. I was able to preach at the stadium and still had no idea that I was preaching on national television.

We (Covington Theological Seminary) were asked to help change the spiritual direction of the pastors and the churches in the country of Indonesia. We accepted the challenge and committed to do so until the end. I was able to return to Indonesia in the month of May, 2015 and conducted a Pastors Bible Conference where I was given the opportunity to teach for the entire week 10 hours per day. CTS Extension of Papua was birthed on that mission trip. Dr. Gary Fleetwood and I returned in September of 2015 to conduct the first classes with the pastors and church leaders.

The discoveries of this trip has challenged us to be very creative and sharpen our teaching skills. The majority of the pastors have not read the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It does not matter that many of them have been in the pulpit for 10, 15, 20 or 30 years or more. The rate of biblical illiteracy is very high among the pastors. The exposure to false teaching from many different sources has left them completely confused as well as ineffective in the ministry of the church. The translation of the Bible that they are working from in many occasions is a very poor translation or a literal translation.

The pastors come from many different dialects and all of their dialects and main language originally was not a written language. They have to use anywhere from 100 percent to 500 percent more words to translate our teaching from the English language.

In many of the cases the pastors have no Bible training whatsoever, are poorly trained under false teaching, or under trained period. They do not have quality teaching resources available to them in their language. There are virtually no or very little textbooks available to them in their language. However, there is a true hunger and thirst for the Word of God. They are eager to learn and willing to be taught for 10 hours per day. In spite of these challenges we are willing to go four times per year to train them for the glory of God.



Here is where we need your help. We need your prayers and financial donations to pay to have our teaching materials translated into the Indonesian language. Would you please pray and add Covington Theological Seminary "Impact for Eternity" international program to your church's outreach, mission program? Would you consider doing the same in your personal giving to missions? Just think about it for a moment: if you change the life of a pastor, you change the life of a church, your change the life of a village, city, and province and eventually you change the spiritual direction of a nation.

Dr. Eddie Ildefonso,  
Executive Vice President  
Dean of International CTS Extensions

### *A Word from the Assistant Registrar*



I was recently blessed by Dr. Bret Sullivan with the assistant registrar position here at Covington Theological Seminary. In 2013 I graduated from Covenant College with a Ph.B and currently do minor internship work at The John Ankerberg Show by writing articles for their website. I also teach a high school government course. I am blessed to have the privilege to become a part of the Covington family.

I am also honored to have had the opportunity to sit under Dr. Steve Sullivan's teaching for several years now at Grace Church of Catoosa. I pray that God will use the skills he has given me to help Covington bring glory to Himself. I ask for your prayers as I continue to learn the tasks I have been assigned. Also, if you need anything do not hesitate to email me at [chorne@covingtonseminary.org](mailto:chorne@covingtonseminary.org) or call the Fort Oglethorpe location at 706-866-5626.

In Christ,

Cody Horne

Assistant Registrar, Covington Theological Seminary

*And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.*

*Luke 12:29-31*



## *2016 Tuition Change*

(Changes go into effect 1/1/2016)

### Total Cost Per Course

#### **Certificate Programs**

PerCourse Fee	\$200
Tuition	\$50
Graduation Fee	\$150

#### **Bible Institute Division (All Programs)**

PerCourse Fee	\$225
Tuition	\$57
Graduation Fee	\$150

#### **College Division—Associate/Bachelor Degree**

PerCourse Fee	\$250
Tuition	\$63
Graduation Fee	\$175

#### **Seminary Division—Master Degree**

PerCourse Fee	\$300
Tuition	\$75
Graduation Fee	\$200

#### **Seminary Division—Doctor Degree**

PerCourse Fee	\$350
Tuition	\$88
Graduation Fee	\$225

Transcript Fee (Each additional transcript \$5)	\$10
Change of Program Fee	\$125
Reinstatement Fee	\$150
Change of Course Fee	\$30 per course
Auditing Fee	\$150
Distance Learning Notebook	\$25 (plus S&H)
Thesis Binding Fee	\$100

Our number one priority has always been and always will be providing a quality and affordable biblical education. This page is to inform our partners and students of a tuition increase for that quality Bible education. Effective January 1, 2016 everyone will be required to pay the new tuition rate \*\*please see this page for details.\*\*

With the tuition increase, our tuition still remains 40-60 % cheaper than most biblical educators. This increase is necessary for several reasons as the school works to remain financially healthy.

As always, families with multiple members attending, incarcerated brothers and sisters in Christ, and CTS professors and deans will continue to receive discounted tuition. CTS will no longer administrate a payment option, but we are working to ensure that one is provided for you of some variety.

As a reminder please be advised that if you switch programs or start a new year of study the new tuition would apply. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions concerning these changes. We are here to serve you.





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