

Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Strategic Leadership, May 2007

Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

Doctoral Project: Developing Cross-Cultural Leadership Competencies for Church Planting in N. America

Advisor: Dr. Tedd Simmons

G.P.A.: 3.55

Master of Arts, Biblical Literature, May 1992

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa OK

Thesis: Theological Reflections on the Wilderness Wanderings

Advisor: Dr. Roy Hayden

G.P.A.: 3.94

Bachelor of Arts, Theology (Church Ministries / Evangelism), May 1990

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa OK

G.P.A.: 3.91

HONORS AND AWARDS

2001 *Distinguished Service to the University* – Awarded by UFA of ORU while serving on staff

1992 *With Honors* – Masters

1990 *Summa Cum Laude* – Bachelors

1990 *Evangelism Student of the Year* – Oral Roberts University

EXPERIENCE

Missions & Ministry

Founder & Executive Director, Global Equip, Tulsa, OK

October 2009 – Present

- Launched international missions organization focused on mobilizing churches to engage nations and training indigenous leaders in developing nations.
- Developed and led three-year training program (Global Equip Leadership Institute) to train indigenous church leaders who do not have access to formal theological education in a university setting.
- Our purpose is to equip and empower indigenous pastors to plant churches in their nation and beyond.
- To date our pastors in West Africa have planted 77 churches.
- Developed a three-year modular curriculum in three areas: Bible, Leadership & Ministry, Church Planting & Evangelism:
 - Year One: Jesus & the Gospels, Leading Self, and Ministry of the Leader
 - Year Two: Pauline Epistles, Leading the Local Church, and Church Planting
 - Year Three: General Epistles & Old Testament Overview, Leading Across Cultures, and Church Planting
- Indigenous instructors have been equipped to now lead years one and two of our training in W. Africa.
- Hosting evangelistic gatherings in West Africa.
- Facilitating church planting initiatives.
- Consolidating U.S. church leadership to partner with Global Leadership Institute by sending pastors to collaborate and help train developing nations' young pastors.
- Implemented Global Equip Ministerial Fellowship in West Africa to connect alumni of our Leadership

Institute.

- Developing leadership training for government leaders and will train Muslim government leaders in Sierra Leone this year (2013).
- Weekly mentoring a twenty-two year old Pakistan pastor leading a new church of five hundred.
- Training village church leaders in Nepal.

Church Planter & Senior Pastor, All Nations Fellowship, Tulsa, OK

August 2003 – Present

- Planted a multi-ethnic, multi-national church in Tulsa with the mission to make disciples of the nations in Tulsa and beyond.
- Predominately college students and young families with a focus on international students from the University of Tulsa.
- Over seventy-five nationalities have participated in our church.
- Pioneered a cross-cultural community outreach event called *The Link* to cultivate relationships with non-Christian internationals living in the Tulsa community hosted in the neutral venue of the Hardesty Library. More than twenty nationalities were present at each gathering.
- Our long-term vision has been to facilitate/help plant multi-national churches in other cities across the United States.
- Adopted into the Vineyard Association of Churches in 2007

Spiritual Life Department Administrator, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

October 2000 – July 2003

- Directed the Spiritual Life Department
- Oversaw ORU staff and strategic planning for Summer Missions, Music Ministries, Community Outreach, assistance with Chaplains program, and chapel planning
- Preached in chapel and campus church
- Liaison to faculty and staff
- Awarded by university faculty *Distinguished Service to the University*

Executive Director, Toledo Youth for Christ, Toledo, OH

August 1999 – September 2000

- Oversaw board development, staff development, strategic planning, ministry development, community relations, fundraising, communications, and budgeting

Minister of Youth & Christian Education, Church of the Cross United Methodist, Toledo, OH

August 1994 – July 1999

- Led all aspects of youth ministry, recruitment of volunteers, and pastoring students
- Developed outreach ministries including an evangelistic skateboard outreach to community youth
- Led Christian education department including all children's ministries and adult education classes
- Chaired missions committee

Missionary, Fushun China

August 1993 – December 1993

- Served in China for 17 month with University Language Services
- Taught English working for Fushun Petro-Chemical Company

Facilitating Missions Teams

- Leading teams of American pastors to train indigenous pastors in Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Africa, Nepal, and Haiti via Global Equip (2009 to Present)
- Visited ORU summer mission team on the field while on staff at ORU: Brazil (2001)
- Designed and led mission teams as a youth pastor to France (1995) and Mexico (1997)
- Team leader for Teen Mania/Global Expeditions summer missions youth teams: Venezuela (2 months - 1990) and Russia (1 month - 1991)
- High school summer team to Kenya

Cross Cultural Ministry Training:

- Created and led the Global Leadership Internship at All Nations Fellowship, a cross-cultural leadership internship that includes weekly training and mentoring of interns doing cross-cultural ministry locally (2005 – 2007)
- Led a leadership training conference for Liberian pastors in Philadelphia (August 2007)
- Participate each year in training ORU summer missions teams before departure (2000 to 2007)

Teaching

Adjunct Professor, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

2009 – Present; 2001 - 2003

- Taught DMIN 730 Missional Leadership Strategies for Today's Church
- Taught DMIN 732 Leading for Ministry Effectiveness
- Taught PRM 788 Leadership in Ministry
- Taught PRM 544 Principles of Church Growth
- Taught University Success while on staff at the University from 2001 to 2003

Adjunct Professor, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK

2006 – 2008

- Taught four semesters of World Religions
- Taught one semester of Sociology of Christianity
- Developed and taught the World Religions course in an online format for one semester

English Instructor, University Language Services (ULI), Fushun, Peoples Republic of China

August 1992 – December 1993

- Taught English as a second language for Chinese engineers for three semesters while living in Fushun.

Teaching Assistant, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

August 1990 – May 1992

- Teaching Assistant for Old Testament and New Testament Survey
- Facilitated three classes per semester and six classes in final semester (double teaching assistantship)

Boards

International Community Outreach Board of Directors, Tulsa, OK

2002 - Present

- Current president of the board of this ministry to international students at the University of Tulsa
- Speak to international students in both outreaches and Bible studies on the campus of the U of Tulsa

All Nations Fellowship Board of Trustees, Tulsa, OK

2003 - Present

- As Senior Pastor, serve as the board president

Victory's Crossing Church Board of Trustees, Manassas, VA

2010 - Present

- Serve on the external board of trustees

PUBLICATION

Book

Dark Room Bright Light published by HGM Publishing, 2011

- Written to give to give to a Hindu neighbor, a Buddhist co-worker, an atheist friend, or a Muslim acquaintance to help them take a fresh look at Jesus.
- Individual chapters address specific misinterpretations of Jesus from different world religions