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NAME: Rev. Stephen Levinson

GRADUATING CLASS: 1990

RESIDENCE: Rutherfordton, N.C.

FAMILY: Married to wife, Karen, for 22 years. Children: Elizabeth, Carolina, Caleb, Joshua and Emily (a freshman at LU).

OCCUPATION: Travels the country presenting creation seminars addressing creation/evolution at schools, churches, etc.

HOBBIES: Hunting, fishing and fossil hunting

AFFILIATIONS: President of Promise Land Farm Ministries, Inc.

EDUCATION: B.S. Church Ministries, Liberty University

Why did you choose to attend Liberty University?

While working with the youth group in my church, God called me to work with young people, and my youth pastor said Liberty had the best youth ministry program. God miraculously provided the funds after much prayer and fasting, and the rest is history.

What is your fondest memory of Liberty?

Because my father died when I was very young, Dr. Falwell became a father figure in my life. He was such an inspiration, and I sought opportunities to talk with him when I saw him on campus; he was so approachable and very humble. Many nights I would walk circles around what is now the football field and pray that I would not only be like Christ but be like Dr. Falwell in that I would make a difference in the world. I really met with God on those walks and will never forget those times with Him. I will also never forget seeing my future wife for the first time as she turned a corner. It was that "love-at-first-sight" thing. I don't remember, but my friend still reminds me that I said, "I'm going to marry that girl." I didn't waste any time as I winked at her one day while she was eating lunch with her boyfriend. We dated the following summer, married in 1986 and finished our last three years at Liberty together.

How did attending Liberty prepare you for your life after graduation?

I was able to meet some lifelong friends who really love the Lord. It is true what Dr. Falwell said about being successful, that is, meeting the right people — just like the Bible says. Of course the education wasn't bad, but what really sticks in my mind are the teachers that didn't just teach academics, but how to love and live for the Lord. Karen and I began our first youth ministry at Euclid Christian Church in Lynchburg while we were sophomores, and since then God has taken us to five states serving Him. In 2001 we settled in North Carolina and established Promise Land Farm Ministries. After dedicating our property to the Lord, we began building a cabin for pastors and missionaries to use at no charge and have enjoyed many visitors since. This year Karen led the third annual pioneer day camp on the property where everyone dressed up in period clothes to experience life in the 1800s.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

They would be surprised to know that I have a split personality. When I work with day cares and pre-schools I become "Dr. Livingstone," a play on my last name. I dress up in a black wig and lab coat and do gospel illusions while talking about creation, the fall and redemption. I show my fossils and point to the "Living Stone," Jesus. One of my most exciting adventures in life was being selected to go on a dinosaur dig in Grand Junction, Colo., in May 1989. Professor James Hall and Dr. Arlton C. Murray led the expedition along with three other students. The story goes that a family was digging in their backyard and stumbled on an Allosaur, and they called Liberty to dig it up. I was able to gain valuable knowledge on how to unearth a dinosaur without destroying it. The fossil was a big part of a creation museum that is now closed, but many hope that the museum will be restored soon.