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Name: Samkon Gado

Graduating class: 2005

Residence: Columbia, S.C.

Career: Professional athlete, has played football for the Green Bay Packers, Houston Texans and Miami Dolphins. He is currently a free agent. Gado was signed to the Green Bay Packers roster in October 2005. In his career, he has received two NFL awards for his rookie performance: NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month (November 2005) and Rookie of the Week, (Weeks 10 and 14).

Future plans: Gado moved to the U.S. from Nigeria at age 9. He plans to become a medical missionary in his native country and is using the NFL to save money to attend medical school.

Hobbies: Music, photography, reading

Education: B.S. Health Promotions, Liberty University

Q&A:

Why did you choose to attend Liberty University?

I was offered a football scholarship, but ultimately the decision came down to the fact that I felt that the Lord was leading me to Liberty. At the time I didn't know why, but the conviction was so strong that I couldn't ignore it. It ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made.

What is your fondest memory of Liberty?

I've got many fond memories of Liberty and it's almost unfair to ask for one, but one of the many that sticks out in my mind was during a snow day in '04. School had been cancelled and a group of my buddies congregated at a friend's house. His dad had stopped by to see him and what was intended to be a short stay ended with us literally at his feet, as he told us of what true

ministry looked like and what it earnestly meant to be a man of God. He talked into the wee hours of the morning and not one person moved because God was speaking to us through him that night. I'll never forget it.

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

God used Liberty to grow my faith through many avenues. But of all the things Liberty had to offer that prepared me for life after college, the friends I had the privilege of knowing left the most indelible mark. I met guys who had deep passions for true Christianity and their lives gave me a righteous envy and jealousy that could only be fulfilled by going to the Source. That righteous jealousy drove me to Christ and it is Christ, through them, that has prepared me for whatever is to come.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I am a music fiend. I especially love finding new music. I get the greatest joy out of finding an artist that not so many people have heard of.