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Class of 1984

Brian Overcast, and his wife, Mireya, have directed the New Opportunities in Education (NOE) Center in Morelia, Mexico, since its inception in 1992. The community outreach center offers English, homework help, art, music and computer instruction to the surrounding lower-income neighborhoods, with 500 young people and adults involved in programs each week.

www.nointernational.com

Class of 1991

Gregory A. Petroff has joined the firm of Stevens & Lee as a shareholder in the Princeton office. A member of the New Jersey Bar, Petroff served judicial law clerkships with the Hon. John A. Ricciardi, P.J.Cr. and the Hon. John P. Arnone, J.S.C., as well as the Hon. Paul F. Chalet, J.S.C., in Monmouth County Superior Court, Freehold, N.J. Petroff received an LL.M. in Corporate Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center (1998), a J.D. from the New England School of Law (1996), a B.S. from Liberty University (1991) and also studied at Oxford University. He has been named a New Jersey Rising Star in “New Jersey Monthly Magazine” and “Law & Politics Magazine” from 2007-09.

Dr. Freddy Cardoza, a Liberty B.S. (Church Ministries/Youth) graduate, has taken the position of Department Chair of Christian Ministries/Associate Professor of Christian Education at Biola University/Talbot School of Theology. Freddy has been married to Kristin Post (Cardoza) for 16 years. The couple has two children, Dakota and Christian. www.freddycardoza.com

Class of 1992

Debra Dickens Prince married Melvin Prince, Jr. and resides in Emporia, Va. The couple has two children, Haley and Wil. Debra is a homemaker and periodically teaches at a community college. Melvin's father, Melvin Prince, Sr. graduated from Liberty in Liberty Baptist College's first graduating class. Debra's brother, Elton Dickens, is also a Liberty graduate.

Dr. Adel E. Horan is married to Samira Horan. The couple, who live in Phoenix, Ariz., has one child and two grandchildren. Horan is a professor of psychology, professor of humanities and fine art and is active with evaluating and assessing inmates for Supreme Court cases. In her spare time, Horan is an accomplished, professional painter.

Dr. Tom Howe, Professor of Bible and Biblical Languages at Southern Evangelical Seminary, wrote "Daniel in the Preterists' Den" (Wipf & Stock, Eugene, Ore., 2008). The work is a commentary on the book of Daniel and provides a critique of Preterist interpretations.

Class of 1996

Esther Mills graduated from Liberty in 1993 with a bachelor's in Psychology and then in 1996 with a master's in Counseling. She was on the track and field and cross country teams from 1989-94. Mills is the host of Talk2Me with Esther Mills on Princeton Community Television (Princeton TV30). She has hosted and produced over 200 shows. Some of her guests have included Steve Forbes (CEO of Forbes, Inc.), Carol Feuerman, Ben Hawkins, Barb Jung and Bobby Schindler (Terri Schiavo's brother). Mills recently hosted Joe Franklin's biography, (Joe Franklin: "Regular Joe" to Broadcasting Legend) which is now available on DVD at www.chiptaylor.com. Ron Cohen and Ethan Lefkowitz are co-producers with Mills.

www.esthermills.com

Class of 1997

Benjamin Summers (B.S. Religion), Director of Operations for T.R.U. Ball and AXCEL Archery Products, manufactured by S&S Machine, Inc. in Madison Heights, Va., has been re-elected to a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Archery Trade Association (ATA), voted on by 450 international archery manufacturing companies. In his first three years, Benjamin served as Chairman of the Community Archery Program (CAP) Committee and the International Outreach Committee. He has represented the archery industry at several events in Washington, D.C., including the signing of the Sportsman's Access to Federal Public Lands Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the 100th anniversary celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System at the Department of the Interior. He has worked with members of the

IRS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State Wildlife agencies to ensure the proper collection and use of Pittman Robertson federal excise taxes that fund wildlife conservation efforts.

Class of 2000

Sarah Huddleston Kretowicz (Maddox), M.A. in Counseling, lives in North Carolina and works in the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C. (with the Military Order of the Purple Heart).

Class of 2001

Tim Holland serves as Secondary Principal and Head Boy's Basketball Coach at his alma mater, Jupiter Christian School in Jupiter, Fla., with an enrollment of about 600 students. Holland is currently pursuing his Master of Education from Liberty, to complement his bachelor's degree. He is married to Liz and has a son, Parker, who is 1 year old.

Class of 2006

Dr. Philip A. Watkins is Coordinator of Student Support Services and Lecturer III in Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA). A veteran of the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, Watkins is co-chair of the UMA's Military and Veteran Affairs Task Force. He is proud to be part of UMA's proactive outreach initiatives to serve military personnel in every branch and service category. He also is a member of the Liberty University Board of Regents.

Pastor Brad Strand, a Liberty University M.Ed. and master's of art in religion graduate, has written the "The Strand Study Bible." Strand, the pastor of Harvest Bible Church in Cash, Texas, labored on the project since the fall of 1977. Strand wrote it with all denominations in mind and with the purpose of helping the reader understand God, why He created us and what He expects from our lives. www.StrandStudyBible.com

Dwayne Hamlette accepted the head football coach position for the William Campbell Generals in April. Hamlette has also served as in-school suspension teacher, spring weight room coordinator and coach of the JV football team at William Campbell High/Middle School in Naruna, Va. Hamlette, 30, graduated from Liberty with a degree in physical education and kinesiology.

Class of 2008

Jerry Carroll, of Bowie, Md., authored a 30-day prayer journal published by Xulon press in March. Carroll and his wife are full-time missionaries to at-risk children and their families in the DC/MD metro area and members of Woodstream Church in Mitchellville, Md.

www.tsnministries.org

Miscellaneous Announcements

Chariss K. Walker, who attended Liberty from 2006-08, recently received an award for her book, "Make a Joyful Noise: Searching for a Spiritual Path in a Material World." The Mom's Choice Awards honored Walker's work as the "Most Inspirational/Motivational Book of the Year" in 2009. www.chariss.com