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## EXTENDING CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE AROUND THE WORLD

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### The Jesus Journey

Dear Friends and Partners,

After twenty-seven years with one company, Rob figured he'd retire from AG Communications Systems with a nice benefits package. He was happily employed as a quality assurance technician when the telecommunications giant AT&T bought them out. Rob soon experienced the repercussions of a large-scale corporate merger.

In 2004, after twenty-seven years of service, Rob received the news that he had been laid off after returning from a missions trip. "That was the last thing I expected to hear when I went back to work," recalls Rob, "but the news did have one silver lining, and that's what I clung to." He was now free to discover God's true destiny for his life—a destiny that would begin at Charis Bible College (CBC).



Graduation 2006 with his family

Rob was born again in 1999 and shortly after began listening to Andrew on the radio. "I started getting his three free tapes a week and would listen to one side going in to work, and the other side driving home! I felt something inside me rise up when I heard about CBC," says Rob, "but I knew I wasn't in a position to relocate my family to Colorado."

In the spring of 2004, Rob attended a *Gospel Truth Seminar* in his hometown of Chicago. While there, he listened in on an informational meeting about Charis Bible College. He learned that there was a CBC extension school in Elmhurst, Illinois—a short twenty-minute drive from his home. "That was all I needed to hear. I didn't even stay for the rest of the meeting. I immediately signed up as a part-time student," recalls Rob.

When Rob's job ended, the first thing he thought about was attending CBC full time. The only problem was, no job—no money. "I didn't know what to do about the financial part of it, but I knew I wanted to be at CBC full time, so I went ahead and signed up."

That was the mustard seed of faith God needed to start moving on Rob's behalf. The State Unemployment Compensation Department had a re-training program for employees whose job went overseas. It paid for reeducation even if that education was at a Bible college! Rob soon learned that everything at CBC would be paid in full!

Rob devoured every word he received at CBC. Before he knew it, he was in his second year and looking for an intern position. "I began helping out at Family Life Christian Center, a church led by Joe

Barlow,” explains Rob. Rob did such a great job that Pastor Barlow hired him as a temporary employee when he graduated in 2006. “I was working for the church while continuing as a third-year student at CBC,” says Rob.

Working at Pastor Barlow’s church was an amazing learning experience for Rob and was the training ground God would use to launch him into his destiny. A major milestone in Rob’s journey came in 2008 when Andrew visited CBC-Chicago and ordained Rob. “Being ordained allowed me to go from intern to associate pastor to assistant pastor at Family Life.”

Rob continued diligently serving Pastor Barlow until 2009 when he started sensing God nudging him. “I’ve always heard Andrew teach how we need to let the peace of God rule our hearts,” says Rob. “All of a sudden, I started feeling very uneasy and uncomfortable working at the church. I couldn’t explain why; I just didn’t want to be there anymore.”



Ministering at Jesus Journey Church



Preaching a message

Rob explained the situation to Pastor Barlow, and both of them took a few days to pray. When they got back together, they compared notes and discovered that God had spoken the exact same thing to both of them: Rob’s training time was over, and God was calling him up higher. “My wife and I took time to rest and get before the Lord to seek His direction for our lives.”

In September 2009, God spoke to Rob about starting a church. As questions and doubts swirled through his mind, God provided confirmation. Lawson Perdue, Pastor of Charis Christian Center in Colorado Springs, visited CBC-Chicago and spoke about the favor of God. “He kept sprinkling his message with nuggets on how to start a church. I thought these were interestingly unrelated messages, but then it dawned on me that maybe I was the only one who was actually hearing this second message, and maybe it was the Holy Spirit speaking directly to me!”

Certain that God was speaking, Rob and his wife moved forward and launched Jesus Journey Church on November 1, 2009. Rob and his wife prayed for help and God responded. Three of those who stepped forward were also CBC-Chicago graduates. They quickly got involved with everything from working with kids to leading the prayer ministry to developing outreach programs.

Although the church is steadily growing and reaching many lives for Christ, Rob is looking forward to the day they can own their own building and reach more people. “My



Rob in Nicaragua 2009

vision is for Jesus Journey to be accessible to the community both day and night. In order to reach the needs of people in this busy world, we need to be available more than Sunday morning and Wednesday night. I want something going on every night of the week!"

Rob wants to see everyone embark on their own "Jesus journey." In Rob's mind, none of what he has today would've been possible without Charis Bible College. "CBC is by far one of the most significant events of my entire life," proclaims Rob. "I tell people, if you have even the slightest thought about going to CBC, just do it. You won't regret it."

Rob and Monica are a great example of what God can do through willing people. Like many of the students who attended CBC, they came not knowing the future but left with a vision that will carry them the rest of their lives. And all of this is possible because faithful partners continue to support *Charis Bible College World Outreach*.



Rob in Uganda 2006

If you are not yet a *World Outreach Partner*, then I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming one.

God bless you,

Wendell Parr  
Director of World Outreach  
And extension of Andrew Wommack Ministries

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