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Dear Partners in Ministry,

As I write this appeal, I am **reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul** in the beginning of his letter to the church in Philippi:

*Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my **partners in spreading the Good News about Christ** from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. — Phil. 1:3-6 NLT*

It's true. You are our precious partners! We continue in our work because of you. Your gifts throughout the year sustain us. Most importantly, they sustain our students who are preparing for kingdom service.

**Since 1924, Cincinnati Christian University has been preparing vocational leaders for the church** and continues in that strong tradition today! Ministers, missionaries, teachers, and para-church leaders have historically received their foundational preparation for ministry through CCU. This missional impact over nine decades has extended into every corner of the world. Our graduates have been pioneers in kingdom leadership: planting and developing dynamic churches, establishing far-reaching mission outposts, and leading and teaching in Christian colleges.

Recently, you received a mailing inviting you into a special partnership with us in **underwriting scholarships for our students who are preparing for vocational ministry**. It is increasingly challenging for students to meet the financial needs for their education. Ministry students can especially find it difficult to pay off student loans when sometimes having to raise their own support or receiving salaries for ministry or mission work that may be less than other professionals are earning. Your gifts will help reduce this burden. Your generosity will help in **Sustaining the LEGACY** to which our university has been committed for over ninety years.

Another opportunity of our campaign is for you to help **identify and send future ministry students**. Who are the young men and women within your sphere of influence you could help us invite to prepare for service through CCU? On the enclosed commitment card, you can send names of prospective students as well as make your promise to give.

Many will welcome the opportunity to make a generous **year-end gift**. Others may choose to spread their generosity through a commitment to **give between now and May** of next year. This can give you tax benefit for two different calendar years as well as make it possible for your gift to be even more substantial.

On the next page of this letter, find **inspiring stories** about more recent CCU graduates who are making kingdom impact. There are countless other stories about promising servants just like these, and your gifts will make it possible for us to keep producing even more.

Again, thanks for being our “partners in spreading the Good News about Christ”! We look forward to receiving your commitment. If you would like **to give online**, you can do so via the following link, noting that your contribution is for the “Legacy” campaign: [CCUniversity.edu/GIVE](http://CCUniversity.edu/GIVE).

Blessings!

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Associate Dean of Russell School of Ministry

*P.S. Would you consider joining us for **a day of prayer and fasting** (even from a single meal) **one day in December** to ask God's blessing on CCU and this campaign?*

**Over \$50,000 of our \$250,000 total Legacy campaign goal has already been committed or given. Add your gift today!**

**There are many inspiring stories about CCU graduates who are impacting the world for Christ.** But we especially want to tell you about two young families who are making a Great Commission difference:

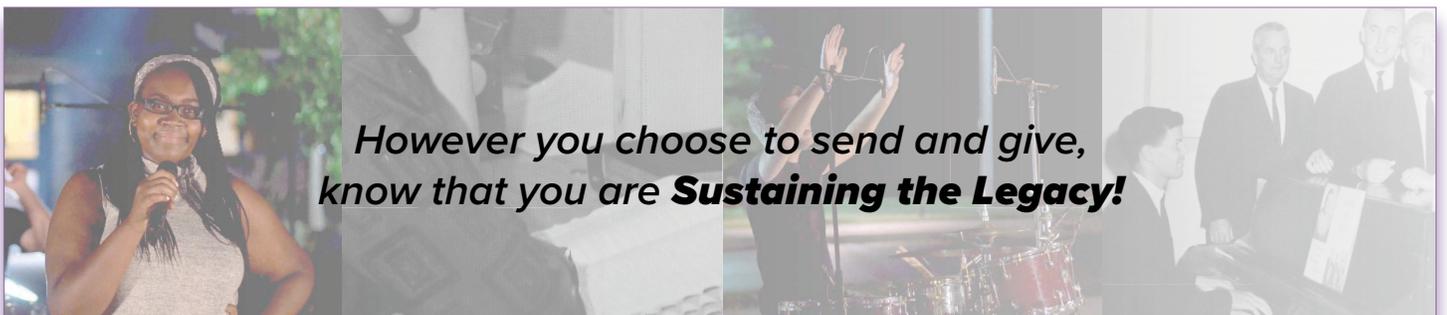


**In 2013, AARON NGWA received his graduate degree from Cincinnati Bible Seminary and returned to his native Myanmar.** There he now leads Taunggyi Bible College & Tribal Mission. A primary vision of this college is: *To train students from the unreached tribal groups of Myanmar in the Bible, and missionary and vocational skills, and then send them back as church planters, missionaries and evangelists to their own tribal communities.* In a recent newsletter Aaron writes that 51% of the student body is from “unreached” areas—that is, they come from places and communities with less than 5% Christian population.

Notably, the work in Myanmar is directly related to the **foundational missionary efforts of CCU alumni, LAVERNE & LOIS MORSE**, pioneer missionaries and church planters among the unreached peoples of Burma (Myanmar), China, Northeast India, Thailand, and Laos. LaVerne, in later life, also served as professor of missions at CCU (1965-1987).



**During the past year, 2016-17 CCU graduates TREY & BAILEY FAULL joined the staff of Restore Christian Church in Quincy, MA, as Ministry Residents.** Trey says that he started hearing the call to pursue church planting during his sophomore year. After making contact with Restoration House Ministries (RHM), he and Bailey were drawn to New England, and eventually to be a part of RHM’s newest church plant which is located directly south of Boston. Their work includes teaching and preaching, small group and worship leadership, and taking Christ to the unreached culture of their community. Trey writes: “Though there is much beauty and history in the area, the spiritual climate has deteriorated significantly. Among the large population, less than 1% are Evangelical Christians.” In the city of Quincy, “a town of 100,000 people, no more than 1,000 are involved in church (of any denomination or background).” Trey and Bailey’s home church in Indiana has more than 1,000 members alone. New England is clearly a mission field.



*However you choose to send and give,  
know that you are **Sustaining the Legacy!***