

2008 - 2009 Annual Report

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*



**EVANGELICAL**  
*Theological Seminary*

*A Place Where the Word Lives.*

# A Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Evangelical,

In 1953, Evangelical's founders selected Colossians 1:28 as the seminary verse: "We proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." Fifty-six years and 620 graduates later, Evangelical remains steadfastly committed to the supremacy of Jesus Christ and the authority of God's inspired Word.



In the classrooms and curriculum of Evangelical, men and women learn to preach Christ. They learn to lead children, youth and adults to saving faith in Christ and to equip others to do the same. They learn to disciple and counsel persons toward a deeper commitment to Christ. And they learn that the key to effectiveness in ministry is ultimately found in a living, growing relationship with Christ. Twenty six years ago I enrolled as a Master of Divinity student at Evangelical. Three years later, I graduated with 96 credits of theological education and a deeper, more passionate love for Jesus than I had ever known. God used Evangelical to nurture Christ in me. God continues to use Evangelical in the same way today!

Evangelical is also steadfastly committed to God's inspired Word. We believe that the teaching and preaching of God's Word has the power to transform hearts and lives. To that end, we stand on the solid ground of Hebrews 4:12: "For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Evangelical encourages students to know God's Word, to live in obedience to God's Word and to become competent in the interpretation, proclamation, and application of God's Word in the contemporary world.

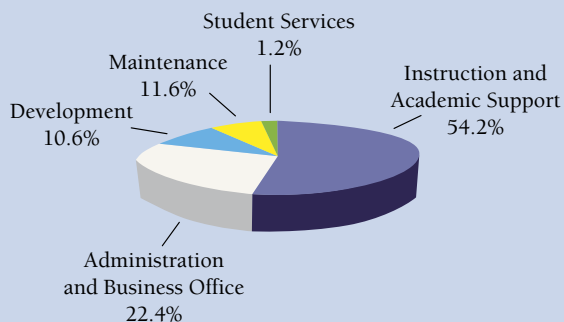
These steadfast commitments guide us daily as we carry out the mission of developing "servant leaders for effective ministry in a broken and complex world, by nurturing rigorous minds, passionate hearts, and Christ-centered actions." They are also the reason we enthusiastically declare that "Evangelical is a place where the Word lives."

Of course, we couldn't fulfill this mission without God's provision and your partnership. We give thanks to God for meeting Evangelical's needs in response to the prayers of His people. And we give thanks to you for praying and investing your resources in Evangelical's life and ministry. May Jesus Christ be praised!

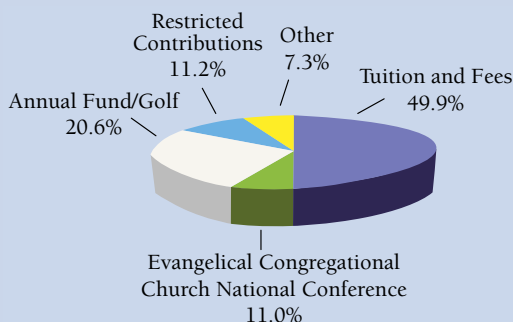
Sincerely,

## Financial Summary (year ended June 30, 2009 unaudited)

Total Expenses — \$1,963,572

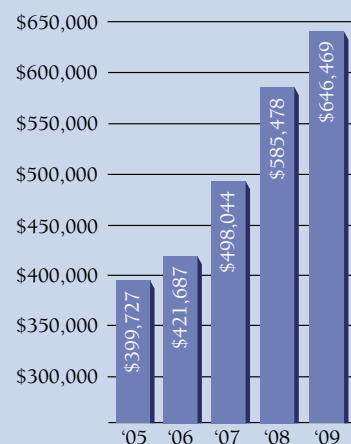


Total Revenues — \$2,054,535<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> excludes \$469,000 of investment losses

Gifts to Evangelical



(Includes gifts to the Evangelical Annual Fund, Scholarship/General Financial Aid, and Center for Leadership Impact)

A record number of people — 959 — made financial gifts to Evangelical, signifying increasing interest in the seminary's mission and ministry!

Despite the recession, scholarship funding remained constant, allowing Evangelical to provide theological education to students who have the greatest financial need!

## Words from a Donor



Investing in the ministry of Evangelical Theological Seminary is both personally and professionally rewarding and fulfilling. The opportunity to contribute to the community as well as help impact the lives of so many Christ-centered people involved in this wonderful seminary is a blessing.

Visiting with the seminary students and staff is a joy as they always provide an upbeat, positive atmosphere and attitude. Since the graduates are not entering financially rewarding careers, it becomes even more important for businesses and the Christian community to support their kingdom building efforts.

It is important to appreciate the efficient and wise investments made of all contributions by a very caring staff. Fellow contributors agree we receive far more than we give as supporters of this most outstanding institution. It is a blessing to be involved and encourage others to support such a worthy cause.

*Michael Ingram, Sr.*

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## Words from Students



*Becky Hollenbach* shares of her experience at Evangelical saying, "I have never been in an environment that was so welcoming and enriching while still maintaining a challenge for me to grow the way God intended." Through an internship with the Marriage and Family Therapy program, Becky has seen how relationships are impacted by her work. "I have seen God working through me to heal clients in ways of which I could only dream." The impact is personal, too. "I am blessed to have found ETS at the beginning of my family and career instead of later in life."

Haitian-born *Chezairé Dominique* is open to God's leading. As he looks toward graduation he states, "I am under God's command and I am ready to be deployed wherever He sees fit. I will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ wherever I am. Evangelical has equipped me very well for this endeavor. To preach the Gospel of Christ crucified is not only a duty but an obligation as his follower."



As a youth pastor, *Matt Hill* has the ears of the current generation. His studies in the Master of Divinity program, with a concentration in youth ministry, have taught him how to use cultural and generational trends to make a difference in the students' lives. "I can see God using me to impact teens so that they may come to know Him as Savior and Lord, and that they may also learn how to live out their faith in practical, everyday ways. Since attending Evangelical, I have learned a great deal and have seen a difference in the way I do ministry."



President Mike Sigman meeting with students at the new student orientation.



President Mike Sigman discussing seminary life with new student Robert Dagen who is entering the Master of Divinity program.

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## Enrollment Report for 2008 - 2009

Total number  
of students - 247  
MDiv - 82  
MAR - 33  
MAMFT - 44  
Special and Certificate - 22  
Audit - 66  
Male - 150  
Female - 97  
Age range - 23 to 69  
Average semester hours  
per student - 6.92  
Average cost of tuition  
for a full-time student  
for one year - \$10,440  
Scholarship dollars  
awarded - \$74,630\*

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