

MBC Alumni Association

# MBC Radar

## Things are happening this fall!

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Greetings to all alumni! Fall is usually a busy time of year for our alumni - preaching/teaching duties, evangelistic efforts, going back to school, etc. One of the annual events that we look forward to is the MBC Fall Lectures and we anticipate this year's lecture-ship will be exceptional. The lectureship this year will be on October 27 and registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The speakers for this year will be Garvis Semore (the president of MBC) and brother Sam Jones of Henderson, TN. The speaker for the ladies will be Sue Crabtree. Lunch will be available; there will be an attended nursery; and there will be several displays by various groups. For more infor-

mation - please check out the school website at [www.magnolia.edu](http://www.magnolia.edu).

or call 662-289-2896. We plan to have a short meeting of the alumni association after lunch, so I look forward to seeing you there.

Other meetings you don't want to miss are the preachers' meetings that are being held here at the school the last Monday in each month. Some excellent speakers are lined up this fall - and it is certainly a blessing to come and have fellowship with fellow preachers and alumni that we have not seen for a long time. I went to the one in August with Neil Anderson and it was great! The speaker for October 29th will be



Milton Sewell of FHU and the speaker planned for November 26 is Allen Webster. Lunch is available for a reasonable price. I hope to see you at the October meeting! SLS

## Scholarship Fund Update

The alumni association would like to thank everyone who has sent in a contribution for our scholarship fund. You have shown your love for fellow students who are deserving of this award. This year's award (academic year - 2007-2008) has been awarded to Norman Spann who is currently a

freshman at MBC. Norman, Clara, and their children live in Greenwood, MS where Norman is in his second year preaching for the Sycamore Street Church of Christ. Isn't it great to know that we are helping someone to finish their education at MBC? It is not too late for you to send a contribution to this worthy

cause. Why not put a check or money order in the mail today? Just mark on the check or envelope, "For Alumni Scholarship Fund," and send in care of Magnolia Bible College; P.O. Box 1109; Kosciusko, MS 39090.



*Norman and Clara Spann*

We enjoy describing the work and activities that our alumni are involved in from time to time. This newsletter's spotlight is on Terry Rickard. Terry was in my graduation class (MBC 1999) - so needless to say, we have known each other for a long time. He is a "yankee," but he was raised part of his life in Mississippi so I guess he can't be too bad (ha). No, we are good friends and he is one person who is always friendly to everyone. We went on a campaign together in the spring of 1998 - with Les Ferguson, Sr. and a number of other guys from the school - to Forest, MS, and I remember a particular incident about Terry that I will not forget. We had been walking and knocking doors all day and in the afternoon we passed a little drugstore. Well, Terry and I were working together and he turned to me and said something like, "Hey, do you want to go in and see if we can get something to drink?" We ended up having a milkshake together and it was one of the best I have ever had - I guess it was because we were hot and thirsty - but I felt guilty because the other guys were not there. Terry, as usual, was in a discussion with the proprietor of the drugstore and seemed to not have a care in the world. That is Terry, he can talk up a blue streak with a total stranger! By the way, that was a very helpful quality to have in knocking doors because we had to introduce ourselves to a lot of strangers.

Terry, Jody, and their daughter Lydia are currently living in Starkville, MS. Terry is the Executive Director for Family Life Missions which is involved in helping the needy children of the village of Por Los Ninos in Catacamas, Honduras. Family Life Missions is an organization dedicated to helping the children of Honduras. Established in 1994 in a rental house in Catacamas, Honduras, Por Los Ninos has served as a beacon of hope for the poorest children on Honduras. In PLN's beginnings, ten children found a home to call their own with loving, Christian parents to guide them. Today this project of Family Life Missions is housed on an eight and a half acre facility where the children can run, play soccer, and be safe, enabling them to be the best they can be. There are three houses, holding ten children each, with plans for three additional houses. Their goals for the children are: (1) To teach the children of PLN to know and love God; (2) To help each child become a self-sufficient Honduran Christian; and (3) To help each child develop to full potential spiritually, mentally, and psychologically. They offer: a home style, Christian environment with Honduran house parents, vocational training and a quality Christian education, life skills and Christian money management instruction, safe home environment in which children can grow and thrive, and a solid church environment. You may ask: What can I do to help? First, there is Child Sponsorship which starts at \$25, \$50, or more per month. Child sponsors receive updates two times a year and they can help you find a child that is right for you. Second, there is Clothing Amigo which allows you to shop for clothing for a child at the village. The clothes are taken to Honduras by one of the work teams. Third, there are Work Trips. Work teams are a great way for sponsors to meet the children they adopt. PLN strives to have four work teams each year. Fourth, there are Coin Banks. Coin banks are a small way to make a big difference. Once a year you order cans from their office for your church or small group. Everyone puts spare change in the coin cans. This is small but it can change a life of a child in Honduras. If you need information, please contact: Family Life Missions; PO Box 928; Starkville, MS 39760; Ph 662-324-8472. It is on the web at [www.familylifemissions.org](http://www.familylifemissions.org).