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ON THE COVER
Ashley Chandarana ’13 with one of the infants rescued by The Father’s Heart ministry in the heart of Brazil. Read more about the 2013 Erskine Brazil Mission on page 26-27.

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Homecoming 2013 & Family Day

Enjoy the hospitality of the Erskine Family at Homecoming and Family Day this fall on October 26.

That Saturday, you can support Erskine student organizations at the silent auction organized by the Parent Council, enjoy a picnic lunch for students and families plus fun games for the whole family, watch the annual Homecoming Parade, and cheer on the Fleet in several great athletic matchups.

The weekend brings together alumni and current students and families from across the country. Make your plans now to join us!
A farewell message from Dr. David Norman

Dr. David Norman completed his term as president of Erskine at the end of June. Reflecting on his time in office and on the recent agreements between Erskine trustees and the General Synod of the ARP Church, he offered these words to the Erskine and ARP communities.

The first few words of Erskine's mission are "to glorify God as a Christian academic community." We are united in that mission. What has been difficult these past several years is our passion and diversity with regard to what we mean by the word 'Christian' in 'Christian academic community.'

As I look back over my tenure as Erskine's president, I have much to be thankful for. But there is more to glorifying God as a Christian academic community than merely meeting or exceeding measurable goals.

I came to Erskine in a season of intense discord between and within the Erskine and ARP communities. By God's grace we have experienced much healing and restoration, but one of my biggest regrets is that I have not been able to do more to help Erskine unite behind a shared understanding of the importance and scope of Christian community.

As an administrator, I want focus. As a philosopher, I want simplicity. As a departing leader, I want closure. I want these things, but they are not my highest priorities for Erskine. They weren't in the beginning, and they aren't now. What Erskine needs most is what Scott Mitchell prayed for at my inauguration — love.

In the midst of our passion and diversity regarding our definition of 'Christian' we need to remember that Jesus himself claimed that the world would know his followers by their love (John 13:35).

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not show off, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-5 (NIV)

Are you refusing to forgive someone who has offended you? Have you followed through with your plans to apologize to someone you have offended? Perhaps more importantly, do you have personal and political agendas that need to be abandoned for more Christ-honoring pursuits? Do you seek to control rather than to give? Are you seeking to protect your selfish or sinful hopes and dreams under cloaks of cynicism, skepticism, or anger? I know I struggle in these areas — as do many of the people I most respect — so I suspect that you do too.

No amount of money can alleviate true poverty. True poverty can be alleviated only by love, and true love comes only (and it comes in exceedingly abundance!) from the Triune God of the Christian Scriptures. It flows from Him to us, and then it overflows everywhere, bringing reconciliation, prosperity, and restoration.

May He come quickly.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility valued others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in your absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.
You're not seeing double. Erskine alumni Logan and Brandon Hammond ’13 and Kerry and Kristy Fincher ’11 are headed to the same medical school. Erskine twins are about to enter the same class in medical school.

Brandon and Logan Hammond, members of the Class of 2013, and 2011 graduates Kerry and Kristy Fincher are planning to begin classes at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) this fall.

The Fincher sisters, from Easley, S.C., and the Hammond brothers, from Belmont, N.C., all biology majors, demonstrated dedication to their studies and a willingness to jump into campus life as undergraduates. Citing a desire to serve others as motivation for pursuing a medical career, they were drawn to osteopathy’s emphasis on providing care in rural and urban underserved areas.

Adam Sanders ’10 is a medical education specialist at VCOM. “I didn’t have any part in the admission decisions, but as soon as I heard that they were admitted I made sure that I was the one who called them to share the good news,” he said. “The Hammonds were speechless. The Finchers just started screaming!”

In their undergraduate years, Kerry adds Professor of Education Dr. Joanne Jumper to the list; Kristy adds Softball Coach Allen Hawkins.

“They were always there to advise me and help me not only with academic concerns but with life concerns as well,” Kerry said. “I was so blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful mentors to help me as I pursued my dreams!”

Brandon and Logan were able to achieve that delicate balance of enriching their lives, serving others, and avoiding unnecessary distractions.”

The Fincher sisters, both honors graduates, were members of Gospel Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa. Kerry served as secretary of the Philomelion Women and Kristy as the society’s chaplain. They played softball for the Fleet and cheered Erskine athletes as members of the Fleet Fanatics. And that’s just a partial list.

Focus and inspiration
Mina noted that the Hammonds had their eyes on medical school early on. “From the time they arrived on campus as freshmen, they were highly focused on their goal of a career in medicine,” Mina said.

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Thanks for the mentoring
Kerry and Kristy Fincher credit their advisors, Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Al Mina and Professor of Biology Dr. David Rifland, along with the entire biology faculty and Professor of Psychology Dr. Robert Elner, with encouraging them to pursue osteopathic medicine because of its focus on the community and missions,” Kerry said.

“Osteopathic medicine offers a more holistic approach to medical care, but still focuses largely on the traditional medicine most people are used to,” Mina said.

The school’s “primary goal,” Kerry said, “is to build and equip physicians to serve the community and underprivileged areas.”

A desire for service played a significant role in Kristy’s aspirations as well. She appreciates VCOM’s emphasis on teamwork in an atmosphere “structured to make their students successful once they enter the clinical setting.”

She looks forward to “medical mission opportunities with several sustainable medical outposts set up in El Salvador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic” offered by VCOM.

The school focuses on serving the community, with students serving in health care camps and at free clinics in the community,” Kristy said. As a bonus, she later learned that Erskine graduate Dr. Ty Robinson ’96 is on VCOM’s faculty.

What they bring
Kerry and Kristy Fincher and Brandon and Logan Hammond carry their Erskine College experiences with them. They all took challenging courses while engaging fully in campus life.

“Erskine provides that opportunity,” Mina said, “and they took full advantage of it.”

A medical school graduate himself, Mina believes the twins’ range of campus activities reveals they are well-rounded, “more likely to interact well with colleagues and patients” and “able to budget their time . . . essential for the rigorous course work ahead of them.”

For now, though, there is excitement for the Finchers and Hammonds and their families and friends. Breaking the news of the twins’ acceptance, Sanders said, was a “great moment for me to share that joy with them and celebrate Erskine and what it did for us to bring us to that moment.”
FROM FEAR TO CONFIDENCE

Kim Newlen gains a ‘big pink’ platform for service

For Kim Bowman Newlen of Richmond, Virginia, a 1979 graduate of Erskine College, it all began with “an honest prayer outside Carnegie Hall” when she was a freshman. She became a teacher, wife, mother, founder of a women’s outreach ministry, breast cancer survivor, fashion designer, and devotional writer.

She is the owner of a pink truck emblazoned with the initials “BSYP” standing for the words her father often spoke to her: “Be Sweet, Say Your Prayers.” The truck also reveals her identity as “Miss Tea Party,” a role she took on when she was teaching third graders and invited students into her home.

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Newlen now speaks even to large crowds, having addressed groups of women in her home for years as part of Sweet Monday. She has helped to train and equip many “Home Sweet Monday Home” missionaries through Billy Graham School of Evangelism global conferences, Salvation Army officer training, women’s retreats, local churches, and other organizations, including Campus Crusade for Christ, now known as CRU.

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Kim Newlen and her husband Mark (a former University of Virginia basketball player) live in Richmond with their daughter Kali, a college student.

Visit her site at www.sweetmonday.com

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Bonclarken Assembly. She also serves on the Board of Advisors for the Active in the First ARP Church in Rock Hill, and their two children are Erskine graduates. While he was a student at Erskine Seminary, success of others, she met her husband Barry “always willing to serve and eager to see the success of others,” she met her husband Barry Rubles. “This year, the committee was unable to separate the award winners,” he said. “Their, the committee was unable to separate the award winners,” he said. “Their. Mary Lou Whitesides Pearson ’50 received Erskine Service Award. Her family established the Gaston Community Foundation and she has served on the Erskine Board. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was given to Marcia Tuten Greci ’96, an attorney with Avery Dennison. She is on the board of Camp Opportunity in Greenville. Marcia Tuten Greci ’96, an attorney with Avery Dennison. She is on the board of Camp Opportunity in Greenville.

Joseph H. “Jody” Patrick Jr., of Greenwood, partner and president of Southern Resources, LLP, was named an honorary alumni. He is a member of Greenwood ARP Church. His family established a scholarship in memory of his first wife, the late Mary Deck Jenkins Patrick, an Erskine graduate. He is married to the former Laurel Barron, an Erskine graduate.

Dr. Randall T. Ruble ’58 and Molly Grant Ruble ’60, pictured above, former president and first lady of Erskine College and Seminary, received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award as part of Alumni Weekend activities at Erskine College and Seminary April 27. Erskine President Dr. David A. Norman welcomed alumni and said, “I am incredibly thankful for the three years my family and I have had at Erskine.” He paid tribute to the Rubles as well as to former president and first lady Dr. John and Sarah Ellen Carson, saying, “I could not have made it through the past three years without their advice and support.

Vice President for Finance and Operations Greg Haselden presented the award to the Rubles. “This year, the committee was unable to separate the award winners,” he said. “Their work for Due West, the ARP Church, and especially Erskine College and Seminary, has been joined for more than 50 years.” Sarah Richie Dagenhart ’82 received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award. Described as “always willing to serve and eager to see the success of others,” she met her husband Barry while he was a student at Erskine Seminary, and their two children are Erskine graduates. Active in the First ARP Church in Rock Hill, she also serves on the Board of Advisors for the Bonclarken Assembly. William Banks Patrick Jr., ’66, a partner in the McDonald Patrick Law Firm and an elder at Greenwood ARP Church, received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. He has served as chairman of the Erskine Trustees; on the boards of Bonclarken, Greenwood School District 50, and Greenwood Genetic Center; on the ARP Board of Stewardship; and in other capacities. “These are just the ones we found,” Norman said of Patrick’s avenues of service.

The Class of 1963 Gift was a donation of more than $7,000 toward a baseball scoreboard.
TOP 5

The Flying Fleet flew high this year, posting five significant achievements:

1. Coach Mark Peeler led the men’s basketball team to their best season since Erskine joined NCAA DII.
2. The women’s tennis team clinched their ninth Conference Carolinas championship.
3. Men’s golf landed their third regional tournament berth in three years.
4. Derek Schmitt’s inaugural men’s volleyball team posted an excellent first season, finishing 9-7 in conference matchups, tying for 4th place.
5. Fleet Baseball coach Kevin Nichols became the winningest coach in Erskine history this season, his 14th at Erskine.
The Erskine men’s soccer and women’s softball teams took the battle against cancer onto the field with them this season. Conference Carolinas recognized the soccer team with the 2012-13 Sportsmanship Award. Usually awarded to individuals, the conference office recognized the entire Erskine team for their efforts in raising funds to defray the treatment costs of the son of rival coach Paul Coleman at Mount Olive. Coleman’s son Evan passed away in August 2012.

When Erskine Coach Warren Turner shared the family’s tragedy with his team, the soccer players decided to donate funds from concession sales during the following two home games to assist the Coleman family. At the October matchup, Coach Turner presented Coleman with $500 raised in honor of his son.

Meanwhile on the softball field, a pair of cousins, Kim Gunter ’05 and Lauren Gunter ’10, both ended up playing for Coach Alleen Hawkins. During Lauren’s career at Erskine, her mother (Kim’s aunt) lost her fight against breast cancer. The entire team began to rally around the idea of dedicating their fall 2012 games to those who have struggled bravely against the disease. The players wore pink commemorative uniforms and invited fans to submit names of loved ones for the game program in commemoration.
The family of Chaplain Billy Shane Stauffer accepted his Doctor of Divinity degree posthumously. Captain Stauffer will be remembered by his fellow MEDCOM classmates for his friendly personality, attitude of service, and love for Christ.

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42 Bachelor of Arts graduates
81 Bachelor of Science graduates
7 tied for top academic honors
Doctor of Humane Letters awarded by the college to Gordon Stowe Query
112 strings of beads draped around Dr. Norman by seniors
29 Master’s degrees awarded by the seminary
16 Doctor of Ministry degrees
Doctor of Divinity awarded by the seminary to the Rev. Peter Frank van Dalen

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H. M. Young Ring, Victoria Unthank, West Columbia, S.C. Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Tilly Blackburn, Charlotte, N.C. Mary Mildred Sullivan Award, Kelley Griffin, Greer, S.C. Younts Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. Robert Elsner, Professor of Psychology. Highest academic honors split among seven graduates.

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But she has seen God’s hand through it all, even that gracefully hides medical gear, and is easy to wear. “It was the biggest surprise—a sweet surprise” to be asked to write it. “The most precious thing for me was that God gave me confidence that I could do it,” she says. “It’s been... well, I can’t think of anything more encouraging than being a devotional writer.”

One of the biggest lies she believed as a young Christian, she says, was that “just doing the right things means that life is going to be wonderful.” But she has seen God’s hand through it all, even the hardest times.

“I am doing things I never saw myself doing,” she says. “My life does not look anything like I thought it would look.”

BIRTHS

Class of 1994
A son, Christopher Jackson Pace, to Casey Pace ’94 and Rhonda Gambrell Pace, Oct. 30, 2012.

Class of 1999

Class of 2002
A son, Charles Grable Auten, to Livia Stephens Auten ’02 and Brandon Auten ’05, March 21, 2013.

A daughter, Callie Jean Runyon, to Millie Hodge Runyon ’02 and Scott Runyon, June 26, 2013.

Class of 2003

Class of 2007
A daughter, Kathryn Ann Martin, to Julie Mag- ess Martin ’07 and Patrick Martin ’07, Nov. 6, 2012.

Class of 2008
A daughter, Adelaide May Dickert, to Amy Heiner Dickert ’08 and Clinton D. Dickert, May 26, 2012.

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Mildred James Smeltez West, 84, died April 11, 2013. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Smeltez and Lilli Smeltez Thoburn; a son, Robert Smeltez; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

CLASS OF 1950
Buford Lindsay Hamilton Jr., M.D., died Dec. 2, 2012. Survivors include a son, James Hamilton; three daughters, Jane Edwards, Mary Mosier, and Margaret Haynes; a sister, Mildale Hamilton McGEE ’46; and 10 grandchildren.

Betty Miller Martin died March 13, 2012. Survivors include three daughters, Louise Kaiser, Anne Horton, and Lola Cox; a son, Charles L. Martin III; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Fred Miller Murff died March 6, 2013. Surviving are two daughters, Candy George and Mindy Olton; a brother, W.C. ‘Nick’ Murff; and seven grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1951
Peyton Eugene Harrell, 86, died April 6, 2013. Survivors include her son, Max E. McLeod Jr.

CLASS OF 1952
Charles Thomas Blackwell, 82, died Jan. 9, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Martha Virginia Mcgill; four children, Kathy, Robert Russell, Charlie, and Beth; a sister, Bobbie McCoy; and five grandchildren.

Daniel Purdy Juengst died April 14, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Covin Juengst ’50; three sons, Eric T. Juengst, Stuart W. Juengst, and Daniel C. Juengst; a daughter, Adele Juengst Wyatt; and eight grandchildren.

Rose Merritt Payne, 90, Jan. 6, 2013. Survivors include a brother, William Edward Merriett ’49.

CLASS OF 1953
Cary Calhoun Doyle Sr., 81, died Nov. 25, 2012. Surviving are his wife, Anne Johnson Doyle; twin daughters, Catherine Doyle Laughridge and Christi Doyle Blair; a son, Cary Calhoun Doyle Jr.; a sister; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CLASS OF 1955
Belle Miller Spevy Hood, 78, died Dec. 14, 2012. Surviving are her daughter, Harriette H. Louis ’79; two sons, Soren T. Hood III and C.A. Spevy Hood ’88; a brother, C. Alex Spevy Jr.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CLASS OF 1956
Mary Katherine Glenn Gettys Jan. 20, 2013. Surviving is her husband, the Rev. William C. Gettys ’53; three daughters, Venie Cotter, Linda Watters, and Anger Thompson; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

W. Earle Parker, 78, Jan. 24, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Miley Parker; two daughters, Jellette P. Manley ’83 and Julie P. Lamb; two sons, Bill Parker and Edward Parker; two brothers; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

CLASS OF 1957
Mary Bouknight Summerlin Jan. 2, 2013. Survivors include a son, Jeff Summerlin; a daughter, Dawsie Elizabeth Pryor.

Judith Copeland Harbiston, 72, Oct. 11, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Henry Casper Harbiston Jr.; a daughter, Karen Denise Stull; a son, James Henry Harbiston; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

CLASS OF 1958
Donna Ann Talbert Doscher, 76, Jan. 6, 2013. She is survived by her husband, John Doscher; a son, Charlie H. Doscher; two daughters, L distract L. Doscher and Susan D. McCoy; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ryland Lamar Elledge, 85, May 19, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Sue Bishop Elledge; two sons, Marion Elledge and Mike Elledge; a daughter, Millie Elledge Tatham ’90; and two grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1959
Frances O’Farrell Moore, 76, March 2, 2013. She is survived by a son, Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Moore; a daughter, Cathy Stisture; and four grandchildren.

David Lee Murdoch, 83, May 12, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Margene Cole Murdoch; a daughter, Kerry Lynn Cordes; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1960
Joseph Walter Bousknight, 78, Nov. 20, 2012. Survivors include his wife, Ella Calvert Bousknight; three daughters, Margaret Bauzer, Daisy Miller, and Laurie Carter; two sisters, Becky Johnson and Mary Roberts; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Robert Earl Goff, 72, Aug. 14, 2011. Survivors include a sister, Patricia G. Goldman.

CLASS OF 1961
Kenneth Rodney Pryor, 73, May 2, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Betty Jo Veal Pryor; and a daughter, Dawes Elizabeth Pryor.

CLASS OF 1963
Judith Copeland Harbiston, 72, Oct. 11, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Henry Casper Harbiston Jr.; a daughter, Karen Denise Stull; a son, James Henry Harbiston; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Nannette Miller Fish, 71, Dec. 19, 2012. Surviving her one daughter; one brother; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1965
Dr. O.Z. White died April 11, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Dix White.

CLASS OF 1966
Dallas McDonald Ashley, 89, Dec. 13, 2012. Survivors include her son, Larry B. Ashley ’63; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Janis Terry Walker Sullivan, 65, March 8, 2013. She is survived by her son, Chris N. Sullivan; a sister, Sandra Walker Harper ’63; and two great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1967
The Rev. Dr. David Laird Jr., 78, died April 28, 2013. Surviving are two sons, Bradley David Laird and Brett Darian Laird; a daughter, Dar- lynn L. Moore; a brother; and six grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1968
Samuel J. McChesney ’68, a daughter, Emile Ruth Mathewson Skinner; a son, Paul Samuel McChesney; a sister; and three grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1972
Thomas Dale Brannon Sr., 65, April 15, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Sandra J. Brannon; a son, Thomas Dale Brannon Jr.; and two granddaughters.

Elizabeth Waldrop Nance, 60, Jan. 2, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Edward B. Nance; her daughter, Lindsay Nance Sorrell; her son, Edward Waldrop Nance; a brother, Robert Lindsay Waldrop Jr.; and one grandson.

CLASS OF 1973
Pierce Donnam Hellams Jr., 60, Nov. 27, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca P. Hellams; his mother, Dorothy B. Hellams Rob- erts; and his brother, Robert Hellams.

CLASS OF 1974
The Rev. Donna Green ’62, Dec. 8, 2012. Survivors include her daughter, Rosaline; two sons, Edward and Michael; two daughters, Nat- alie and Darlene; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1975
Pamela Baugh Brannon, 52, Jan. 3, 2013. Surviving her husband, Robert Cole- man Horton; a son, Brett Michael Landois; a daughter, Amy Elizabeth Landois; stepdaugh- ters, Rebekah Ashly Horton and Rachel Joy Horton; her father, William J. Boyd III ’54; stepmother, Tommie V. Boyd; a brother, two sisters; a stepson; and one grandchild.

CLASS OF 1976
Randall Lewis Smith, 50, died March 19, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Tammy Carrell Smith; two daughters, Katelyn and Ali Smith; one brother; and one sister.

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The Rev. Roy Edward Day, 76, Dec. 7, 2012. Survivors include his wife, Oritlana; two sons, Edward and Michael; two daughters, Nat- alie and Darlene; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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CLASS OF 1979
Dr. John Bruce Carlock Jr., 87, former faculty member, died April 5, 2013. Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Carlock; a son, John Bruce Carlock III; and six grandchildren.

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Thirteen students, two alumni, and one vice president for advancement set out on a journey into the heart of the Amazon River basin during the month of June. Their goal: experience Brazilian culture firsthand, provide support for medical services to remote villages accessible only by riverboat, and share in the unique work of two children’s ministries.

The result? Changed lives and a richer understanding of calling and kingdom work.

“I needed this trip. I learned so many things, I realized the importance of missions. I grew closer to God and I met so many amazing people.”
- Jacob DiLuca

Everyone fell in love with the sweet babies rescued by Father’s Heart Ministry, which cares for children abused or abandoned due to tribal customs.

“The Brazilian Christians’ willingness to be used by God for reaching out unreservedly in the name of Jesus to those in great need was most impressive.”
- Jo Ann Griffith ’56

“Saying goodbye to the people of Anori was so hard! In that moment though, I felt such a love, that I can only imagine it to be God showing his love to me through these people.”
- Cate Cardinale

The team traveled up the Amazon on this riverboat which housed crew cabins, a kitchen, and medical examination rooms.

ERSKINE IN BRAZIL

^ Lais, the daughter of one of the Brazilians ministering with the team, became the unofficial team mascot during their 10 days on the river.

^ Erskine students pursuing health careers assisted the doctors and dentist.

Check out the full story at news.erskine.edu/
While the seminary got its start two years earlier, and Due West Female College twenty years later, 2013-14 marks the 175th academic year since the beginning of Erskine as we know it.

God has been gracious to Erskine and we’re going to celebrate!

The celebrations will kick off this fall and build toward the official ‘birthday’ in the fall of 2014. During the next fifteen months we are planning a variety of events and opportunities to share stories, honor traditions, and look prayerfully and hopefully to the future.

You’ll want to make plans now for Homecoming (both 2013 and 2014) and Alumni Day 2014. Regional celebrations for alumni will be announced soon. We also have some fun events planned for current students and the Due West community.

In addition to these events, be on the lookout for more about the documentary film (currently in production courtesy of 2003 college alumnus Will Frampton) as well as interactive online celebrations.

Keep checking back at erskine.edu for more information about these and other Erskine 175 festivities.

Here’s a sneak peek at the early sketches of insignia concepts we’ve been developing for the 175th celebrations.