



BEHIND the SCENES

Ministering To and Through America's Youth



Highlighting Robert Lillo

September 2022

We are honored to introduce you to one of our new professors at ACBM. Dr. Lillo completed his doctoral studies at Central Baptist Seminary in 2004. Soon after, Robert and his wife, Adrienne, were accepted as missionaries with the Global Scholars mission. Robert began teaching at the college and university level in Nigeria, West Africa, in 2005. They continued to live there until 2014 when health concerns required relocating back to River Falls, Wisconsin. Robert continues to serve the University of Jos in Nigeria by teaching graduate modules in Greek and New Testament Studies once a year. Currently Robert serves his local church as leader of an addiction recovery ministry at the Kinni Treatment Center in River Falls. Robert and Adrienne are also members of a small group Bible study that meets weekly. While pursuing his seminary degree Robert was pastor of First Baptist Church in River Falls, Wisconsin from 1992 to 1999. He also taught courses in Old and New Testament at the Institute for Teen Evangelism at TFC from 2000 to 2005. Robert has a **Ph.D.** in Bible Exposition, a **Th.M.** from Northwest Baptist Seminary, and a **B.S.** in Biblical Studies. We had the privilege of asking Dr. Lillo a few questions as he prepares to start this semester with us and the following are the results:

What brought you back to ACBM? I was on staff with TFC and taught in ITE (Institute for Teen Evangelism) from 2000 to 2005. Recently a teacher retired from Ambassador, and to partly make up for his absence Jim Cicchese asked me to teach the Gospel of John course. I taught this course in Africa on the college level for 10 years, so I am glad to be able to do that again.

What are you looking forward to this semester? I'm looking forward to getting to know the students as I teach the Gospel of John course. I'm eager to see how they can use the truth and blessings of this wonderful Gospel to enrich their lives and service in TFC.

The Gospel of John is one of Ambassador's Biblical Exposition courses. What will you enjoy most about teaching this course? The Gospel of John has some of the best known verses and passages in the Bible, and John 3:16 is only one of them. Other favorite verses found only in John are "You must be born again" (John 3), "worship in Spirit and truth" (John 4), "I am the light of the World" (John 8), and "It is finished!" (John 19). John also has some of the most profound passages in Christian Theology. "In the beginning..." and "...the Word was God" deepen our understanding of the Trinity in John chapter one. Jesus' conversations with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman teach us about the new birth and evangelism in John chapters three and four. What does it mean to abide in Christ (John 15)? These are exciting and encouraging passages!

What is one of your favorite hobbies/books? I love to ride the bike trails of the Twin Cities. I also like plinking around on the piano.

What is one of your memories from teaching overseas? Although I loved teaching the Gospels and Greek grammar in Nigeria, one of my best memories of Africa is walking the bush trails behind our residence with my wife in the early mornings. It was fun to greet the workers in the fields. They must be some of the friendliest people on earth! My wife turned her visits with the children and friends of our neighborhood into a series of children's reading books. That could not have happened anywhere else!

We are so thankful that Dr. Lillo has joined us again in teaching one of the classes at ACBM and look forward to what God has in store!

What's Happening at TFC

Bible Club Kickoff

We are excited for the start of a new year of Bible clubs which begins September 12th. During these weekly events run in homes in various communities, teens play creative games, listen to Gospel-centered messages, and develop important social connections. TFC prepares teen leadership teams in each community to plan and run these clubs alongside a TFC staff person.



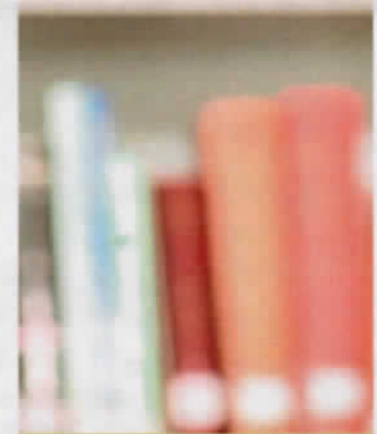
Food Art Night at Cottage Grove Bible Club



Q-Con Sept 17th

Q-Con is Coming! Sept. 17, from 1-4pm at the TFC center. We will engage in all-ages free-for-all Bible Quiz on the October chapters from Acts. If you know any of those chapters from Acts, you are welcome to quiz!

In between quizzes, based on registration, we will have seminars for quizzers to help with question forming (there may be some changes to the way questions are written this year), speed and reaction time (very important in a one-book year), and table officiating and coaching—depending upon who RSVPs. We would love to have more training for our TOs and Coaches, but we need to know that you plan to attend! Please RSVP to Mollym@teens4christ.com



Mission Impossible

October 8th 6pm-9:30pm



JOIN OTHER AGENTS IN DODGING SPIES, SPOTLIGHTS, & FLOUR BOMBS! ENJOY A DYNAMIC NIGHT OF ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURE and... BEWARE THE TOWER!

This is a free event for grades 6th-12th! An offering for Teens For Christ will be taken, and a snack shop is available. Pick up and Drop off will be at Stillwater E-Free Church.

A good agent will: **Dress** in dark, outdoor cloths, **Invite** your friends, **Be prepared** to trek through fields and forest, and **Watch** for the unexpected!

We are in need of 75 adult helpers for this event. If you are able to help or for more info contact Chad at 651-269-0894 or Chadp@teens4christ.com

— SEPTEMBER —
Q-Con.....17th

LOOKING AHEAD

— OCTOBER —
BIBLE QUIZ.....1ST
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE.....8TH
WILD GAME FEED.....29TH

Wild Game Feed, Oct 29th.

Starting at 6pm



We are still in need of some wild game and fish donations. If you have any salmon, turkey, pheasants, elk, bear etc. and are willing to donate some towards this fundraiser please email Jim at Jimc@teens4christ.com or call the Office at 715-386-2549.

Thank you so much for your support of TFC ; we will see you there!

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