

CAMPUS CHRONICLES

A Still Quiet Place

By Sonia Kotko

Where do I find my quiet place in all this busyness between school, home, church, family and friends? Where is my time with God? As I was walking to my car between classes, I found myself stopping and standing under a tree. As I stood there, I heard the cars racing by behind me on the busy road, yet before me stood a vastness of peace in the mist of all the chaos.

As I looked down the small embankment, the peace seemed to call to me, "Come, come, my child, and enter into my rest. Enter into my still quiet place." He beckoned me downward into an inner sanctuary. Slowly, I let my mind and heart flow into this amazing new land. The trees were overflowing with life, and so many secret whispers were flowing through them. Insects captivated me by their ever-dazzling hypnotic dance; swaying left to right, up and down, gaining my full attention as it danced. Birds glided from branch to branch, tails twitching and singing a song of pure joy.

Closing my eyes, I felt the hand of God gently brushing my hair backwards and His holy presence began to surround me. I was



surrounded by His massive glory and amazing love in the middle of everything. I sat on the cool ground, leaned back on a tree, and slowly closed my eyes. I began to pour out all that burdened me, and He took all those burdens away in one sweep of the wind. What a relief to know, that my God hears me when I cry. He places himself in the middle of my day--my moment--and rescues me. He provides me with a Still Quiet Place to rest in Him.

How blessed we are. Our school has been given the perfect place to grow, and with it, so can we. Have you truly stopped and taken a moment to notice our new surroundings? How will you spend those few extra minutes between class: with friends, by yourself or with God?

Calling EPIC Writers

If you have wanted to be published in the Campus Chronicles, but haven't been able to take the Journalism class, now is your chance. The editor will be accepting submissions for Summer Quarter editions of the Chronicles.

To submit your 300 to 500 word article, devotional, or poem email Prof. Colburn tcolburn@epic.edu. Only electronic submissions will be considered for acceptance. Photographs and artwork will also be considered for acceptance.

Staff reserves the right to accept or edit all submissions at their discretion.

The Lost Sheep Child, by RJ Young

Shepherd looked around him frantically. Quickly he counted his children again. "...7...8...9..." One was missing. Who was it? Quickly he looked into the faces of each of children. It was Stray... again. Taking a deep breath, Shepherd instructed his remaining nine children to stay put right where they were. He would be back for them soon. Each of his children were precious to him. He would not lose one, not even one who wandered so frequently. Traveling through the streets of the city, Shepherd searched for his lost son.

Stray looked around him. He had done it again. He hadn't meant to wander off. He just had a habit of getting distracted from what his father had asked him to do. The instructions had been simple. All Stray had to do was to watch his father to know where to go. *Father never gets lost*, Stray thought sadly. Sometimes in a crowd it was difficult to see him, but if he paid attention he could see his siblings trailing after their father. All he had to do was keep his eyes focused on his father, Shepherd, and his feet on the right sidewalk.

What was it this time? Last time it had been the dollar he had bent over to pick up. As he straightened up, he had looked around to see his family had kept moving and were lost from sight. The time before that a pretty girl had happened by and Stray had lost his way when he followed her instead of his father. It was always something. Each time Stray's father had come looking for him. This time was different. Stray was sure of it. He had originally been distracted by the lights as he walked by a night club. The music, the lights, and even the smells of the place had drawn him in. After a few drinks, Stray had wandered back onto the street with a pretty girl on his arm. She was pretty, but her outfit... well there wasn't much of one. The girl had left after a few more drinks at another bar, leaving Stray out alone in the cold.

Wandering the streets of the city, Stray thought about calling his father. His father had

always forgiven him before. This time was different, however. Stray had been drinking, he had been swearing, he had been with women. He had gone too far this time. Stray couldn't imagine that his father would take him back. After the sun had set and night was well underway, Stray sat in yet another bar. As he sat staring out the window he saw a familiar face. His father was beckoning to him. He saw his child immersed in sinfulness, and beckoned to him. Stray stared back, wanting to go, but he could not seem to stand...could not seem to pull himself out of the clutches of sin. The door of the bar opened, and Shepherd stepped inside. He went straight to Stray and held out his hand. With trembling fingers, Stray took his father's hand, and on shaky legs, Stray stood and walked outside. Stray opened his mouth to beg for forgiveness from his father, but was cut short by his father's embrace.

"Where are my siblings," Stray finally asked when Shepherd released him.

"I left them to come find you," Shepherd placed a hand on his son's shoulder.

"Why would you leave the other nine to find one wayward child who willfully choose to wander from you?"

"You are no less my child than they. They will be right where I left them. It was you who needed me, and so here I am."



FIELD MINISTRY REPORTS

Your Spring Quarter Field Ministry Report is NOW due. The FMR needs to be turned into your Academic Advisor during the 10th week of each regular quarter. It is a simple one-page report that will be used during your Ministerial Internship and will assist with the creation of a job resume when you complete your time at EPIC. A list of all students and their advisors will be posted near the mail boxes—in case you don't remember who your Advisor is.

EPIC Graduation 2011

Mark your calendar now to attend the 2010 EPIC Bible College Graduation Ceremonies, Saturday, June 11, 2:00 PM at Trinity Life Church, 5225 Hillsdale Blvd, Sacramento, California. Reception following.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Graduation Banquet (Friday, June 10) and the Graduation Ceremonies (Saturday, June 11). Set up for the Graduation Reception will begin at 9:00 AM, Friday, June 10 at TLC. Please sign up in the reception area to volunteer in the following areas: ushers, serving, set-up, tear-down, and more.

Penryn Outreach

Penryn Faith Center Foursquare Church will be reaching out to their community on Saturday, June 18. This missionary outreach will include going door-to-door and asking people to share their needs. Plus, there will be lunch on the church grounds and a time of worship.

For more information, log on to thehealingword.org or contact Bubby Wallace at [916-420-2199](tel:916-420-2199).

2010-2011 EPIC Bible College Yearbooks

...will be arriving at the end of the Quarter. You can still buy YOUR book. For more information, and to pre-purchase a yearbook, check with the front reception desk.



Job Openings

MERCY MINISTRIES - Residential Assistant

Part time position. Mercy Ministries of America is a Christian residential home for women. This immediate opening is in the Lincoln, California location.

Applicants must have good communication skills, and a valid driver's license. Mercy Ministries will only hire and employ individuals that live a life conducive to Christian principles. Qualified candidates should send: Resume, personal testimony and salary requirement to: Mercy Ministries of America, ATTN: Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 111060, Nashville, TN 37222 (or) Fax to 615-760-1114 (or) Email to HRStaffing@mercyministries.com.

Further job requirements are posted on Campus in the student lounge, student mailboxes, library and reception desks.

COLFAX BAPTIST CHURCH - Minister of Music

Job Description: oversee, lead and provide vision for the music and worship experience. The leader will combine music, drama and other means with biblical truth to glorify and praise God during worship services. This position will include responsibility for developing, planning, budgeting, scheduling, coordinating and directing all worship-related programs of the church.

Position Information:

- Part-time, 10 to 15 hours per week, to collaborate with the senior pastor
- Seeking individual skilled in contemporary music
- Current team composed of vocalists, pianist, & drummer/guitarist

Qualifications: Strong musical leadership and instrumental skills, a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, personal integrity and moral purity with authenticity in witness and testimony

Salary: To be negotiated depending on experience

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