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An Introduction to My Work



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We are currently featuring the staff of the Seminary in our monthly E-Newsletters. These articles should help you better understand the massive amount of work involved in running the Seminary. It has been my great privilege to participate in several aspects of that work for most of my seminary education.

When I first planned on attending seminary, I had a good job lined up and a modest sum in savings. I was planning on working via the internet with a technology firm in Charlotte, but, that job fell through. I knew that the Lord had called me to the gospel ministry, so with godly counsel and the support of my session, I went ahead and moved to Greenville. In God's good providence, He knew that the Seminary needed someone to work in their bookstore, so I worked in the bookstore and began organizing our media assets for in-house use and sale. It was a difficult first year, but I enjoyed my studies and grew a great deal.

Financial Update

In February, we received \$26,266. This is \$ 24,900 under budget for the month. Contributions for the first eight months of the fiscal year are \$491,791. Donations for this quarter have increased compared to this time last year. We are currently over budget for the year by approximately \$27,000, and our general expenses are approximately \$14,700 over budget.

Income for the Capital Funds Campaign has reached \$1,887,266 and we anticipate another \$1,082,433 in outstanding pledges. We need to raise at least an additional \$500,000 in gifts and pledges in order to complete the objectives of the Capital Funds Campaign.

My second year, I was supported financially by my church and family, so I was able to focus more on my studies without the distraction of working. At that time, Roland Mathews became our bookstore manager in my place, and he has continued to excel in that position ever since. His knowledge of theological books has been a great asset to the Seminary's Presbyterian Bookshop. It was also in my second year that Chris Larson left GPTS to work for Ligonier Ministries. Up to that point Chris was our Director of Development, our graphic designer, and a crucial element in the recruitment of many students. I don't know if we will ever realize how much Chris did for the Seminary. As we approached the Spring Conference of my second academic year, I began to pick up a few of his graphic design duties and a new job was born. That job proved to be God's provision for me and my beautiful Christian wife, Raewyn Couperus. We were married the summer after my second year.

Over the last several years, my ability seems to have grown commensurate with the work requirements. I still recognize the inadequacy of my work, but as many of you have kindly reminded me—most people don't see the inadequacy. I now handle or approve most of the seminary's publications and graphics. I continued to manage our media assets until last academic year, when Mitch Haubert took over this task. Please look for our ever increasing product list and free media on our website.

Having just moved into our new location, we are in an exciting time of transition at the Seminary. We are working on updates all across the board. We are redesigning our website to make it more helpful and easier to navigate. We plan to have far more resources available online for our supporters and prospective students, including samples of class lectures and additional recommendations for personal study. We are working on new brochures and recruiting displays, and we are preparing our next academic catalog with a new design.

I hope you can sense that it is an exciting and busy time at GPTS. With all that's going on, we need your support and prayers more than ever so that we can serve the Church better. We plan to be of service: by continuing to make resources available such as the Mount Olive Tape Library; by refining and offering

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even better conferences to enliven and instruct; by supporting the re-publication of important theological works through the Presbyterian Press; by offering key tools for personal growth and maturity in the faith through the Presbyterian Bookshop; and most important, by educating men for the gospel ministry that there might be sufficient workers in our Master's fields.

Andrew McGowan, Carl Trueman, Alonzo Ramirez, and Scott Oliphant. This commemorative collection of addresses from the past ten years includes stimulating and edifying treatments of topics such as Covenant Theology, Sanctification, Holy Scriptures, Creation, The Church, Missions and Evangelism, and Worship.

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