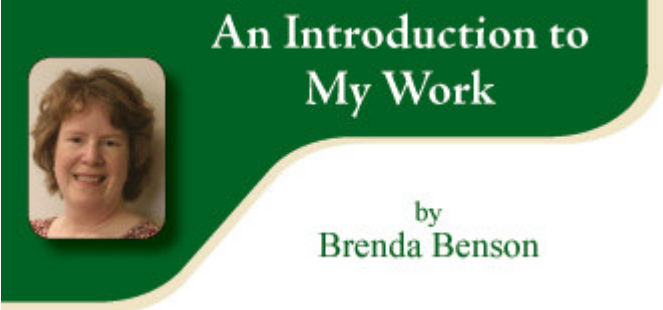


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An Introduction to  
My Work

by  
Brenda Benson



It is my turn to give you an introduction to myself and my work here at GPTS. I suppose that I am the least familiar face to you all (or now that I am living in the South, perhaps I should say “y’all”), as I began working here just this past October.

I moved to Greenville from Maryland to take the position of Database Manager. My on-going tasks include updating of addresses (and phone numbers and e-mails), printing receipts and acknowledgement letters, responding to donor concerns and questions, and helping to ensure that donor’s intentions are fulfilled, You might think that being a data manager is just about task work and the managing of data, however all my work here involves real people - people I may never meet who have prayed for the work of Greenville Seminary, people who have given (often sacrificially) of resources to support the Seminary’s on-going mission, people who long to see the kingdom of God present in the lives of our students and all those to whom our students will minister.

As I have settled in, I have found that most of the staff here, wear several different hats. My job is no exception to that pattern and I enjoy more variety in my daily work than I have had in previous jobs. I occasionally draft letters, talk on the phone with donors, and work with an outside mail house so that our largest mailings can be mailed at cheaper bulk rates.

Working here at Greenville Seminary has already proved to be a particular and significant blessing to me. The testimony of my life thus far is

Contributions Contributions for the first six months of the fiscal year are \$366,120.00. Donations for this quarter have increased compared to this time last year. We are currently over budget by approximately \$58,000.00, and our general expenses are \$6,900.00 over budget.

Income for the Capital Funds Campaign has reached \$1,866,922 and we anticipate another \$1,089,763 in outstanding pledges. This represents 98.6% of our original \$3,000,000 goal.

that God has been abundantly kind and gracious to me. This most recent change of job (and the ensuing change in living environment) is proving to be a kindness heaped atop of many previous blessings and the matchless blessing of forgiveness through our Lord, Jesus Christ. I count myself privileged to play a behind-the-scenes supporting role in the strategic work of Greenville Seminary to educate pastors who will be faithful to the historic Reformed faith. I am thankful for godly and passionate colleagues – several of whom have shown me both hospitality and genuine love. On a more mundane level, I am thankful for the opportunity to develop and master new skills. I have worked with a variety of non-profit organizations but until now have not had the opportunity to see first hand the results of a multi-year Capital Funds Campaign. The staff, students, and faculty are all enthusiastic about moving into the building this month. On their behalf, and for myself, I thank all of you who have given so generously to make this move possible.

In addition to the move, I am also eagerly looking forward to our Spring Theology Conference, March 11-13. I have worked for other organizations that did annual conferences before but never one in which both the content and the participants are so close to my heart. I hope to see many of you there. When you make your plans to come (or if you live locally) I hope you can also plan to join us for the Dedication of our new building at 7:00 in the evening on Monday, March 10th.

As you are able, please continue to pray for the on-going work of Greenville Seminary. Please pray that God will guide the Trustees as they make long-range plans consistent with our mission. Please pray that our students will grow in holiness and love as well as in understanding.

Although we are more than half way through January already, it seems like the New Year has just begun – and so I close by wishing each of you many blessings from our kind, Heavenly Father in 2008.

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