



# The Western Wave



*Dr. Gary Tuck on the Great Wall with his wife, Lynne.*

## Eight Amazing Days in Asia

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We have been privileged, especially in the last 20-ish years, to travel to a number of places around the world. We spent 28 days backpacking around Europe ... not in our 20's or even our 30's. We have been to Israel and other places where the apostles evangelized: Greece, Turkey, Italy. We spent a week in South America, including three days in a rough 'resort' on the Amazon and three weeks in New Zealand and Australia. We traveled coast-to-coast across Canada and have set foot in all 50 states.

So eight years ago my wife, Lynne, planned a trip to Tokyo and Beijing ... which we finally took this past May. We spent three days in Tokyo, one day in Hong Kong, and four days

in Beijing.

We had great weather the entire time, made all of our connections, saw everything we had put on our itinerary, enjoyed good health, and not once did we gag on the food! That's the part I was most worried about.

One of the best parts of the trip was being with several missionaries on their turf: three in Tokyo, one in Hong Kong, and one in Beijing. (Shhh! They are actually English teachers. Wink.)

What a contrast between Japan and China! Boy, have they gone different directions since World War II. Japan was our enemy and China's enemy. Japan became a free-market economic powerhouse, very friendly to the

### Important Dates

- Sept. 3 Labor Day (campus closed)
- Sept. 4 Fall Semester Begins
- Sept. 5 Free [Discover Coaching](#) event, 6:30pm-8:30pm, San Jose campus (RSVP by Sept. 3 - See p. 3)
- Sept. 8 Student Appreciation Bagel Day
- Sept. 8 **Deadline for new check in requirement for all fall credit students.**
- Sept. 8 Fall tuition is due (except for those with [TuitionPay](#))
- Sept. 10 Student Appreciation Bagel Day
- Sept. 15 [Campus Connection](#) (MFT only. P. 4)
- Sept. 24 Western meals (lunch & dinner)
- Sept. 29 [Campus Connection](#) (Ministry only. See p. 4)
- Sept. 29 Western Meals (breakfast & lunch)
- Oct. 12 [Christian Therapist Fellowship](#), 12pm, Western Seminary San Jose "Treating Spouses of Sex Addicts"
- Oct. 13 [Campus Connection](#) (All. See p. 4)
- Oct. 13 Western meals (breakfast & lunch)
- Oct. 15 Western meals (lunch & dinner)
- Oct. 15 Fall Registration deadline for [Distance Education](#) C courses

Other [Community Calendar](#) dates

US; China became an undeclared enemy of the US, an atheist state, slaughtering its own people by the millions. So where do you think the Gospel found fertile soil?

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That was one of the amazing things I 'knew' before we went, but which somehow hadn't hit me. Japan is open to missionaries and has freedom of religion. But the entire nation is almost impenetrable to the Gospel. China is officially atheist and brazenly persecutes Christians to this day, and occasionally, almost randomly. Christianity is expanding as fast there as almost anywhere in the world.

Missionaries in Japan work openly, but have had to devise extraordinarily creative strategies, as traditional evangelism and church planting have almost completely dried up. Still, the numeric results are miniscule. On the other hand, the only creativity Christians in China have had to devise are ways to sneak around to meet in groups. The Gospel gets out, people respond and the Church grows and grows.

Ken and Bola Taylor hosted us in Tokyo. Ken graduated from Western Seminary in Los Gatos about 15 years ago. I had had him in a number of classes. Now God has been doing some amazing things through them. They had been nightclub musicians in the Philippines before coming to the States around 1990. Here they became Christians, came to Western Seminary, graduated, then answered God's call to go to Tokyo!

What is their creative ministry? Music, of course. But not like any 'music ministry' you ever saw. They generate choirs—about 50 now across the greater Tokyo area—to which the non-Christian Japanese flock. (And they pay for the privilege of participating.) He teaches them to sing 'American Black Gospel', and twice a year they get all the choirs together for concerts attended by thousands.

At every weekly 2-hour choir rehearsal the pastor of the local sponsoring church gives a devotional and leads in prayer. Every year there are a few converts.

Mark and Mary Esther Penner work with deaf Japanese. Their work is creating a translation of the Bible in Japanese sign language! That's amazing. What's the point? (After all, how many deaf Japanese are there? And how many already know how to read the Bible in Japanese?) The point is, that's what God called them to do! They are reaching a few of God's chosen ones.

John Gibbs is from the Silicon Valley, a Stanford grad, formerly a high powered



*Top to bottom: Dr. Tuck joining the choir practice in Tokyo. Dr. Tuck learning about the need for Bible translation into Japanese Sign Language.*

"something" in Apple. For some quirky reason he also studied Japanese. Then God brought him to Tokyo ... and now he is writing Bible 'Apps' in Japanese. Seriously!

Ray Zimmerman (not his real name) was the Hebrew and Old Testament professor at Western Seminary. Yes, he was Steve's (Korch) and Judi's (Needham-Penrose) and my colleague, Carrie's (Priest) and Dan's (Ruiz) and Dan's (Jackowitz) and Jeff's (Mammen) Old Testament professor. God took him and wife, Laura (not her real name), to Singapore where he taught at Singapore Bible College and Seminary, and now for the last two years to Hong

Kong, where he teaches a little bit. Mostly, he uses Hong Kong as a base for going to various secret groups in secret locations within a few hours of travel, mostly teaching pastors.

Then there are John and Mary (not their real names), friends of ours for many years in California churches, retired after 40-ish years of pastoring, teaching English to graduate students in a state university in Beijing. We met and lunched with some of their students who are new Christians. (Get it?)

Our God is amazing. He does His work without consulting our strategy braintrusts!



# Campus News

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We extend a warm welcome to Western Seminary San Jose's newest students! We're so glad you're here and look forward to the years ahead as God does His masterful work of transformation in you!

**Here are a few resources you may find helpful:**

- **Information in your packets from New Student Orientation**
- [San Jose current student page](#)
- [San Jose campus library resources](#)  
The library name is "WSSJ LIBRARY" (all caps), leave password blank & login
- [Local food and resource guide](#)
- The ministry/employment and counseling binders in the lobby
- The flat screen announcement board in the lobby & materials on the table
- The Wire bulletin board (see this pg.)

## DR. LOUIE'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Dr. Louie](#), Western Seminary's Associate Professor of Theology, will be speaking at [The Home Church](#) in Campbell on Sept. 9th.

## ALL CREDIT STUDENTS CHECK IN BY SEPT. 8!

Please note that all credit students will need to check in that they have read all of the syllabi for the classes they are registered for by September 8, the end of the first week of the fall semester. See [course syllabi](#) for instructions on who to report to.

## ADDING AND DROPPING CLASSES - FALL 2012

The add deadlines for the fall semester have passed (except for registration for [Distance Education](#) session C courses by October 15), so any adds for credit courses will need to be made by [academic petition](#). In regard to dropping classes and the refund schedule, please be aware that even if your class doesn't meet the first week of the semester, every fall campus course technically begins September 4th and the drop deadlines and refund schedules apply accordingly. This is different than in past semesters, so if you have any questions, please contact [Carrie Priest](#).

## THE WIRE: BULLETIN BOARD FOR STUDENTS

In order to encourage student communication, Western has created the Wire, where students can post updates on coming events,

carpooling possibilities, and exchange general information. If you are interested in placing a word on the community board, email the flier or blurb to [Jenna Ross](#) or place it in her box.

## AMAZON DISCOUNTS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Did you know that Amazon gives discounts for eligible students? Generally, a .edu e-mail address is required, however you may be eligible if you're able to provide proof of enrollment in at least one course at a college or university located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. You may be eligible to enroll in Amazon Student through this alternative process.

To provide proof of enrollment, please send an e-mail to [amazon-student-verification@amazon.com](mailto:amazon-student-verification@amazon.com) from the e-mail address associated with your Amazon.com account. In the message, include one of the following:

\* A scan of your student ID displaying the current term or an expiration date; just a

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## DISCOVER HOW TO HELP PEOPLE BECOME ALL GOD INTENDED

- T**hriving in life
- R**eady to take action
- A**wareness gained
- N**ew vision
- S**trengths utilized more effectively
- F**aith in what God can do through us
- O**penness to new ideas, change, and growth
- R**esults that are lasting and effective
- M**oving forward with maximized potential
- E**xpanding the horizon of possibilities
- D**ifferent from the inside out

## DISCOVER COACHING

**Wednesday, September 5  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**A free Western Seminary event.**

Location: Western Seminary San Jose  
469 El Camino Real, Ste. 205, Santa Clara 95050

**PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 3**

with Lisa Mueller at [lmuel@westernseminary.edu](mailto:lmuel@westernseminary.edu)  
or (408) 356-6889 x 415

More info at <http://westerncoaching.com>

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\* A transcript or class list for the current term with your name and your school's name on it

\* A tuition bill for the current term with your name and your school's name on it

You must also include all of the following information:

- \* Your name
- \* The state where you attend school
- \* The name of your college or university
- \* Your academic level (e.g., Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Graduate)
- \* Your major

Amazon will review your submission to determine your eligibility. If they determine you're eligible, you'll receive the Amazon Student enrollment confirmation e-mail within 3-5 business days. By submitting the information requested above, you acknowledge that if your enrollment is confirmed, you agree to these [Terms and Conditions](#).

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If you would like to help support the training mission of Western Seminary, please use the Amazon search link/widget beneath the Western Wave icon on the [Current Student page](#) to order your books and other products from Amazon.com. As an Amazon Associate, the Western Seminary system in Oregon and California benefits from each qualifying purchase - and all at no cost to you!

**INTERESTED IN A BOOK EXCHANGE?**

A current student developed a system for students (and alums) to exchange and sell used school books. If interested, check out the WIRE message board at the San Jose campus, which is located in the front lobby near the kitchen entrance.

**PERSPECTIVES CLASSES FOR SPRING 2013**

The planning for the Perspectives classes for spring 2013 is already in the works. The information won't be up on the Perspectives website for awhile, but here

is a head's up. The Perspectives courses will be held at the Community Christian Church in Morgan Hill on Sunday evenings, beginning January 13, and one at Maranatha Christian Center in San Jose, beginning January 14. They may also have Tuesday classes at a Japanese church in San Lorenzo. For info about Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, please go to [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org). Perspectives can count for graduate credit. For any questions, contact [Carrie Priest](#).

**WESTERN SEMINARY Marketplace**

**Check out Western Seminary's new marketplace!**

Purchase Western Seminary clothes and accessories for the new school year!

[Click here](#) for more details!



# Campus Connection

DISCOVERY SESSION

An informational event  
for those who long to  
advance the gospel as **SERVANTS.**

AUTHORS.  
LIFE COACHES.  
PASTORS.  
THERAPISTS.  
CHAPLAINS

**September 15** MFT Specific  
**September 29** Ministry Specific  
**October 13** Ministry & MFT

**SAN JOSE CAMPUS**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**REGISTER NOW**



# DEVELOPING & DELIVERING LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGES

(for women only)

***Registration has already started!***

**Course code: PCW 515S**

**Meets on: October 5 & 6 and November 16 & 17**

**Time: 9am - 4:30pm**

**Credit hours: 2**

**Professor: Dr. Phyllis Bennett**

**Location: Western Seminary San Jose**

**The first 5 registrants  
will have the opportunity  
to have dinner with  
Dr. Bennett on Oct. 4!**

**If you're a woman with a dream to speak to women, in particular, to teach them the Word of God, then PCW 515S is for YOU!**

Come discover the essential elements needed to prepare and deliver biblically sound, relevant, and life-transforming messages for today's women.

In this class you will:

- Discover one's God-given uniqueness and its impact on the speaking arena.
- Understand the diversity of needs in one's listening audience, particularly among women and how to meet them.
- Acquire exegetical and expository preaching skills needed for creating biblically sound messages.
- Locate and/or create life-transforming, strategically-placed illustrations by being alert to life.
- Learn to deliver messages with a clear and reachable purpose in a natural and effective manner.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**For audit (Use the Non-credit application) ..... Friday, September 28, 2012**

Go to [www.westernseminary.edu](http://www.westernseminary.edu) and "How to Apply" to download the application.

If you are a current student in a degree program, it's not too late to register through S.I.S.

The fall application deadline has passed. New students will only be able to audit this course.

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