

What Students have to say about Beacon Institute of Ministry

Dr. Arthur Van Eaton; Member of First Christian Church in Dalles, Oregon.

40 years ago I earned a Doctor of Medicine from a different School. I have been practicing medicine in The Dalles as a Pathologist for the last 30 years. BIM has allowed me to get as deep into theology as I got into medicine. This is important because I have discovered that the final, will not be on medicine. Beacon has made it possible to study theology with out having to go out of town and take time from my practice.

I chose to go into medicine for a number of reasons; one of which was, I would not have to write a thesis. Beacon has changed my life because I am now in the process of writing my dissertation for my Doctorate of Theology.

Reverend Fred Cason; Pastor of True Life Fellowship in Beaverton, Oregon

I have been married to my childhood sweetheart for 41 years. We have been in ministry together pastoring, evangelizing and an overseas ministry.

Beacon has been very rewarding. The classes have opened up new areas of understanding and have kept me on course regarding subject material I may not have chosen in my daily devotional or study.

Mrs. Lisa Villagomez; Member of True Life Fellowship in Beaverton, Oregon

I love serving my community; I am a community emergency first responder for the city of Beaverton.

And I run an Oregon Food Bank Partner Pantry from my home church that is open to the public.

BIM has emphasized to me that God is always within our reach, and that he speaks to us today through many avenues. One of which is BIM and its instructors. BIM has helped the scriptures come to life in a practical and spiritual way.

Carol Kline; Member of Covenant Christian Community Church in The Dalles, Oregon

I have been married for 23 years; I have 3 children, and 2 grandchildren. I work here in The Dalles while my husband is working at our Hearing Aid business in Portland.

Beacon keeps me focused and disciplined on the Lord. Since coming to Beacon I have become more confident in myself and with the practical teaching I have been able to overcome many fears.

Reverend Lester Haarstad; Pastor of Lyle Celebration in Lyle, Washington

I am 61 years young and was raised in a Pentecostal home. God called me into the ministry at age 12. I attended Trinity Bible Institute and was granted ministerial license in 1971, and ordained in 1974. "I love being a part of the Kingdom of God.

Beacon has provided a continuing opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship with other students of the Word of God. With the spiritual growth has come greater understanding of the King, His Kingdom, and the opportunities that are available to all believers.

Ermina L. Braun; Member of Covenant Christian Community Church in The Dalles, Oregon

Beacon has been the tool that has brought to fruition the fulfillment of one of my life long desires to be able to attend a bible college and receive my diploma. However, the Lord did not stop there but blessed me more than I can say with a position that helps others to fulfill part of there dreams and Gods calling on there life. There are many ways to go and teach the Gospel to the world, some go to foreign soil and to multitudes and some one at a time. My hearts desire is in fulfilling the responsibility of the call and ministry that God has placed in my heart.

Beacon and its programs of study have brought revelation of Gods word with an understanding that helps the word to be life changing in me as well as others as I share. The one desire that I have had is that my mother could have had the chance to attend Beacon and take the classes. She would have never missed a class. It was my mother that helped to facilitate and disciple the desire and passion for study and teaching in me. She is now with the greatest teacher of all.

Dr. Dan Davidson; Member of Covenant Christian Community Church

I am a father of 3 and a wife of 1, Mary. 2 of my children have graduated from college and the

youngest just started college. I am a veterinarian by profession and am on call 50 percent of the time.

BIM has helped to make me a better father and husband and I wish I had had the opportunity sooner in life to explore Gods word through the courses I have received. The programs of study through BIM have made the Bible much more a part of my life. I have a greater understanding of the word of God– its meaning and symbolism and significance. My studies have helped me to make better choices, give better advice, and helped to promote wisdom that solves problems.

Robert Smith; Worship Pastor of Lyle Celebrations, Lyle, Washington

I have a lovely wife, and I am a grandparent, a worship pastor and a bible teacher.

The classes at BIM have not only inspired me, but have placed the study tools in my hand. My understanding of God and His word are deeper and richer because of it. I have become a more effective teacher and motivator, as well as deepened my understanding of Gods word and the people He created. He attends Beacon with his father, mother, wife, Aunt Lola and Aunt Ellen.

Makalea Darmer; Lives in California near my family.

I am married to the love of my life, Paul and have three children; Illshia, Tristen, and Jordan. I am a former World Vision sponsored child and Holt International Adoptee. I currently work for the Red Cross and teach piano and dance. My passion is giving back to the Lord with my gifts and talents; which is why I founded Shades of Praise; a non-profit evangelistic ministry serving those in need both physically and spiritually, and to share the Gospel through diverse genres; principally in the Arts.

Beacon Institute of Ministry has helped me reach a personal goal that due to life situations, I never thought I could achieve. I feel so blessed to have discovered a college that has helped me not only further my education and theological understanding, but also one that has tremendously increased my spiritual growth. I have also enjoyed forming the friendships and bonds over the years with staff and classmates.

Ms. Deanne Saldivar; Member of Covenant Christian Church in Hood River, Oregon

I am a mother of 3, a sister to five siblings of which she is the youngest. I loves the sciences. I have worked in Pathology for the last 27years. MY goal is to work with women both medically and spiritually as a nurse practitioner.

I began my classes with BIM in the darkest journey of my life. The wisdom fed to me thru the classes, kept me moving forward. It has been a blessing to have a Local Campus here in the Dalles, I could not have gone anywhere else.

These classes changed my thinking, gave me armor to withstand the trials, grew my faith, and have grown my understanding and most importantly grew my relationship with her Lord. I have found the rest I've needed, and the protection I couldn't have survived without. These classes helped to facilitate this growth. God has developed new desires in my as my knowledge has grown.

I have had to overcome hidden pride, fear, and trials, each new revelation was challenged. The classes brought healing through specific studies divinely, timed at certain periods of my journey. All made for jewels in my foundation of strong “correct” theology Doctrine.