

# Living Stones



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*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

1 Peter 2:4,5 ESV

#### **Please pray with us:**

- ❖ For the many lives disrupted by the coming closure of Moody Spokane Biblical Studies campus.
- ❖ For Moody Aviation as we continue.

#### **Praise God with us:**

- ❖ For establishing and preserving this excellent mission aviation training program.

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*“...a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.”* Ecc. 3:5a NIV

We come to this Christmas season with heavy hearts. In response to a changing environment for higher education in the United States, and to strategically position itself moving forward, the Moody Bible Institute has announced that the Spokane Biblical Studies campus will be closing after Commencement in May 2018. However, **Aviation will continue to function and will remain in Spokane.** (For more information, see [www.moodyglobal.org/news/global/2017/strategic-changes/](http://www.moodyglobal.org/news/global/2017/strategic-changes/).)

We grieve for the Biblical Studies students whose lives are disrupted as they **scatter** elsewhere to continue their education, for the faculty and staff who have poured their hearts into building this excellent campus as they **scatter** looking for other work, and for the community as they lose the hundreds of godly young people currently living and serving in their neighborhoods.

Big questions remain how Aviation will continue without the Biblical Studies campus, especially how we will deliver the Biblical training to our students.

But, **God is ever faithful.** Just as God commanded Israel to take stones from the Jordan riverbed and to pile them as a memorial, outside our hangar is a pile of stones from the Spokane river. They were **gathered** years ago to commemorate His miraculous provisions in establishing this program. He still provides today.

So, this season, we remember our Savior, the **Living Stone**, who **gathers** us up as living stones into a spiritual house and a royal priesthood, making us acceptable to God.

Thanks for your partnership with us this year, like stones in a wall. May you be blessed in Him, our Living Stone,

*Gene Jen*