Alumni
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Alumni Spotlight: Kar Yong Lim (MANT ’00)

Current title: Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies at Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM)

Favorite professor: Dr. William Mounce

Favorite class: Greek

Favorite memory: Staying on campus was a great experience, and the friendships forged during the two years I was at Gordon-Conwell remain until today. I am still in close contact with my roommates!

Please tell us about your area of expertise and what courses you teach.

My area of expertise is in the New Testament, specifically, Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. I teach a whole range of New Testament subjects, from Introduction to the New Testament, Exegesis of Mark, Exegesis of 1 Corinthians, Exegesis of Romans, Parables of Jesus, to postgraduate seminars on Current Issues in Pauline Studies and Advanced Exegesis on Pauline Letters.

How did God weave together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?

Studying at Gordon-Conwell would not have been possible if I had not been awarded a tuition scholarship by the seminary. It was during my time at Gordon-Conwell that the seed was planted for me to consider teaching as a vocation. Three years after I completed my studies at Gordon-Conwell, I was given the opportunity to pursue a PhD in the United Kingdom. I took up my current position after returning from the UK at the end of 2006.

What are some things you love about your roles as a faculty member, professor and/or researcher?

One of greatest joys in teaching is to witness my students having the “aha” moment after listening to biblical texts being faithfully expounded by taking into account the nuances of the Greek language and the historical background. As a researcher, I am keenly aware that my publications should not simply be an academic or intellectual pursuit but one that would contribute to the edification of believers and the spiritual growth of the church. This allows me to engage in current scholarship by being contextually relevant.

What are the current challenges of teaching in higher education, being a faculty member in general, and in your context specifically?

As Christians living in a predominantly Islamic context, one of the challenges we face is to train our students to be firmly rooted in the Scripture, to have the full confidence of

the historical reliability of the Bible, and to be faithful preachers of the message of the Gospel so that we are always prepared to be credible and authentic witnesses for the Lord.

How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your academic work?

The rigorous training I received at Gordon-Conwell has laid a solid foundation for my academic pursuits. It taught me how to be a faithful interpreter of the Scripture, and this prepared me for my PhD in a very secular environment in the UK. My prayer is that I will continue to nurture my students in a similar rigorous manner so that they will deepen their walk in Christ and be biblically rooted to address the needs of the church and the world.

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