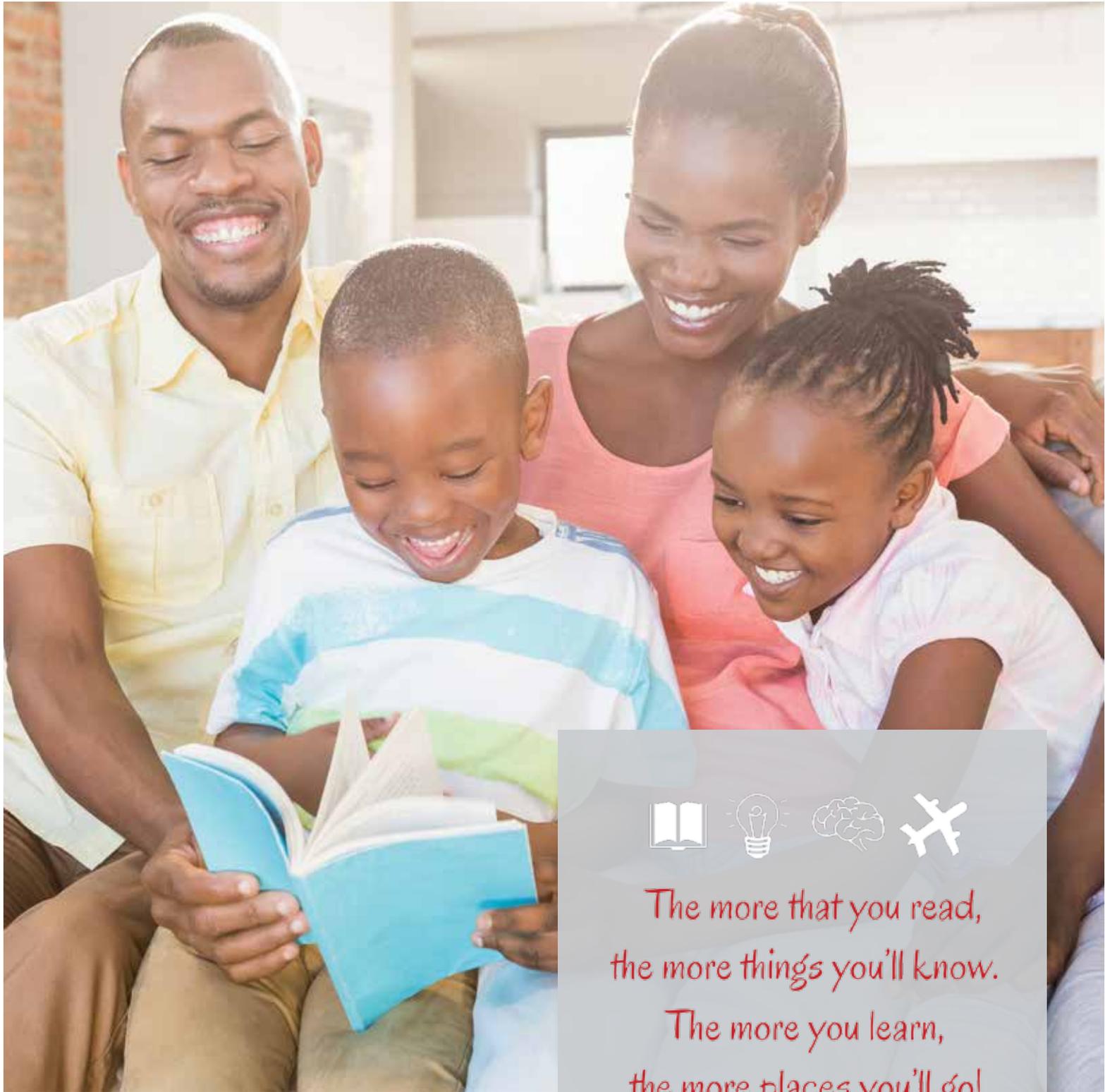




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*The more that you read,
the more things you'll know.*

*The more you learn,
the more places you'll go!*

– Dr. Seuss

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DID YOU KNOW?



“**Summer Connect**” is an 8-week experience from **Cru** featuring inspiring content, fun community and an eternal cause. Check out information at cru.org or at their Facebook page and encourage the students in your life to engage in this summer-long once-a-week online gathering!

First Place—twice!

That was the Evangelical Press Association’s verdict on behalf of

Boundless with a win for

the Boundless website (Digital Category) and for the blog post “Fat. Single. Christian.” authored by Joy Beth Smith. Hear **Lisa Anderson** on “The Boundless Show” – a weekly 26:00 customizable program.



And among the other recognitions for **Focus on the Family** resources, it was **First Place** in Fiction for the Clubhouse article “Winning Oscar” by Nancy Rue.



You don’t have to be a physician—or a sailor!—to serve the remarkable work of **Mercy Ships** aboard *The Africa Mercy*. Currently, **open positions** include Maintenance Coordinator, Vehicle Mechanic, Electrician, Teacher, and Informatics Manager. You’re promised the adventure of a lifetime bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor.



Max Lucado steps back into his role as **Senior Minister at Oak Hills Church** (San Antonio) with retirement of Randy Frazee from fulltime church ministry. Max held this position from 1988-2008 and has most recently, in addition to his writing, served as Preaching Minister at the church.

TECH UPDATE WITH JIM SANDERS

NAB Convention

There’s a feeling I get when I’m just about to enter a hardware store. It’s possible I’m not there to buy. Or, I may only be in the hunt for an odd nut and bolt. But in either case, there’s a feeling of fun, anticipating some serious aisle-browsing. You know, just in case I “need” anything.

Well every year, I get that same feeling at the National Association of Broadcasters. Standing in line to pick up my badge, I get giddy with thoughts of playing with tomorrow’s technology. I feel that way in spite of the fact that I’m about to mindlessly trudge 15 miles through four exhibit halls totaling 1,000,000 square feet. (Read my blog post on NAB at ambaa.com/news)

Now, I don’t know if all our **Amb-OS team** (pictured here) feel the same as I do. But we dutifully gathered at the annual NAB Convention in Las Vegas. (We’re smiling in this photo because this is the night before the first 15-mile day).



Charley Mefferd, Dick Becvar, Steve Reinke, Ken Van Prooyen, Jim

A Well-Deserved Award

The Christian Radio Technical Forum (<http://www.crttech.org>) meets annually at NAB for a member dinner. The meal is organized (and group headed) by WCSG’s Tom Bosscher. Amb-OS is one of several sponsors which host the buffet dinner which is a great respite for Christian engineers to gather, share stories of rats’ nests, swap can-you-top-this stories and tell dumb jokes. (Overheard: “Did you hear about the two antennas which got married? The wedding was lousy, but the reception was outstanding.”)

This year’s “Excellence in Broadcast Engineering” award went to longtime friend and engineer/operator **Floyd Turner** from WBGW. Floyd has built more than a dozen stations and given his time to several missionary radio projects. When we presented the award, he and Susan had just returned from TWR’s large transmitter site in Bonaire. Congratulations, Floyd!



Jim with Floyd Turner

TOP TEN READING LIST

Evelyn Gibson

BEST
BOOKS

For three decades, Evelyn Gibson has been a vital part of Ambassador's creative team. The imprint of her writing and producing expertise is all over features such as *UpWords*, *Daily Light for Daily Living*, *The Garlow Perspective*, and *The Book*. Respecting her capabilities but most of all, her spiritual depth ... we thought we'd invite her to provide the list of her best reading recommendations this month!

This past year has introduced me to a number of books I probably wouldn't have read except for motivation from the Colson Center Fellows Program 2016-2017 reading list. So seven of those outstanding books are included with my recommended "top ten"—at least for now!

1. **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus** by Nabeel Qureshi comes with a warning! Don't go anywhere near this book unless you want to be confronted with your own pre-suppositions and discover so much more by setting them aside!
2. **The Case for Grace** by Lee Strobel begins with his own story of atheism prompted by a father who showed little grace to his son, and Lee's telling of incredible stories of others who found "amazing" grace in Christ's love and redemption. It's powerful "story" reading!
3. **Impossible People** by Os Guinness blew me away in an exposure to modernity from this brilliant mind and thoughtful heart who is calling us to Christian courage in a way that will make us "impossible people!" (Think Daniel in the den of lions and you'll be close!)
4. **Conformed to His Image** by Kenneth Boa will be a "go-to" for me for years. I pondered, studied and read this call to spiritual formation and its disciplines with a hungry heart and mind! In over 500 pages, I couldn't get enough!
5. **How Now Shall We Live**—the classic and definitive work on the biblical Christian worldview from **Chuck Colson** and **Nancy Pearcey** should be read over and over. My exact intention—until I get it at the core of my understanding!
6. **The Reason for God** by Timothy Keller. Where have I been—not to have read Timothy Keller until now? Yikes—it's like finding a best friend you never knew you had as he speaks about God in a way you've always wanted to hear!
7. **Restoring All Things** by John Stonestreet and Warren Cole Smith. There's no whining or complaining in any of this—but a reminder that if we really believe who God is and trust that He knows what He's doing, we have a part in HIS plan for the culture. So what are we waiting for? It's basically a "kick in the pants!"
8. For most refreshingly penetrating devotional book this year: **John MacArthur's Remember and Return**.
9. For all-time favorite "go to"—Eugene Peterson's **A Long Obedience in the Same Direction**—dog-eared to the max!
10. For most recent wowzer: **Giving it All Away: The Way of Living Generously** by David Green. Don't ignore this book as just another book on giving by a wealthy man and family. It is not! This is biblical "rich-young-ruler" radical and all about Jesus' saying, "Follow Me!" READ IT—if you dare!



AND
MORE
BOOKS

FOR YOUNGER READERS

May we suggest these books perfect for young readers ... and those who read to them as well!

**It's Time to Sleep,
My Love** (Eric
Metaxas)

With illustrations from Nancy Tillman, this beautiful picture book is perfect for bedtime.



You Are Special
(Max Lucado)

God loves each of us just the way we are—a powerful message for the young heart.



**The Incredible
Discovery of
Lindsey Renee** (Joni
Eareckson Tada)

God uses our faithfulness to change lives.



A SNAP SHOTS

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1—We're excited for the privilege of serving alongside Barry Meguiar and his team (including **Leslie Kennedy** and **Katie Pender**) as *Ignite America* is launched. Thanks to **Frank Smith**, Donor Direct, for the good training on this web-based endeavor to support the nationwide evangelism effort. Watch for the July edition of Update with full details or ask Selah@ambaa.com for more information.

2—Great to welcome **Jay Flowers** and **Bill Fickett** to AAA not only to meet but to join in the celebration of Al Sanders' #90!

3—**Jim Garlow** was privileged to be at the White House for National Day of Prayer activities including opportunity for fellowship with **Vice President Mike Pence**.

4—While in Nashville for a conference on email strategy (if you want to know what she learned, check out the blog post at our website), Selah was able to visit WFCM ... thanks for the hospitality, GM **Scott Thunder!**

5—Peg Campbell was privileged to participate with those who prayed at KKLA's May NDOP event including Ryan Ries (Whosoever), Frank Sontag (KKLA), J.P. Jones (Crossline Church), Michael Lantz (Living Truth/Corona), Marc Little (Faithful Central Church), and Gina Pastore with GM **Terry Fahy** (2nd from right).

6—From about as far away as you can go—thanks for stopping by Ambassador, **G. J. Gerard**, while west from WIHS (Middletown CT).

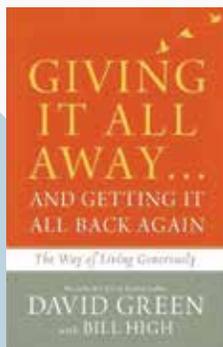
7—We couldn't resist ... when **Life Issues** called for thousands of baby socks to deliver to Planned Parenthood, representing the more than 320,000 abortions they funded according to the organization's annual report, our team wanted to participate!

8—We welcomed **Andrew Montgomery** who serves as Director of Public Relations and Guest Relations at Focus on the Family and was in SoCal for the Ken Davis SCORRE conference. So glad you made a stop at Ambassador, friend!

GOT THE BEACH CHAIR HANDY?

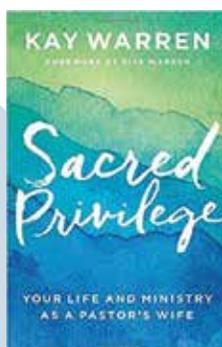
More good reading recommendations for this summer

GOOD
READS



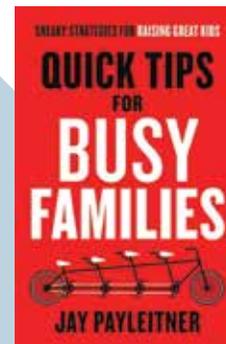
Giving It All Away ... And Getting It All Back Again: The Way of Living Generously is the inspiring story by David Green about building a legacy based on giving. As the founder and CEO of the beloved Hobby Lobby chain of stores, Green shares real life experience of how the Bible has encouraged him to live a life of generosity.

Meet David Green: He may be a successful businessman but the legacy he cares most to have is of a family that stays together, prays together, and shares life with extravagant generosity. David and his wife, Barbara, have three adult children and ten grandchildren. The two things he knows will last forever are "God's Word and man's souls." This is why he has become a driving force behind the remarkable Museum of the Bible in D.C. which will open in November.



Sacred Privilege: Your Life and Ministry as a Pastor's Wife is new from Kay Warren, wife of Pastor Rick Warren—for more than 40 years. Hear from someone who knows firsthand the challenges of such a role and yet resoundingly affirms embracing the assignment as an opportunity to do God's work in remarkable ways.

Meet Kay Warren: While her role as a pastor's wife (and one frequently in the spotlight) is the focus of this book, Kay has written previously and eloquently out of personal experience with loss, pain, and disappointment. Her influence has been felt by several on the Ambassador team who make Saddleback their church home—and we're grateful for that impact!



Quick Tips for Busy Families: Sneaky Strategies for Raising Great Kids is the latest "real world" insight from author Jay Payleitner. The book is "chock full" of brief suggestions (over 140) that will enhance family life in a creative way that you might even call "parenting hacks."

Meet Jay Payleitner: He's been a longtime friend to Christian radio—mostly behind the scenes in assisting a number of ministries with creative content. Author of a number of similarly creative publications, Jay practices what he preaches—he's dad to five, granddad to six and still married to high school sweetheart, Rita.



TRIVIA TIME

GRACE AND BASEBALL

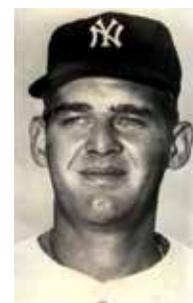
Earlier this year, **Focus on the Family** welcomed Bo Mitchell to the daily program to share his remarkable story of *Discovering God's Grace Behind Bars*. (If you haven't heard the broadcast, check the archives!)

Here's a bit of trivia for you—Bo's dad, Dale, was a Brooklyn Dodger facing NY Yankees legendary pitcher Don Larsen in the historic game 5 of the 1956 World Series.

Hey, do you know what was remarkable about that game? The first ten to send the right answer to Brian.Krause@fotf.org will receive a copy of Bo's book *Grace Behind Bars*—and a baseball signed by Bo's good friend, Don Larsen!



BO MITCHELL



DON LARSEN

TRAVEL REPORT



All the way from ... CUBA!

Recently, our own Jim Sanders and daughter Katherine joined Charles Morris and Haven board members on another exploratory trip to Cuba. The group met with national church leaders, seminary professors and denominational influencers to determine the viability of Haven broadcasting in Spanish to the country. It's in anticipation of Trans World Radio's construction of a transmitter in Bonaire which will cover the entire 11 million population of Cuba at nighttime. Haven listeners have donated nearly 140,000 Bibles to Cuba since Haven's first trip to Cuba.

PICTURED: (Top) First row, L-R: Phil Klassen (Haven Board Member), Katherine, Jim, **Charles Morris** Second row, L to R: Tom Hough (United Servants Abroad), Ethan Chong (friend of Haven), Casey Journigen (Haven Board Member), Dan Warne (Haven), Don Elmore (United Servants Abroad)



It was a ministry trip but hard not to notice the beautiful cars "frozen in time" in Havana—in fact, one writer has said any given parking lot or square in Old Havana is a spilled Skittles bag of brightly colored metal. See for yourself!



A packed trip to ... CHICAGO!

One of the reasons we love NRB ... forging new relationships that result in opportunities like this!

At the invitation of Dan Craig, Moody hosted Barry Meguiar in Chicago for several events as well as guesting on Moody talk shows including the morning **Karl (Clauson)** and **June (Felix)** show.



It was a special delight to share luncheon fellowship with Moody President **Dr. Paul Nyquist** and participate in an Evangelism Conference call with Moody air talent across the country.

The trip even included some genuine Chicago-style pizza with **Dan Craig**, Moody Manager of Programming ... does it get any better than this?

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What's fun about your station in the summer?



For WRFD, Summer means: Vacation Bible School and our County Fair Tour! With over 30 years of partnering with local churches you are sure to see us at one of a [dozen Vacation Bible School events](#) or at any one of [seven county fairs](#) during our Bob Burney County Fair Tour. From Lemonade Shakes to a Cup-O-Fries, you'll find it at our broadcast tent where WRFD's local talk-host Bob Burney can be found greeting our loyal listeners and making new friends too!

Tom Heyl | General Manager
Salem Media Group | Columbus, OH

In July, we are continuing the [KCMH Tour](#) (fundraising event for needed computer upgrade) and hosting our [second annual Golf Tournament](#) at one of our local golf courses—giving away door prizes, and sharing what KCMH is all about. In August, we are having an [outdoor concert](#) in one of our neighboring towns' amphitheater (one of our translator locations) featuring 3 great CCM artists. Having a great time for Jesus, being able to be His hands and feet around the globe is an amazing blessing for us.



Jerad Moffitt | General Manager
KCMH | Mountain Home, AR



We look forward to having a booth out in the midway at our [Douglas County Fair](#). During this 4 day event, KGRV hosts 2 evangelical pastors in our booth out in the heat. With a sound system, we challenge passer-byers to receive a double scoop of Umpqua Dairy Ice Cream if they would be bold enough to [step up to our mic and ask a question](#) about the Bible or the Christian life. It went very well last year, so we will do it again.

Phil Morrow | General Manager
KGRV | Roseburg, OR

FISHfest! The largest Christian music festival in Nebraska now in its third year and moving to the great outdoors! This year we'll have 9 nationally recognized artists and 3 locals.



Mike Shane | Operations Manager
KCRO/KGBI/KOTK | Omaha, NE

What about you? Chime in your station's fun summer plans at our [blog: ambaa.com/news](#)

COMING UP THIS MONTH

JUNE 7-9 "Restoring Confidence, Renewing Joy" is the theme of this year's gathering for pastors and leaders hosted by [Times Square Church \(Pastor Carter Conlon\)](#) in Grantville PA.



JUNE 9-10 Ligonier hosts a [regional conference](#) in Los Angeles with speakers **John MacArthur**, Michael Horton, W. Robert Godfrey and others.



JUNE 18-24 **Bob Lepine** speaks at beautiful [Forest Home](#) for one of this summer's Family Retreats.



JUNE 22 While **Joni and Friends Family Retreats** are held all across the USA, two will be held internationally this weekend—one in [Romania](#) and the other in [Ghana](#).



These weeks are pivotal in restoring weary families—and sharing the Gospel with those who are in need of hope.

JUNE 25 It's renown in North Carolina and **Anne Graham Lotz** will be attending this year's ["Singing on the Mountain"](#) event on Grandfather Mountain.



And today ... **Happy #69 Anniversary** to **Al & Margaret Sanders!**



SOLD OUT!

Thrilled to share that there will be a "full house" (literally) for [Revive '17](#) (Indianapolis IN). However, listeners can still join the Revive Our Hearts conference on September 29-30 via livestream of the event. Speakers include **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**, Dannah Gresh and others, teaching on mentoring women the Titus 2 way.





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With **Joni and Ken Tada** are student recipients Arissa Alvarez and Spencer Whelan, with Cheryl Crawford (Social Work) and Paul Shrier (Theology).



President **Jon Wallace** joins Peg in honoring Jon Campbell scholars Jayden Newbury and Heidi Stewart.

SHARING THE LEGACY

It never grows old ... meeting the students who have been awarded special scholarship support as they pursue academic excellence as well as fulfill service commitments.

Recently it was our joy to participate in two gatherings at Azusa Pacific University to meet recipients of the **Jon M. Campbell Scholarship** for Servant Leadership and those awarded the **Joni Eareckson Tada Scholarship** who have participated in an interdisciplinary (theology and social work) course on Suffering.

Every student's story is unique ... and every such gathering a cause for deep joy and much hope recognizing the caliber of young adults being celebrated.



Where are you? Send your photos to peg@ambaa.com