



The Eagle's Screech

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BOWMAN NAMED CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors of the "Go Ye" Mission, Inc. recently named Dr. John Bowman as Chairman. Serving on the Board of Directors for many years, John has provided vision and leadership. Founder and Surgical/Medical Director of the Eastern Oklahoma Eye Clinic, he has been in private practice here in Tahlequah since 1979. Active in many civic organizations, he is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce and past Chairperson of the Cherokee County Republican Party. John has been involved in teaching Bible classes for over 20 years as a member of the South College Church of Christ. John is married to Maryann, who coaches tennis and works with the international students at Markoma.

John and Maryann are the proud parents of two Markoma Christian School graduates, Jeff and Jennifer. They continue to be outspoken advocates of Christian education.



Fundraiser Expands

After selling 500 dozen doughnuts with our initial Krispy Kreme fund-raiser, the fund-raising committee was optimistic about the future of this fund-raising endeavor. Their expectations were realized with the February delivery of nearly 800 dozen doughnuts in the Tahlequah community. Each box of doughnuts is delivered with a note of thanks which contains a "mini brochure" about Markoma Christian School. By this we are able to promote Markoma to a great number of people at very little cost to the school. The community response has been wonderful!

If you would like to order some Krispy Kremes, give us a call at **458-7513** and we will deliver them to your door on Thursday April 25th.

NEW SIGN IS UP!

A special thanks to Board member Christa Carlton for making it possible for us to update our sign on 4th St.



2002 SPRING BANQUET SET

The annual Spring Banquet has been set for Saturday April 27th. This years banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Richardson Hall of the Go Ye Village. The theme is **"Honoring Our Past, Anticipating Our Future!"** It will be a special time to honor those who have faithfully served the "Go Ye" Mission throughout the years. The Board will also use this opportunity to share it's vision for the future of Markoma!

The Banquet is free of charge, however, reservations must be received by April 23rd by calling 918-456-6115.

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ALUMNUS DONATES TECHNOLOGY

In today's educational landscape computers are common place and expected. Costs, however, of computers and other technology continue to be high and out of reach for small private institutions such as Markoma. This large hurdle has been recently overcome through the generosity of Markoma alumnus Joel Thomas. Joel, a 1982 graduate, is the Executive Vice President of Bluecurrent, which was formed in 1993 as an IT asset management company. The founders (brothers Joel, Shawn and Brian)



Ryan Galdamez with Joel Thomas in the Bluecurrent facility in Oklahoma City. Visit their website at www.bluecurrent.com.

identified an opportunity to help large corporations more efficiently manage their IT assets, and proceeded to sign up several Fortune 500 companies as clients. Today they run an internationally recognized company with offices in Austin, TX, Kent, WA, Baltimore, MD, Oklahoma City, OK, San Bernadino, CA, and one in the United Kingdom.

Joel contacted the school and asked for our wish list of technology related products. "I didn't know what to expect," said Mike Brown, Public Relations coordinator for the school. "I asked him for everything I could think of that we didn't have the monies to purchase." Through Joel's efforts, Markoma will soon have a computer lab in place for our students, along with six laptop computers for the school's use. Other technology related items will be coming in the near future along with a technology assessment of our facilities and how best to integrate the computers into the classroom. "We want this to enhance the learning environment for the students and teachers in the classroom," commented Principal Ryan Galdamez. Picking up the first installment of equipment the last week of March in OKC, was an eye-opening experience. The Bluecurrent 50,000 square foot warehouse was filled with isle after isle of racks nearly 40 feet high that contained various computer products. One could easily be enamored by the size and scope of Bluecurrent but Joel seems to have both feet firmly planted. "Some people just don't get it. It's not about money." Joel humbly commented, "Life is about relationships; relationships with people and our God!" Joel credits God for the blessings he has received and appreciates the opportunity to give something back. Our many thanks go out to Joel for his vision and generosity.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Keith and Sarah Knapp



Keith and Sarah first heard of Markoma in December of 1995. They were recently engaged and Keith had just finished student teaching in Michigan, while Sarah was in her Junior year at Cornerstone University, where they met. Sarah's brother and his wife (Paul and Wendy Bunning) were the boy's dorm parents then. After Keith and Sarah came for a visit during Christmas Break, they both felt the Lord's unmistakable leading toward Markoma. They were married in early June 1996, and moved from Michigan to Tahlequah 11 days later, living, for that summer off of wedding gift money. Sarah, being a speech and communications major, taught speech and drama, while Keith taught many of the sciences and physical education classes, as well as coaching soccer and track. Over the past 6 years, the Knapps have been Senior class and Junior class sponsors 2 years each. Sarah has organized the Talent Show and assisted with many banquets, mass-mailings,

fund-raisers, and been a friend to many students over the years. Keith has taught Science classes and coached each year at Markoma, and has also taught some lower level math classes and P.E. He spent 3 years as Athletic Director, 4 years as farm manager and 2 years as bus-driver.

After just their first year at Markoma, they were blessed with Adam in July 1997. This gave Sarah the opportunity to scale back to teaching just one speech class. Brandon was born in 2000, and baby number 3 is due this May.

The Knapps have always had a heart for foreign missions. Being drawn toward Africa, they were able to go with their church to Malawi, Africa, in 1999. To see the people's open, warmhearted reception of the gospel served to fan the flame of desire for world missions. The Knapps still have a heart for Africa, but the Lord has given them a different role for now. Being so far from family since marriage has prevented them from developing close relationships with siblings. This, in part, has led the Knapps to pursue moving closer to family. The Knapps plan on moving to Colorado this coming June, shortly after the baby is born. Please pray that the Lord will provide the wisdom and means to "tie up the loose ends. The Knapps will be greatly missed on campus but we wish them all God's best as they begin a new chapter in their Christian ministry. They will forever be a part of the Markoma family!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Regularly, daily growing more in love with our Saviour and with each other. A safe pregnancy and delivery of the baby. The Lords clear guidance and direction in the move to Colorado.



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Cho Long Kim also won two awards in the 2nd District Congressional Art Show:

1st Place - Printmaking

3rd Place - Pencil (Animate subject)

U.S. Congressman Brad Carson was on hand to present her with the award.



L to R: Karen Salmon, Ryan Galdamez, Cho Long Kim and Congressman Brad Carson.

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John and Michelle Geasland spoke at the annual Valentines Banquet about God's faithfulness in bringing them together in His timing. They encouraged the students to wait on the Lord.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Praise to the Lord for his continued provision for this ministry.

PRAY as we search for and interview prospective math and science teachers for the 2002-2003 school year. If you know of any qualified teachers in these areas please call us with information.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our Seniors as they prepare and raise funds for their Mission trip to Puebla, Mexico in May.



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