

# EXPOSITION

Monthly e-Bulletin from Virginia Beach Theological Seminary



## From My Window

At an early age, William Borden was saved under the ministry of R. A. Torrey at Moody Church. His life was marked by Bible study and prayer, and when he entered Yale University in 1905, he quickly realized there were very few students who desired God. He began holding a weekly Bible study, and by the end of his senior year, a thousand students were attending his weekly study. After graduating from both Yale and Princeton Seminary, he boarded a ship for China, but stopped in Cairo, Egypt to learn Arabic. In a few short weeks, he died of spinal meningitis at age twenty-five having never reached China. On his grave are these words: *Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation for such a life.* What words of challenge! It reminds me of Jim Elliot's prayer, "I seek not a long life, but a full one."



## Welcome, Scott and Leah Rosen

The faculty and staff welcome Scott, Leah, and their three children to the ministry team of VBTS. They both bring a wealth of life and ministry experience to his position as the Director of Admissions. Upon graduation with his J.D. from Villanova University in 2009, he moved to Boston to begin his career. While there he met Leah in 2012, and they were married on September 13, 2014. Two years later, Scott enrolled in the MBSO at VBTS and proved to be an outstanding student. Through his studies at VBTS and his practical ministry at the Church of the Open Bible (Burlington, MA), God directed Scott and his family to move to Virginia Beach and enroll in the MDiv program. They changed geographical locations by faith since Leah was eight months pregnant with their daughter. Their spirit of joy and grace are a blessing to the entire campus family. When asked why he accepted the position of Director of Admissions he humbly states, "Edward Estes was such a blessing to me in this role, and I hope to be the same to others." God bless you, Scott, we look forward to your ministry at VBTS!

## **My Journey to VBTS**

Scott Rosen | Director of Admissions

William Cowper's hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" has been a favorite of many over the years, and this title is an apt description for the path that has led me to VBTS. There is no logical reason why I should work for VBTS, be in seminary to begin with, or even be a Christian.

In God's sovereign will, he allowed me to be adopted from Colombia as an infant into a Jewish family. Like many American Jewish households, there was some emphasis on the cultural aspects of the religion, but my upbringing was decidedly secular. Indeed, it was so secular that I developed a strong resentment toward all religions and considered myself an atheist during my teen years.

Growing up in a heavily Jewish town just outside of Boston, I had little interaction with evangelicals. Nonetheless, I found them particularly offensive because I considered them to be the most backwards and deceived of all religious people.

As an extreme example of the ungodly suppressing the knowledge of the Truth as found in Romans 1:18, God would have done well to permit me to perish in my blindness. The Lord, however, being rich in mercy, called me to Himself and allowed me to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (Eph 2:4-5).

Soon thereafter, I went away to college, but without any real discipleship I struggled in studying the Word and finding the courage to attend church for the first time. After graduation, the Lord worked in my heart to join a local church, and I became a member of Engleside Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. There I was baptized, discipled, and brought under the ministry of the Word.

Despite maturing in my faith, I floundered about regarding the direction I should take in life. However, after visiting Engleside again one summer while in graduate school, I heard a sermon about finding fulfillment in serving God and not in one's career. This led me to return to Massachusetts to assist with a church plant while working a secular job. There I was blessed with multiple ministry opportunities including the privilege to preach the Word.

The Lord eventually led me to meet my wife, Leah (the daughter of a pastor). Through her father's influence, I was challenged to look more deeply into the Scriptures, and I found a greater appreciation for expository preaching. This caused me to desire deeper theological training, but for the time being, attending seminary was not feasible.

Soon after we were married, God brought us to a new church in Massachusetts where I became a lay elder. The church graciously agreed to pay for me to take seminary courses remotely while I ministered there. I selected VBTS because a number of men from my father-in-law's church were alumni.

As I neared the completion of my MBS, I sensed the Lord leading me to full time ministry, but it became clear that the wisest course was to pursue an MDiv. God graciously allowed a family at Colonial Baptist Church to open up their home for our family to rent. In the midst of Covid without a job and with Leah being eight months pregnant, he gave us peace to relocate to Virginia Beach.

Now, as both a student and the Director of Admissions, I hope to be able to encourage the seminary community just as VBTS has been such a blessing to my family and me as we look to the Lord to prepare us for future pastoral ministry in His service.