



TUMI Denver

Spring/Summer 2021

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Connecting With My Partners

I love my job! I could not do this without the prayers and financial support of you my partners.

Greetings in the strong name of Jesus Christ! I praise the Lord that COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, and I pray that you all are well and getting back to a sense of some normalcy again.

Despite all the COVID-19 restrictions, I have stayed busy leading the TUMI class at Grace of the Lord Church in Aurora. Not working in the prisons allowed me to work closely with and encourage my Grace Church TUMI students—some who have not attended school for many years. The fruit is that all of my TUMI students are plugging into areas of ministry within the church or with outside ministries. I'm so proud of them!!



Some of my TUMI class at Grace Church (ages 18-81)

Also, praise the Lord that on May 27, we were allowed back into the men's prison to restart the TUMI program. It was a grand reunion for the TUMI students and the mentors. The women's prison has not yet set a date to start again. In my next newsletter, I will share stories with you from the incarcerated TUMI students about their journey with the Lord through the COVID-19 lockdowns.

It's always a blessing to hear good news about our released TUMI grads and students. It allows us to experience the fruit of God's nurturing we poured into that student. In March, I had a surprise phone call from someone special. See [TUMI Student Focus](#) on page 2 for the story.

I've introduced the Onesimus Workshop in past newsletters, but for various reasons was unable to hold one in Denver. Well, now I am excited to announce that we are planning an **all-day Onesimus Workshop on Saturday, October 16, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, for Denver-area churches and ministries** who are interested in identifying ministry to inmates and/or befriending and welcoming returning citizens into the church. In fact, the chaplain from the men's prison, several of my TUMI grads and students from the prisons, and TUMI ministry partners will be sharing. For more information, see [Onesimus Workshop Coming to Denver](#) on page 2.

From November 2020 through early January 2021, several World Impact staff members invested their time and energy as a labor of love in preparing for World Impact's training programs to go online. Because this online platform—called World Impact U—was developed in-house, it was quite an accomplishment and a cost-saver. My assignments were to preview three online programs and provide my feedback to the World Impact U development team: 1) TUMI Module 14, 2) Onesimus Workshop, and 3) Trauma Healing Leadership. Praise the Lord, World Impact U went live on January 22!! For more information see [Welcome to World Impact U](#) on page 3.

Mike continues to work with international translators of the TUMI curriculum and the Fight the Good Fight of Faith Bible study (precursor course for TUMI students). For more information, see Mike Dicke's [TUMI International](#) report on page 3.

Your Servant-in Christ,

Chaplain Kris Briggs

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
Matthew 28:18-28 (ESV)

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The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) Capstone Program, a ministry of World Impact, is a seminary-level biblical curriculum which is being used effectively to equip ministry leaders who might not otherwise have access to a biblical education. The 16 modules provide the most essential knowledge and skills for effective ministry and church leadership, making it an excellent tool to prepare students to be ministers of the gospel of Christ.

We are now taking applications for the next module at several Denver Metro locations.
Contact me at 303-956-7898 for locations, days, and times.

TUMI Student Focus

In March, I stayed home from church because of blizzard-like conditions. At Windsor Gardens where I live, no work had been done to remove snow from the sidewalks or streets, so I knew it was bad. Later in the morning, when I was spending time in the Word, my phone rang. Typically, I would not have answered, but on this day I did. It was a God thing.

The call went something like this: "*Chaplain Kris? <Yes it is. Who is this?> This is Dana Brown. I'm so excited that I got ahold of you! I've tried to call before, but the number I had didn't work. I was just cleaning out some files and found an employer recommendation you had written for me, and it had this phone number on it.*"

I can't tell you how blessed I was to hear from Dana. Since graduating from TUMI in 2017 at the women's prison, she had been my assistant in leading Fight the Good Fight Bible studies, a precursor for taking TUMI.

When she was released, I gave Dana the Denver TUMI website address denvertumi.org so that she could get my contact information but had not heard from her. I was so sad to lose contact with her.



Dana and Riggins

While in prison, Dana had participated in the Dog Training program, and now she was doing that same work on the outside—training, boarding, and walking dogs. She sounded so good.

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- Save the Date -
Onesimus Workshop
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, October 16



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Contact Kris at 303-956-7898 (leave message)

Onesimus Workshop Coming to Denver

World Impact's Prison Ministry Program trains churches and ministries to do effective ministry in and through the local church. We do this in two ways:

- **Support on the inside.** We take church-based seminary (TUMI) inside the prisons.
- **Support on the outside.** Onesimus Workshops train churches and ministries to equip prisoners, welcome former prisoners into the life of the church, and empower them to do effective ministry.

The Onesimus Workshop is designed to help churches discuss the hard issues of reentry ministry; understand a Biblical view of prison ministry and prison culture; and encourage them to welcome and empower returned citizens. With training, men and women who have experienced incarceration can be powerful agents to advance God's Kingdom in and through the local church.

Rev. Rich Esselstrom, World Impact's Prison Ministry Director, will be facilitating the workshop with me. Rich has worked with World Impact in prison ministry—inside and outside—since 1986. He has been a great mentor to me and helped me find mentors for some of our released TUMI students.

We will also hear from the chaplain at the men's prison on how much TUMI has impacted the lives of those inmates he works with. And some of our released TUMI grads and students will be there to share what TUMI has meant to them inside and outside the prison.

Welcome to

Many people have asked me over the years if the TUMI Capstone Program was

available online. Praise God! In January, World Impact had a successful online launch of the following five core programs:

- Church-based Seminary (TUMI Capstone)
- Prison Ministry (Onesimus Workshop)
- Church Planting
- Trauma Healing
- Retreats

World Impact U was designed to empower churches, ministry networks, and denominations to equip their people for ministry. Their online programs are convenient, affordable, and completely integrated for use with students in a traditional classroom environment or as an additional resource for online class sessions.

Some of the World Impact U training is offered in several different languages. We are excited for what this online platform will mean for equipping Gospel workers around the world. Also see [TUMI International](#).

For more information about World Impact U, visit <https://worldimpact.org/world-impact-u>.

NOTE: For a limited time, you can take advantage of a FREE preview course!

TUMI Student Focus (continued)

I told Dana about my working with a church plant and leading TUMI classes there on Wednesday nights. I invited her to come to church so that I could see her in person. She came and loved my church. In fact, she is currently participating in the pastor's leadership training and hoping to plug into leading the teen ministry.

In August, Dana plans to join me as a TUMI Mentor and help me lead the Fight the Good Fight study.

Another praise the Lord!! This month Dana received notice that she is no longer on parole. 😊



TUMI International

Mike has been working diligently to get the TUMI curriculum and the Fight the Good Fight of Faith Bible Study workbook translated for the TUMI sites he started in Ethiopia and India.

In Ethiopia, he has been partnering with CRU (Campus Crusade) to translate the TUMI program materials into the Amharic language. The translations are in the works, and the Ethiopian mentors are excited to get started.

In India, the Telegu translations were halted two years ago due to lack of funds. Mike is pleased to share that the translations have started back up again using the same translation team they had two years ago.

Also in India, the initial stages of the Assamese language translations have started for the TUMI curriculum. The translation of Fight the Good Fight of Faith workbooks are completed; however a lack of funding halted the TUMI translations. The same TUMI mentor, who has a TUMI site in Assam, India, is working on the translations.

If you or your church would like to sponsor the cost of TUMI curriculum for international TUMI students, please contact me at 303-956-7898.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Praises

- Praising the Lord for the TUMI program and seeing the fruits as our students plug into areas they can serve in the church and in their city.
- Praising the Lord for the TUMI program restarting at the men's prison.

Prayers

- Prayer to raise my needed financial support for 2021.
- Prayer for the women's prison to open up after being closed due to COVID-19. We are looking forward to take TUMI back in.
- Prayer for successful Onesimus Workshop in October.
- Prayer for our international team translating the TUMI and Fight the Good Fight curriculum.

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NOTE: The link is case sensitive, so note the double "s" between Briggs and Support, as it should read "BriggsSupport."

2. On the Donate page, follow the instructions.

NOTE: If you have problems, please email gifts@worldimpact.org or call at **323-735-1137** for assistance.

Contact me at 303-956-7898 if you have any questions.

Thank you and God bless you,

Kris ☺