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DEFENDING THE POOR AND NEEDY

Regent is training a generation to combat injustice around the world

Twenty-seven million people. They could fill New York City three times and populate the entire state of Texas. But 27 million is also the number of people trapped in slavery worldwide. Sadly, more people live as slaves now than at any time in human history. Equally, if not more, alarming is the fact that more than 100 million children around the globe live alone, without any parental care.

To confront the tremendous human-rights challenges facing the world today, Regent University's School of Law recently

launched the Center for Global Justice, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law. The goal is to equip Christian advocates to seek justice for the world's downtrodden — the enslaved, the abused and the poor. Dean Jeffrey Brauch says these are exciting times, as the Lord opens doors of opportunity for Regent students to make a worldwide impact.

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“Our God cares for those who don’t have power, who don’t have influence, those who are poor and oppressed – the alien, the widow and the orphan,” Brauch explains. “So if that’s God’s heart, it has to be our heart as well.” He continues, “The Center for Global Justice is our attempt to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. It will be the place where Christian young men and women who’ve got a passion to do something, serve fellow human beings who are being abused around the world. This is the place they’ll want to come if they want to be equipped to do that work. It’s going to be us sending them out to do work that will serve the kingdom.”

Brauch says the Center for Global Justice makes it possible for Regent University and the School of Law to empower Christian leaders to change the world.

“I think it will do two things. One, it’s a way of equipping students who come here with a passion and calling to serve the poor and oppressed around the world. We’re going to train them and

help them to do that.” Brauch continues, “Second, we are going to come alongside organizations already doing great work on human trafficking or protecting the rights of children around the world, and we are going to assist them with resources and help them do their work even better.”

Even before this School of Law initiative officially launched on October 12, 2010, several Regent students already were making an international impact in the fight against human trafficking. Third-year law student Joanna Cannone worked as a 2010 summer intern helping sex-trafficking survivors through Transitions Global in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

“Human trafficking is really the most grotesque violation against human beings,” Cannone says. “When you hear that a girl was held down and forced to have sex with 20 men a night, and if she didn’t she was electrocuted, why wouldn’t somebody want to make a difference? ... That has to do something in your soul. As a fellow human being, you have to know that’s not right.”



Cannone, who spent more than two months in Cambodia, remembers one 14-year-old girl who was sold for \$300 at age 11: “I learned that sex trafficking is real. She was really sold. This really happens, and I absolutely must do something about it.

It’s not an option now. After meeting these girls and knowing that this absolutely does happen, now I have to do something about it.”

Kara Cooper’s 2010 summer internship brought her to Pune, India, to work with Freedom Firm, an organization dedicated to rescuing children enslaved in the commercial sex trade. Also a third-year law student, Cooper says Center for Global Justice partners are doing heroic work rescuing girls one at a time.

“I never thought I would ever go to India and actually be somewhere that human trafficking was such a problem. Now, when I hear the story of a victim I see the faces of the girls I met. I see the faces

of the traffickers I saw and the accused in court, and my heart breaks.” Cooper continues, “As a Regent Law student, I seek to be a voice for the voiceless. I want to stand up for those who can’t speak for themselves. That’s my goal: to provide hope where it seems all hope is gone.”

Dean Brauch has an important message for those whom God has given a passion to serve the poor and oppressed around the

world: “Come to Regent. Come take a look at the courses we’re offering and the internship possibilities. If your passion is to do something about slavery, human trafficking or children’s rights issues in the world today, come be a part of the Center for Global Justice, be trained by men and women who share that passion, and be equipped to fulfill that calling on your life.” ✠

For more information about the Center for Global Justice and Regent University’s School of Law call 757.352.4040 or visit www.regent.edu/globaljustice.

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Rwandan Renaissance

Dr. John Mulford and the Regent Center for Entrepreneurship impact a nation



The East African nation of Rwanda is perhaps best known for the horrific 1994 genocide that resulted in the deaths of some 800,000 people and displaced an estimated two million more. But according to the *World Factbook*, this poor rural country, which is the most densely populated in all of Africa, has made substantial progress in stabilizing and rehabilitating its economy to pre-1994 levels.

“Rwanda is the jewel of East Africa,” says Dr. John Mulford, director of the Regent Center for Entrepreneurship. “There’s tremendous unity in their vision to be the continent’s leader in virtually every aspect of society. They’re starting from quite a ways back, but they’re moving fast — really fast.”

In 2006, the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) got calls from the presidents of four African nations: Benin, Burundi, Liberia and Rwanda. The ICCC asked the Regent Center for Entrepreneurship to design one phase of their revitalization plan for each of those four countries. On August 23, 2010, the first group of 37 entrepreneurship students at the Rwanda Business Development Center began a

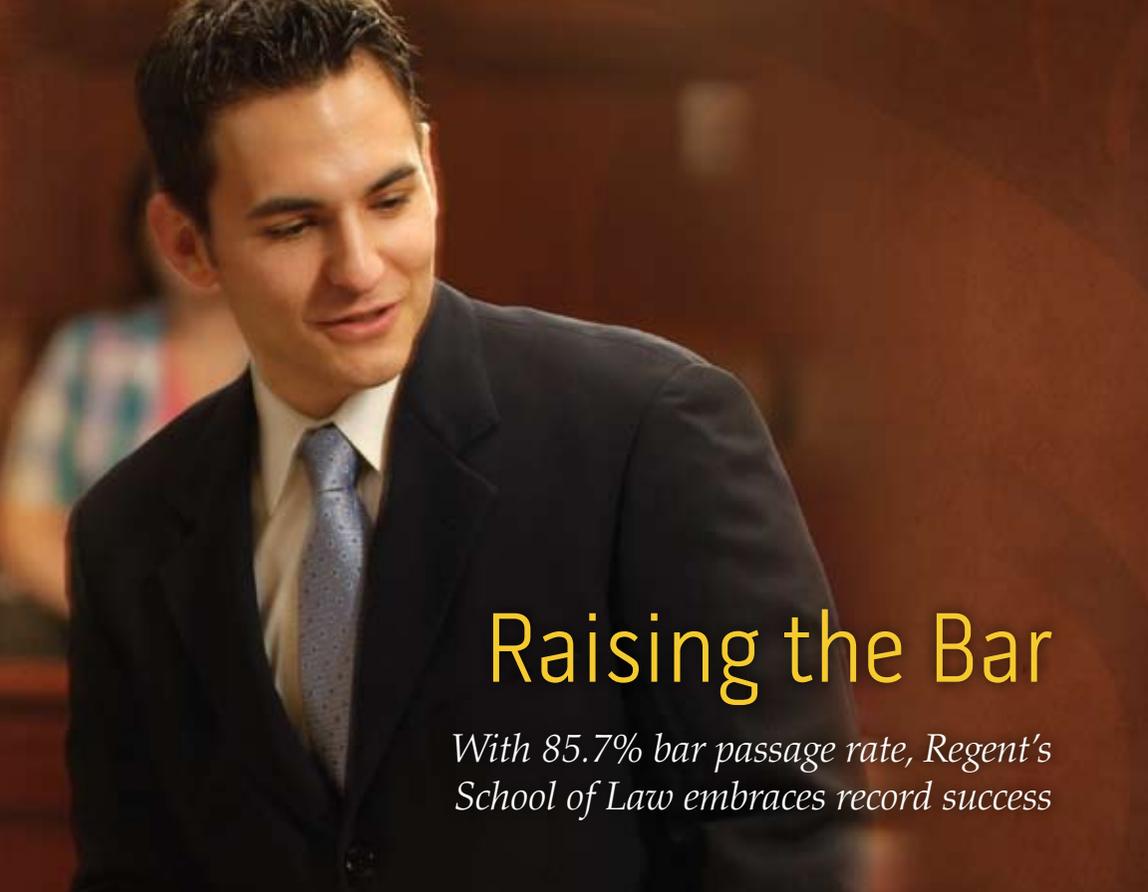
16-week training program in the capital of Kigali.

“Our goal is to train entrepreneurs who will start thousands of small- to medium-sized businesses that will transform the nation,” Mulford explains. “In most African countries that don’t have a developed economy, they’re missing the entire middle section, the small- to medium-sized enterprises, which is the economic engine that generates jobs for people.”

Filling the gap between micro-enterprise and huge multinational companies, the Rwanda Business Development Center offers a program, based on Biblical principles, that Mulford says both trains and nurtures people: “One of the things you face in pretty much any underdeveloped economy is that people don’t have a vision for what’s possible. One of the biggest obstacles is not having examples to follow. So we’re bringing in visitors from around the world who can show them what’s possible. And that’s been powerful.” In September, Mulford led a group of Chick-fil-A operators who conducted a customer-care seminar to support Rwanda’s booming tourism and hospitality industries.

“I see the Center for Entrepreneurship smack in the middle of Regent’s global mission: Christian Leadership to Change the World. ... It isn’t just these four countries. We’re getting requests from all over the place,” Mulford explains. “I can see these business development centers being in 100 countries.” ❀

Learn more about the Rwanda Business Development Center and the Center for Entrepreneurship by calling 757.352.4502, or visit www.regententrepreneur.org.



Raising the Bar

With 85.7% bar passage rate, Regent's School of Law embraces record success

Regent grads who took the Virginia bar exam for the first time in 2010 made history. Forty-two of the 49 School of Law alums who took the exam passed. Their 85.7 percent pass rate is the highest in the university's history. It also is well above the state average of 79.8 percent and third among all Virginia law schools according to the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners. The previous best bar-pass rate among Regent Law first-time takers was 82.9 percent in 1989.

"I am deeply proud of our students," says Jeffrey Brauch, dean of Regent University's School of Law. "Whether winning national championships or passing the bar at historic rates, they display excellence in everything they do."

Regent's 2010 pass percentage for first-time testers trails only the College of William and Mary (92.6 percent) and the University of Virginia (90.6 percent).

"It shows that our program is strong," says Regent Law's Associate Dean for Administration James Murphy. "We're taking these students and doing a good

job with them, because the Virginia bar exam is typically one of the more difficult in the nation."

Dean Brauch also credits the hard work of the School of Law's outstanding faculty: "This achievement reflects their tireless commitment to train our students with depth and rigor. Above all, we praise God for His blessing!"

Regent University's School of Law offers an American Bar Association approved curriculum, while asking students to think about the law from a Christian perspective. By exploring a multidisciplinary breadth of classic texts in history, philosophy and theology, students gain an appreciation of the Biblical foundations of the law and legal institutions of the United States. Among Regent Law's graduates is Virginia's 71st governor, Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell, and other attorneys serving in the nation's top-100 law firms and in local, state and national government positions. ✦

To learn more about Regent University's School of Law, call 877.267.5072 or visit www.regent.edu/law.

A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

As you have gleaned from this issue, Regent is thankful for and takes seriously God's clear call to this university. We must be a global center of Christian thought and action. We are encouraged by the trust He has put in us to begin initiatives like the Center for Global Justice and the Center for Entrepreneurship. These programs are making a powerful, permanent impact in India, Cambodia, Rwanda and other countries around the world. We are fulfilling our mission, and at this very moment, lives are being changed. Thank you for partnering with us in our God-breathed vision. We ask for your continuing prayers as we labor together for God's glory as a leading global university committed to Christ-centered excellence, integrity and innovation.

Sincerely,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.



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SCHOOL OF LAW

88.4%
of 2009 Regent Law graduates were employed within nine months of graduation, exceeding the national average for ABA approved law schools.

2009
Bob McDonnell '89 (Law and Government) was elected Virginia's 71st governor.

21
Regent Law alums are serving as newly elected and appointed judges.

636
hours of community service were volunteered by Regent Law students, faculty and staff for Community Service Day.



REGENT WORLD CHANGER

SCOTT RIGELL

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VIRGINIA'S 2ND
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Scott Rigell put his Regent MBA to work founding Freedom Automotive in 1991. He spent the next two decades successfully building his business, raising four children with his wife Teri and serving the global community as a volunteer for several organizations. This fall, he won a Virginia seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Regent University recognizes and congratulates Scott Rigell as this month's alumni world changer.

Scott Rigell '90 | Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship



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