

*“ Some people are called to medicine; others are called to the priesthood. Still others, like Casey Sheehan, are called to put on a uniform, pick up a gun, and defend their country in times of war. There is joy, ... in fulfilling a calling that fits who we are and, like the pillar of cloud and fire, goes ahead of our lives to lead us... Our gifts and destiny do not lie expressly in our parents' wishes, our boss's plans, our peer group's pressures, our generation's prospects, or our society's demands. Rather, we each need to know our own unique design, which is God's design for us.”*

Os Guinness, The Call

### God @ Work

We are all called to missions regardless of talent, vocation or location. Living by example and sharing the Gospel and teaching Scripture is not solely mandated to pastors and full-time ministry leaders. On a daily basis business leaders and professionals have access to ordinary people that others do not have. We all have our own unique sphere of influence. The market place is our opportunity to bring Christ to people at work. To this, regardless of vocation, we have all been called.

Theological studies are necessary so that we can be fully equipped to do God's business @ work. I recently completed a 26 month business assignment in Central Asia. It was my professional background and the economic down turn that opened the door of opportunity. This mission assignment had a purpose beyond my vocation, professional skills and expectations. This is calling by God's sovereign design.

Initially, I did not understand how the Lord would use this situation. Consequently, I was invited by the international church to serve and provide leadership and teach God's Word until the church could find a full-time pastor. Ironically, I found myself, a business professional, sent not just to do business and live by example; but to preach God's Word and minister to missionaries and aid workers serving the community. This was an honor and privilege and unexpected. We cannot underestimate God's ability to use our talents and vocation to open doors of service for furthering the Kingdom of God.

A theological education is not reserved for the few. I challenge you that it is necessary so we can better serve God and fulfill our calling. This is why BRTS has developed a theological studies program aimed at preparing ordinary people, marketplace leaders, professionals and business people to help them fulfill their calling to impact society for Christ.

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