

# INTO EVERY PERSON'S WORLD

THE ORU BIBLE INSTITUTE PROGRAM

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## Abstract

This article describes the history, development, mission, and impact of the ORU Bible Institute program over its thirty-year history. Different phases of the program are presented: beginnings of the program, curriculum development, and program expansion; features of the program; global impact through international development; times of crisis, re-evaluation, and recovery; adjustments, stabilization, and growth to the present; and the long-term impact of the ORU Bible Institute program

## Introduction

Many people have remarked through the years that the ORU Bible Institute program (ORUBI) is one of ORU's best-kept secrets. In fact, *The Oracle*, the ORU student newspaper, featured an article in 2011 titled, "Bible Institute Program Hiding in the LRC."<sup>1</sup> From its beginning, the mission statement of the program was: "The Diploma of Theological Studies Bible Institute program of Oral Roberts University exists to fulfill the vision of Oral Roberts to go into every [person's] world by providing an ORU education at a junior college level for local churches and distance education students worldwide." The purpose statement was first established in the Operations Manual of 2003 and was revised and expanded over the years

The purpose of the ORU Diploma of Theological Studies Bible Institute program is to assist churches in equipping their members to do the work of ministry worldwide. This is accomplished twofold: 1) by providing a joint relationship between ORU and the local church, offering a joint Diploma of Theological Studies, helping churches set up their own Bible institute using curriculum developed by ORU professors, and 2) by providing online education for students

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<sup>1</sup> Halle Byrums, "Bible Institute Program Hiding in the LRC," *The Oracle*, January 21, 2011.

worldwide who have no opportunity for church-based Bible institute education. This program is also intended to provide students the possibility of advanced standing toward ORU's degree programs.<sup>2</sup>

## Phase 1: Beginnings of the Program

Chancellor Oral Roberts' vision was intended to help train pastors in the Tulsa area and soon there was demand for it throughout the nation. His course on the Holy Spirit, "Holy Spirit in the Now," had already gained popularity, and there was a desire to reach more within the Charismatic Movement with this systematic study on the role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, as well as within the life of the local church. Thus, the birth of what is now known as the ORU Bible Institute program (ORUBI).

The ORU Bible Institute program began in the late 1980s as a correspondence non-credit certificate program in Charismatic Studies as a part of the ORU School of Theology, and then jointly with the Center for Lifelong Education (CLLE), which eventually became the School of LifeLong Education (SLLLE). It started with the desire of churches for Roberts' foundational course, "Holy Spirit in the Now," followed by courses on signs and wonders.

As churches desired more curriculum and courses, the program evolved through different stages and offerings until in 1993,<sup>3</sup> Michael Alexander,<sup>4</sup> in conjunction with Jeff Ogle (SLLLE Dean and VP of Academic Affairs) and Jerry Horner (School of Theology Dean), established the Diploma of Theological Studies (DTS) Bible Institute program as a joint relationship between local churches and Oral Roberts University, linking arms to offer ORU courses in a Bible Institute setting, rather than just a correspondence program. Curriculum began to be produced by ORU professors on a diploma/junior college level, often adapted from ORU correspondence degree program course offerings and professors' lecture notes. This Certificate and Diploma Bible Institute program was developed to complement the educational ministries of the local church for the equipping of the saints for ministry (Eph 4:12–13), designed to be conducted at the local church with academic and administrative support from the university.

Eventually, when the School of Theology was divided into Undergraduate Theology (as a part of the ORU School of Arts and Sciences) and Graduate Theology (School of Theology and Missions), the DTS program was absorbed into the SLLLE. Initially, a thirty-three-credit Advanced Certificate of Theology was offered jointly by

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<sup>2</sup> "Operations Manual," ORU Online Campus, 2011.

<sup>3</sup> Certificate of Theology, Oral Roberts University School of LifeLong Education, 1996.

<sup>4</sup> Alexander held an MDiv and DMin from ORU, had been a pastor, evangelist, professor, and later served as ORU Director of Ministerial Relations.

ORU and local church Bible institutes, followed by a sixty-six-credit Diploma of Theological Studies. Coursework could be applied toward advanced standing in ORU's correspondence and residential undergraduate degree programs.

The courses were designed at a junior college/institute level so that credit could be given to receive advanced standing at colleges and universities through a variety of means: prior Learning assessment portfolio for up to thirty credits in correspondence degree or residential degree programs; test-out; and petition for credit through course-by-course evaluation in correspondence or residential degree programs. Criteria for acceptance of credit at colleges and universities would be determined by:

- Qualifications of instructors;
- College level content and assessment;
- Instructional contact hours;
- Required reading assignments; and
- Acceptance of credits at other accredited colleges and universities.

In some cases, if meeting these criteria, one-for-one credit could be given, just as might be the case for some junior college courses. At ORU, Ogle, King, and new School of Theology dean Thomson Mathew consulted with each other and worked together on the Credit Evaluation Committee headed by Mark Hall.

Following the ORU College of Theology and Ministry pattern, the curriculum included courses in three areas of study: practical ministry studies, biblical studies, and theological studies. Students would receive a joint certificate from the institute and ORU. ORU theological faculty were available to teach special short courses and/or seminars at the church. Such arrangements were made on an individual case-by-case basis, based on the specific needs of the church and the availability of ORU faculty. Credits from Bible institutes in the ORU DTS program have been accepted by at least sixteen Christian and secular accredited colleges and universities, for either full or partial credit. Christian and secular colleges and universities accepting Bible Institute coursework for either full or partial credits have included: Oral Roberts University, State University of New York, Somerset Christian College, Lee University, University of Arizona, Nyack College, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Metro Nazarene School of Ministry, Regis University, Gordon College, University of Colorado, Colorado Christian University, Indiana Wesleyan University, College of the Mainland, Calhoun Community College, and University of Phoenix.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Summarized from memo "Acceptance of Oral Roberts University Diploma of Theological Studies Credits into College and University Degree Programs," 2001, updated in 2010.

## Phase 2: Curriculum Development and Program Expansion (1996–2007)

By 1996, a dozen schools had been established around the United States with about 200 students in the program. At that time, Paul King<sup>6</sup> was hired by SLLE dean Ogle and provost Carl Hamilton to take over as Faculty Coordinator of the Diploma of Theological Studies (DTS) program. King’s vision to equip the saints to do the work of ministry (Eph 4:12) “fit like a hand in a glove,” as he expressed it, with the ORU DTS program. King used the motto of Costa Deir of Elim Fellowship: “It is good to be highly educated; it is better to be educated from on high; it is best to be both.”

From August 1996 through Summer 2012, King organized, managed, and expanded the program, producing curriculum for over fifty courses, which were upgraded and revised periodically as needed. With the oversight of Ogle, Mathew, and Hall, chair of SLLE for a period of time, King contracted more than twenty ORU professors to produce a full curriculum comprised of syllabi, study guides, lecture notes, and exams. The institutes are administrated by the local church, school, or ministry with oversight from the ORUBI administration, which included site visits from King for promotion, relationship-building, administrative instruction, training, and accountability. ORUBI set up a tuition fee per student somewhat comparable to junior college fee rates, but lower so that institutes could set their own tuition rates to pay their instructors and cover administrative costs. Institutes would collect the tuition from the students, keep their portion, and pay ORUBI the fees. Institutes would report student grades, which would be recorded in the ORU registrar’s office.

The ORUBI program was promoted through occasional mention by Richard Roberts on his TV program, periodic mailings to alumni and churches, and the SLLE page on the ORU website page, emails, mailing lists, and phone contacts. In 1998, King was interviewed about the ORUBI program for an article in *Ministries Today*, a journal for Charismatic leaders published by Charisma Media.<sup>7</sup> In 1999, ORU DMin Director Dan Hedges wrote about ORUBI in a *Ministries Today* article on “The New Charismatic Bible Schools.”<sup>8</sup> Yet most of the promotion was by word-of-mouth. King made presentations to churches and to students in ORU graduate and doctoral

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<sup>6</sup> King received a BA in Biblical Literature, MA in Theology, and DMin from ORU, and a ThD from the University of South Africa. Before coming to ORU he had served as a pastor and a Christian school administrator. He was an adjunct in the School of Theology and Ministry and taught Divine Healing and Dynamics of the Holy Spirit in the ORU DMin program. Author of several books, he was awarded the ORU 2006 Scholar of the Year and the 2006 Outstanding Faculty Service Award from the ORU SLLE.

<sup>7</sup> Anahid Schweikert, “Putting Your People in Place,” *Ministries Today*, November-December 1998, 50.

<sup>8</sup> Dan Hedges, “The New Charismatic Bible Schools,” *Ministries Today*, January-February 1999, 57.

programs. Several graduates of ORU's MDiv and DMin programs started Bible institutes in their own churches in joint relationship with ORU. Having been a Christian school administrator, King was able to arrange for some Christian high schools to use the curriculum. He was also able to promote through articles he was asked to write for *Ministries Today* and *Charisma* magazines.<sup>9</sup>

Due to popular request from Bible institutes, six specialty short-term nineteen-credit certificates were added in 2001–2003, including General Theological Studies Certificate, Christian Caregiving Certificate, Christian Workers Certificate, Christian Mission Certificate, Christian Education Certificate, and Biblical Studies Certificate. A 140+ page Operations Manual was produced, outlining the policies, procedures, and forms of the program, which has been updated and expanded over time. By 2007, the program had grown to about forty schools and 1,500 students, and 4,500 enrollments in twenty-seven states and seven countries.

## **Global Impact—International Development**

### *City Harvest Bible Training Center, Singapore*

In 1997, City Harvest Church in Singapore, a burgeoning megachurch with its own program, City Harvest Bible Training Center, with about 200 students, sought joint relationship with ORU. Hamilton, provost of ORU at the time, made a trip to Singapore to begin the partnership. Then Hamilton and Ogle commissioned King to go to Singapore, establish and launch the formal relationship, and teach a course on “Ministry and Leadership Development,” created by King especially for teaching at local churches to promote and establish schools in local churches. King made seven trips to Singapore to teach courses and do site visits to maintain administrative standards. After Hamilton retired, new provost Ralph Fagin continued to give his support for the program.

By 2006, City Harvest enrollment increased to 469 students with a satellite campus in Taiwan. Ogle was asked to come in 2006 to award certificates and promote the program. Students who graduated from the two-year City Harvest Institute program in joint relationship with ORU were sent out to be church planters, evangelists, pastors throughout southeastern Asia, and the Pacific Rim in countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, India, China, Taiwan, Australia, Korea, and many more. King was informed that about fifteen students from underground churches in China were included.

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<sup>9</sup> “Equipping for Church Growth and Health,” *Ministry Today*, May-June 2009, 22; “Be Before You Do,” *Ministry Today*, July-August 2009, 20; “Developing Leaders Jesus’ Way,” *Ministry Today*, September-October 2009, 20; “Finding Good Elders,” *Ministry Today*, November-December 2009, 26; “School of the Spirit,” *Charisma*, March 2012, 56, 57, 60, 63.

## *World Harvest Institute, Fiji*

In the year 2000, a major revival took place in the Fiji Islands, recorded in one of the “Transformation” videos by George Otis, Jr.<sup>10</sup> Thousands of people were converted and churches sprang up, led by pastor-evangelists with little or no training. A Bible school was formed, but it lacked curriculum to meet the needs. Reverend Suliasi Kurulo, pastor of a new Charismatic denomination known as Christian Mission Fellowship, heard about the joint relationship between ORU and City Harvest Church, and contacted ORU in 2003. King was sent by Ogle to Fiji in 2004 to establish the relationship, provide leadership and counsel for the establishment of World Harvest Institute (WHI), and teach nearly 150 pastors in ministry and leadership development. This led to King being sent annually to do site visits to monitor the administration of the program and teach a two-week course to 120–150 pastors.

When King was sick with cancer in 2007 (he was eventually healed, but that is another story!), James Barber, director of Field Education, was sent in his place by Mathew. King, Barber, and Ray Smith (professor of Missions) continued to take turns, making additional trips to Fiji annually. In 2011, a record number of seventy-nine students at WHI graduated in the joint ORU-Fiji program at three certificate levels.

## *DTS Curriculum Promoted by Fiji Government Agency*

The curriculum from the DTS course “Introduction to Pastoral Caregiving” was taught by Barber at the Pastors School of Leadership at World Harvest Institute in Fiji in summer 2008. It was received so well that Inia Rokovosa, principal of WHI, was asked to train the Fiji Department of Social Services in the principles from that course in the District of Labasa in the Fiji Islands. The district magistrate, a member of Labasa Christian Mission Fellowship, directed that the training be given. King had the opportunity to meet with the district magistrate and to learn more of the magistrate’s opportunity to administer with wisdom and justice. The DTS curriculum was having impact on society and government on the other side of the world, being a witness of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth!<sup>11</sup>

## *Additional Global Impact*

In 2001, Ogle instructed King to form an International Bible Institute Committee. This committee had two main functions: 1) to develop guidelines and policies regarding developing international Bible institute relationships that will insure that ORU’s standards and reputation are maintained; and 2) to evaluate international Bible

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<sup>10</sup> See the George Otis, Jr., “Let the Sea Resound,” March 1, 2004, <https://www.amazon.com/Let-Sea-Resound-George-Otis/dp/1930612192> (accessed September 29, 2023).

<sup>11</sup> “Diploma of Theological Studies Newsletter,” June 2008.

institute possibilities and recommend to the School of LifeLong Education and School of Theology deans schools for their approval.<sup>12</sup> Other international joint relationships developed by King included churches and schools in Jamaica, Virgin Islands, Canada, England, Nigeria, Mexico, Romania, Bulgaria, and Ireland. Arden Autry, former ORU professor, started an institute in Ireland, then turned it over to John Shelton, son of ORU professor James Shelton. Joint relationships with international institutes in the United States sprang up in Hispanic, Brazilian, and West African churches in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Utah, and Nevada.

### **Phase 3: Crisis, Re-Evaluation, Recovery (2008–2010)**

Due to the ORU controversies of 2007, ORU lost the largest Bible institute account, City Harvest Church and Bible Training Center in Singapore and their extension site in Taiwan, which had brought in \$100,000–\$150,000 in tuition revenue annually for ORU DTS fees. King was able to secure a \$50,000 donation from City Harvest, which helped the program to stay in the black for another year. In addition, the US economy in 2008–2011 caused many students to drop out of the local church Bible institute programs. Some of the institutes lasted only a few years after the church had tapped out leader candidates for the program, resulting in lower enrollments and closing of some institutes. In addition, the advertising budget for the ORUBI program was minimal, depending mostly on promotion to ORU's constituency as mentioned above. These factors led to the lowest enrollment in a decade, resulting in the program being in the red for two years, and it was almost terminated.

Then it was kept alive, in 2008 becoming a part of the ORU Online Campus (which replaced SLLC) with dean Marty Crossland, who had come from the School of Business. With Crossland's leadership, expertise, and fresh ideas, he worked with King to remarket the program and King was able to renew interest in the Bible institute program, increase enrollments, bring it back into the black, establishing ten new institutes with about 200 students.

### **The Online Bible Institute**

Some local church Bible institutes expressed interest in offering the curriculum online through their church; therefore, King and Crossland worked to develop an Online Bible Institute, directly through ORU, launching it in fall 2008. The new online institute recruited adjunct faculty, converted the curriculum to an electronic online format, and upgraded the curriculum to enable students to move seamlessly into new online

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<sup>12</sup> Interoffice Memo, December 13, 2001.

undergraduate degree programs. The initial pilot program launched fall 2008 with two students, growing to nearly fifty enrollments by spring 2011. By 2012, course curricula had been revised and sixteen more online institute courses were created, for a total of thirty-four courses available online with ten instructors. In addition, the first online institute courses in Spanish were produced, beginning with “Signs and Wonders I” and “Holy Spirit in the Now,” followed by practical ministry and biblical courses.

#### **Phase 4: More Crisis, Reevaluation, and Adjustment (2010–2012)**

In summer 2010 Crossland left and the ORUBI program was moved under the School of Business, ostensibly to provide more promotion. It was reevaluated once again by the new dean of the School of Business, Steve Greene, who also became dean of Distance Learning in August 2010. A new job description was created with emphasis placed on marketing, which King knew was not his forte and calling, explaining, “I am a minister, not a marketer.” King resigned to pursue other academic and pastoral endeavors. At that point, the program was almost terminated, but with the strong urging of Mathew, School of Theology dean, the program was kept open, further evaluated, adjusted, and eventually moved from under the School of Business to the School of Theology and Ministry once again in fall 2012, and then later moved again under different departments. More evaluation resulted in further adjustments to the program.

#### **Phase 5: Adjustment, Stabilization, and Growth (2012–Present)**

Sam Barsoum,<sup>13</sup> who had been King’s able assistant for three years, was well-prepared to become the new director of ORUBI in summer 2012, working under the supervision of Mathew and Cheryl Iverson, School of Theology associate dean. The vision was to continue the growth of the Bible institute to serve the broader body of Christ. Efforts were focused on updating the curriculum as well as partnering with more Bible institutes and churches that had a vision of training their members and ministry team leaders. According to Mathew, a strong supporter of ORUBI, “Effective ministry needs proper training. Our vision was to offer global theological education from certificate to doctoral level. Training should match the calling, and we wanted to serve whoever comes to us.”

The ORUBI continued to offer six certificates and a diploma in biblical studies, theological-historical studies, and practical ministry. The ORUBI continued to flourish and grow as part of the College of Theology and Ministry. Barsoum’s desire was to

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<sup>13</sup> Barsoum was a dentist before his call for full-time ministry. He is an ordained minister and his passion is to see the church prepared for God’s eternal purpose (Eph 3:11).



equip all believers (Eph 4:12) for the work of the ministry, not just “professional” ministers. This would prepare the church for fulfilling the task and purpose God has for her in this age (Eph 3:10).

William M. Wilson, the new president of ORU, also had a vision for the ORUBI to reach the global Christian community and the Spirit-empowered Movement. He encouraged the leadership of ORUBI to expand its offering to the Spanish-speaking world as well. Many courses were translated into Spanish, and a Spanish certificate and diploma were launched later in 2013.

Partnerships were forged with Spanish-speaking ministries in the United States and South America. One of these partnerships is with AHEM, which serves many Spanish-speaking pastors annually. Another school in Uruguay (Luz Del Mundo) has continued to equip believers and ministers using ORUBI’s Spanish curriculum.

In 2015, the ORUBI was relocated to be a part of the newly developed Online Campus department. Under the oversight of Sergio Matwiuk, ORUBI would continue to reach out through distance education and serve those who cannot come to ORU through the online department, including churches in South America. A particular partnership with a missions organization, International Christian Mission (ICM) in Singapore, allowed ORUBI to impact many pastors and believers in different Asian countries.

In 2017, the ORUBI was relocated under the supervision of ORU Vice President for Global Learning and Innovation Michael Mathews. Barsoum worked with Mathews, who had extensive experience with both technology/innovation as well as online distance learning education. For the next six years, the program continued to grow and exceeded enrollment of 1,000 students per year.

One of the partnerships allowed ORUBI to reach hundreds of students in Pakistan and the Middle East annually. Several ORU Theology professors taught courses from the Global Learning Center (GLC) and were able to utilize technology to lecture students in real time from different time zones around the world. Using the innovative technology of the GLC allowed ORUBI to reach otherwise hard to reach parts of the world with the message of the gospel and the power of the Word of God.

Particular focus was on the almost seamless transfer of ORUBI students into the ORU bachelor’s degree programs. This continuous transfer helped ORUBI students to further their education beyond a certificate/diploma level. Many ORUBI students have continued their educational journey until they eventually reached their doctoral studies.

Over the years, ORUBI worked closely with the College of Theology and Ministry to ensure that any curriculum changes go through the oversight of ORU’s theology professors. All of the courses offered by ORUBI have been developed by the College of Theology and Ministry professors, and their input has remained vital over the years. Several partner schools have also asked ORUBI to help teach seminars, and in

many cases, ORU professors were able to travel to different parts of the world to teach and equip pastors and church leaders.

## **The Long-Term Impact of the ORU Bible Institute Program**

We have already shared above examples of the global impact of the ORUBI program. Over the last thirty years, ORUBI has developed hundreds of partnerships with churches, Bible colleges, missions organizations, and ministries all over the world. Some of the institutes have partnered with ORU for more than twenty years. Two of the longest Bible institute joint relationships have included Hudson Valley Bible Institute, Poughkeepsie, New York, and Upper Room Bible Training Center, Dix Hills, New York, which continued for more than twenty years from the beginning of the program. Students have had the honor and accomplishment of receiving a joint certificate from the institute and Oral Roberts University. Thousands of potential church leaders and countless pastors have been trained for the work of the ministry around the country and around the world. Dozens of Bible institute students went on to enroll in ORU's undergraduate online, correspondence, and residential degree programs, thus it became a feeder for ORU. Recently, Semesi Nawaca, a public-school teacher and a staff member of Christian Mission Fellowship and World Harvest Institute in Fiji, completed his ministerial degree through ORU and came to the United States for the May 2023 graduation.

Institutes in the ORUBI have ranged from five students in small churches to nearly 500 students in megachurches. Some of the largest institutes in terms of students and enrollments at their peak included: City Harvest Bible Training Center, Singapore—469 students; World Harvest Institute, Fiji—79 regular institute students; 120–150 students in annual summer leadership courses; Upper Room Bible Training Center, Dix Hills, New York—60–80 students; Pneuma Life School of Ministry, Rahway, New Jersey—75 students (ORU DMin graduate Lawrence Powell, Pastor); Bethel Gospel Assembly, Harlem, New York—30–40 students.

Numerous ORU graduates established joint institutes in their churches and ministries. In addition to those mentioned above, ORU graduates establishing ORUBI institutes have included: Anton Wellbrock, Hudson Valley Bible Institute, Poughkeepsie, New York; Gwenyth Williams and her daughter Star Williams (Miss Black Oklahoma 2001 and Miss Oklahoma 2003), Life Enrichment Institute, Seattle, Washington; and James Horvath, an Assembly of God pastor in Chicago, to mention a few. Will James started an ORU institute at T. D. Jakes' church in Dallas, then became a professor at ORU, then went on to pastor his father's church in Cincinnati and started Armory Institute.

Ultimately, it is the stories of pastors and students involved in the ORUBI program who show best the value and impact of the program. Here are two.

- **Impact on a World Trade Center Survivor.** Nicole Simpson was on the seventy-third floor of the first tower of the World Trade Center, trying to get down to the first floor, when the second plane hit the other tower. In the midst of smoke, fire, and bodies, she was able to make it out of the building alive. Nicole knew that God had preserved her life for a purpose, and she enrolled in the ORU Bible Institute program at Pneuma Life School of Ministry, Agape Family Center, Rahway, New Jersey, pastored by ORU graduate Lawrence Powell. After four years of study at Pneuma Life, she enrolled in the Online BS in Church Ministries degree program of Oral Roberts University. She is now an ordained minister, and a certified financial planner and disaster planning specialist.
- **Online Student in Belgium.** Elkourie Kingudi, an online ORUBI student in Belgium, planted a church in his country, which has grown from eleven to eighty-six members. He credits the things that he has learned and put into practice through the ORU Bible Institute program as contributing to the success of establishing this new church.

The ORUBI program continues to impact students and churches around the country and around the world with Chancellor Roberts' vision to take the gospel into every person's world. Mathews sums it up with these choice words:

The Oral Roberts University Bible Institute remains one of the leading premier Spirit-empowered institutions in the world. Students from over forty-five nations and six continents have furthered their education and Bible knowledge through the Bible institute. Taking ORU Bible institute certified programs have impacted thousands of churches around the world. Leaders from numerous international ministries continue to have their congregants and future leaders study at Oral Roberts University.



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