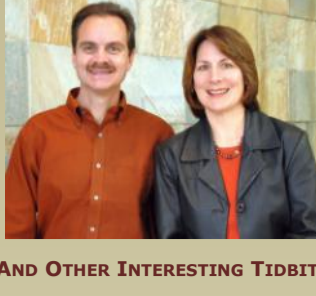




# MONDAY MEMO

Division of Religion and Philosophy

## Run Down By a Rhino



AND OTHER INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM OUR OWN MISSIONARIES-IN-RESIDENCE: MIKE & CINDY HELVIE

Yes, you read that correctly. While in South Africa on their latest missionary assignment, Mike and Cindy Helvie took the opportunity to join a safari tour. However, it became more than just a casual "walk through the park," as it were, when Cindy spotted a rhino just a few feet away (ok, maybe yards, but does that really matter, all things considered). Stunned and speechless, she grabbed the guide and faced him in the general direction of the large animal. "Run!" was the only direction given, and frankly, sufficient. Just as the rhino was closing in on the small group huddled behind a cluster of thin trees, it stopped, snorted, and walked in the other direction. (Rhino's have a great sense of smell but terrible eyesight.)

While not everyday has been quite that physically exhilarating on the mission field, there have been many spiritually exciting days. Why don't you listen in on a conversation I had with the Helvies just a few days ago:

**Melissa:** Describe your position here at IWU?

**Mike:** We are missionaries-in-residence here to encourage and mentor students seeking God's direction in their lives overseas or in the states. We teach short-term missions orientation, and offer support to World Christian Fellowship.

**Melissa:** Where can students find you; how long will you be here?

**Mike & Cindy:** We're located across the street from Noggle at 4022 S. Washington. We are also available to meet with students in Noggle 215 or the McConn. We'll be here through the end of the school year in May.

**Melissa:** Describe a time that touched your hearts.

**Mike:** During our recent time in Albania, we spent time re-opening the Wesleyan church, gathering a mission team, and discipling believers. We also had the wonderful opportunity to baptize several new believers in the Adriatic Sea (in a Muslim country, nonetheless)!

*See below for more info.*

### My value list reads as follows: (though always in a state of fine-tuning)

- Transformation:** I believe in the power of a transformed life. I will never forget where I have come from (a sinner saved by grace), but I will not allow my past to prevent Christ from fully reshaping His image within me.
- Integrity:** I will display before all people my transparent self. I will not worry about what I cannot control; I will work on what I can control; first and foremost myself.
- Home:** I will make home a non-negotiable priority; I will succeed at home first.
- Relationships:** I will love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself. My "neighborhood" begins with my wife and children. It then extends to my current place of ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University and to my local church, College Wesleyan Church. It then expands as I seek to live in love and harmony with the rest of the world.
- Ministry:** I will pursue personal holiness for the purpose of building up the Body corporately and enhancing the spiritual life of others personally.
- Spiritual Disciplines:** I will be a man of "one book" but constantly search for truth as revealed throughout God's creation and by His children. I will seek divine guidance in everything and walk in the Spirit continually.
- Decisions:** I will not live a life of regrets; I will risk a more comfortable life for the hope of living a more full life. The easy road is a poor teacher. I will not fear failure; I will apply creative responses to those failures.
- Finances:** The funds and material possessions of life are just "things." I will not allow their pull to be a chief decision maker in my life. Moreover, God is the ultimate owner, I am merely His caretaker.

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### Religion and Philosophy Fall Colloquium With Philip Jenkins

Thursday  
November 20, 2008  
11:00-1:00 p.m.  
IWU Banquet Rooms  
*This is required for all majors and minors in our division. Attendance will be taken.*

### Colloquium Talkback



with JoAnne Lyon  
in the 24 hour study lab  
@ 1:30pm  
November 20



Go With God Moments can now be found at <http://go-with-god.blogspot.com/>

Part-time Ministries Full-time Ministries Division Website

## MINISTRY: It Does the Body Good

Friends,

If it's Monday, this must be time to think about "Godly Values which Drive Good Decisions." If you recall, in the past several weeks we have talked about the way I attempt to articulate and then implement my values for: Transformation, Integrity, Home, and Relationships. Today will be a straightforward one: "What is my value regarding **Ministry.**"

**Ministry:** I will pursue personal holiness for the purpose of building up the Body corporately and enhancing our spiritual lives together.

It has taken me awhile to articulate how I understand and approach my call to ministry. **First**, it's not principally about what I do but rather about who I am (doing vs. being). I know that is almost a cliché these days..but if you think about it, "How can anyone survive in ministry if that is not your perspective?" Ministry is brutal; constant demands and an unrelenting schedule which will crush you if you are working on your own strength. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (Zech 4:6). Even the pastor who has the best natural gifts for ministry will turn to another form of employment if "ministry" comes from any source other than a pursuit of God's un-measurable grace.

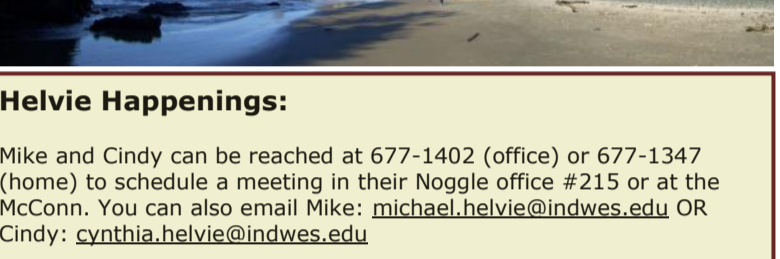
**Second**, if you notice, I have framed my ministry within the context of the Body. Ministry is not to be understood as "me" but as "we." I so love the Apostle Paul's examples of Body-life in Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4

It was he [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Simply, I cannot attain all that Christ has for me without you. Everything works this way in the Body. I need all God has for me; and often I find it in reciprocal ministry within the Body. In all ways, we are meant to strengthen one another. Even something as individualistic as "repentance" is in actuality a corporate act. Eugene Peterson has recently written, "In the biblical story, repentance cannot be narrowed down to something private, such as being sorry for your sins and ready to make amends. The call is to return to God and the ways of God with His people" (emphasis added). N.T. Wright has chimed in on this theme, "What must be abandoned in our understanding of repentance is the lonely post-Enlightenment individual bent on a quest for private salvation." I do not pursue Christ **for** you; as if you are a customer. Rather, I abandon my rights and privileges **with** you. Together, we mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**Lord**  
Help us to pursue You...in our pursuit of our call  
Help us to see how we will gain spiritual vitality in and thru the Body.  
May we never stand alone;  
May we always stand united;  
May others see this unity of faith  
And may the on-lookers desire what we have; You.  
**Amen.**

### Now, "Go with God."



### Helvie Happenings:

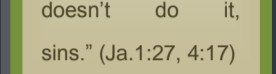
Mike and Cindy can be reached at 677-1402 (office) or 677-1347 (home) to schedule a meeting in their Noggle office #215 or at the McConn. You can also email Mike: [michael.helvie@indwes.edu](mailto:michael.helvie@indwes.edu) OR Cindy: [cynthia.helvie@indwes.edu](mailto:cynthia.helvie@indwes.edu)

Cindy was called to be a missionary in Nepal when she was 11. Mike likes to jump off cliffs and have great, long conversations in coffee shops. Mike & Cindy met in Baldwin and have been married for 28 years. They have 2 children. Eric, 24, is married to Megan and has a two year old son, Elliott. Melody, 22, is engaged to be married in June. Their next assignment is in Zambia where they will be teaching at a Wesleyan Bible College. They would love to sit down and talk with you about how exciting it is to follow and obey God's call. "God has always been faithful to provide & lead in any place or circumstance."



"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (Ja.1:27, 4:17)



### Impacting the World One Person at a Time

Three of IWU's students were highlighted in an article about World Impact and mission trips, Sunday, November 3. Senior Therissa Johnson, senior Jenna Balgoyen, and sophomore Emma Norman shared their testimony with Indianapolis Star staff and readers. "Being able to go and interact, I realized how connected people are transculturally. We're very similar, and we don't even realize it most of the time. The opportunity to go out there really gives you a better perspective on the world, a better world view." — Therissa Johnson on World Impact mission trips.

