



## Our students are saying...

*"I want to help prevent environmental degradation and restore the environment through education and art. When you teach a child – or a person of any age – to have respect for the earth and all the creatures on it, you are building compassion."*



– **Noemi Salvador**  
a senior environmental science  
major from Quito, Ecuador



## Changes coming in charitable giving?

As the 2016 election cycle gears up, I'm already feeling inundated with presidential election information from the media, aren't you? A whole year ahead of national elections, I find myself thinking how nice it would be for them to be over.

Another possible change, although considered unlikely, would be the elimination of the stepped-up basis for valuing assets upon death. Under current law, you can leave assets like property and stocks to your heirs and they receive it at the value on the date of death. Then, if they sell the assets, they pay no capital gains taxes at all. That could change. Some see this as a benefit primarily for the wealthy, but I would suggest that it benefits any and all who might pass on appreciated assets to heirs.

The upshot of all this? Stay attuned to changes, and we at Goshen College will do the same. If you have any questions, please contact me at [rogeran@goshen.edu](mailto:rogeran@goshen.edu) or call me at (574) 535-7797, toll-free 1-800-348-7422.

– **Roger A. Nafziger '77**, *Director of Gift Planning*

For those of us in the charitable giving and non-profit world, 2016 and 2017 could prove to be years of significant change. As presidential candidates from both parties start to reveal how they might handle budget and tax issues, changes to charitable giving deductions are usually included in some way. While it's likely that these changes will only affect the wealthiest, it's possible that changes could affect many of us. Whether or not the provision to allow charitable distributions directly from IRA accounts will finally become a more permanent part of the IRS code is very much up in the air.

# HERITAGE

## John and Rosemary Zook: Cultivating a spirit of service in South Korea



(Standing, left to right) GC President Jim Brenneman, John and Rosemary Zook. (Seated) Kwang-Eel (David) and Yon-Sook (Esther) Suh.

**J**ohn '56 and Rosemary Zook '56 had no idea that their unofficial "adopted" son, **Kwang-Eel (David) Suh '71**, was planning to establish a scholarship in their name last year.

Suh was one of John and Rosemary's students when they served in South Korea with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) from 1959 to 1963. The Zooks worked at Mennonite Vocational School, a middle school and high school that provided education and vocational training primarily to orphan boys.

Suh, who lives in Boston, hopes that The John M. and Rosemary Zook Scholarship Fund will be "a stepping stone to higher education in the United States" for international students at Goshen College.

"It was a complete surprise to us," John said. "He set it up and then informed us."

### Service in Korea

MCC was among the first organizations to help with rebuilding efforts in South Korea following the devastation of the Korean War (1950-53), said Suh. Mennonite Vocational School was one of many projects MCC initiated.

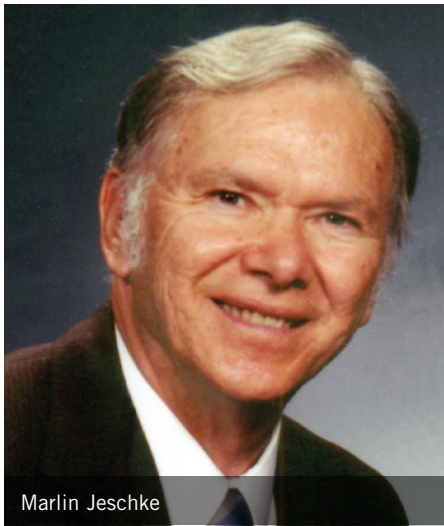
"During my school years," said Suh, "I was clothed, fed and received medical attention. It was there that I learned the love of God, primarily through the sacrificial dedication of the MCC volunteers such as the Zooks."

At Mennonite Vocational School, Rosemary was a nurse and matron, and John was the principal. John said that Suh was a "very good" student who learned English well, making it easier to relate to him.

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# Fund offers students the chance to seek faith, understanding



Marlin Jeschke

When **Marlin Jeschke**, professor emeritus of philosophy and religion, studied world religions in the 1960s, he was one of only a few Mennonite theologians. At the time, most Anabaptists in academia studied church history or biblical studies. Yet when Jeschke went to study at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, he found that he simply couldn't stay away from theology.

"Once I got going in my classes, I just was totally captivated," said Jeschke, now 86.

Jeschke believes in the importance of learning about faith through an interdisciplinary approach. That's why, in 2013, the Jeschke family, including wife, **Betty Jeschke '57**, Marlin's daughter, **Margaret Jeschke '89**, and son-in-law **Bart Miller '90**, established the Jeschke Scholarship for Bible and religion majors.

Their hope is that scholarship recipients actively pursue, in the words of medieval theologian Anselm of Catebury, a "faith seeking understanding."

"I hope the students get the satisfactions that I got here," said Jeschke.

Jeschke taught at the college from 1961 to 1994, covering Asian Religions, Christian Faith and Religion in America,

which gave students the opportunity to learn about some of the 1,500 Christian denominations in the United States.

"We live in a cosmopolitan world," said Jeschke. "It's important for us to know what other people think, feel and do. I thought it was extremely important for students who came through Goshen College to have at least one chance to learn about the kaleidoscopic nature of religion in America."

In 1968, Jeschke received a fellowship in Asian religions from The Society for Religion in Higher Education to be a post-doctoral visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. Jeschke spent five months studying at the center and another five months traveling overseas.

"While doing research overseas, nothing was profoundly academic," said Jeschke. "I stayed in hotels, hostels and missionary guesthouses. I visited mosques and talked with imams and sheiks, and attended classes at the American University in Beirut. Later on, I spent two weeks at the Indian Institute of Islamic studies in Delhi, then traveled in Buddhist countries, spending a month in Sri Lanka and then two months in Japan."

By the time he returned to the classroom the following year, Jeschke had gained a wider perspective and a greater understanding of world religions. He dedicated his career to teaching his students how to broaden their worldviews. Over the years, many of his students were grateful to the integrative education he offered them.

"I have had a few students come up to me at times to say that they were ready to chuck the faith, but they got into the Christian Faith course and decided to stay with the church," said Jeschke. He taught this course 50 times, more than any other course during his 33 years at Goshen College.

The Jeschkes hope that their scholarship gives students the chance to pursue a religious education that encourages open-minded thinking, life-long learning and deepened faith.

— by **Liz Core '14**

If you'd like to contribute to any scholarship funds mentioned in this newsletter, you can send your gift to Goshen College with a note regarding the scholarship you'd like to apply it toward. Visit [www.goshen.edu/give](http://www.goshen.edu/give) for more information or to give online.

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John and Rosemary developed a special relationship with Suh. Soldiers had taken his father, a doctor, during the war – presumably because North Korea needed doctors.

"Kwang-Eel calls us Mom and Dad," John said. "He says he adopted us."

### Back to Goshen

The Zooks returned to the United States in 1963 after four years of service at Mennonite Vocational School. Rosemary, who graduated from Goshen College with a nursing degree, went on to earn a master's degree in mental health and work as a unit director at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Goshen.

John taught at Goshen College and then worked as an admissions counselor. John encouraged Suh to enroll at Goshen College, where Suh graduated with a business degree in 1971.

Suh said he admired the "dedicated faculty" that taught at Goshen College and valued the college's "emphasis on peace and 'Culture for Service.'" He received an M.B.A. in business from Ohio University, and he owned and operated a retail business in Boston for 25 years until retiring in 2012.

"My Goshen College education gave me a valuable foundation for my professional and business endeavors," said Suh.

### The spirit of service continues

Since they completed their service assignment at Mennonite Vocational School, the Zooks have returned to South Korea five times.

"It's wonderful to see how South Korea has grown and blossomed as a country," Rosemary said. "It was a very poor country devastated by the war. Now, it's a beautiful country."

The Zooks have appreciated the chance to reconnect with Mennonite Vocational

School graduates who have gone on to excel in careers and serve in their communities.

"It's extremely rewarding to see them catch the spirit of service," John said.

He told the story of one of the school's graduates who had set up an institution to help formerly incarcerated teenagers. The Zooks attribute this sense of service, apparent in many of the graduates' lives, to Mennonite Vocational School and the role models the students encountered during their time there.

"Especially meaningful to me are people like Kwang-Eel," John said. "He's so generous in supporting others in need."

Suh and his wife, Yon-Sook (Esther) Suh, have sponsored orphans in Central America and worked on economic development in the Philippines, and they currently volunteer at a soup kitchen in Boston. Suh said that the Zooks' love and dedication inspired many Mennonite Vocational School graduates to become leaders in churches, business, farming and education.

"The Zooks have been my source of love, strength and faith," Suh said.

— By **Kate Yoder '15**

## THEN & NOW



### International Talents

International students have been part of GC culture since 1946, and they continue to play a big role in campus life. In the 1970s, the International Student Union began an annual "coffeehouse" variety show to display dances, music and culture from international students' native homes, as seen in this photo from 1982. *"We wanted to express who we are in order to help people understand our cultures. Hopefully, such an understanding will lead to an acceptance of our differences,"* explained Jimmy Kamau, then-president of the 1982 International Student Club. (Photo from 1982 *Maple Leaf* yearbook)

Today, the GC community still looks forward to the annual International Student Club Coffeehouse, which now includes a dinner showcasing the cuisine of the nearly 40 countries that our students call home. In this photo, students perform a traditional Nepalese dance during the 2015 coffeehouse.

