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Eagletons, McDonalds, McVays to Share M-I-R Duties at FWBBC

NASHVILLE, TN—Three veteran international missionary couples will share Missionary-in-Residence responsibilities at Free Will Baptist Bible College during the 2008-2009 academic year, according to Provost Greg Ketteyman. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton (Brazil), Don and Ruth McDonald (Japan), and Sam and June McVay (Spain) will help FWBBC launch a new modular approach to the campus M-I-R program this fall.

Dr. Ketteyman said, “We may be looking at the face of the future if this mix of traditional and modular M-I-R outreach is as effective as we hope. The modular concept allows students to benefit from the contributions of more missionaries, since it will not require them to leave the field for an entire year.”

The M-I-R program is a joint effort by FWBBC and FWB International Missions to promote missions among students. The goal is for students to develop a vision for and accept the challenge of global evangelism.

Don and Ruth McDonald have served in Japan since 1986 and will live in the campus M-I-R house where they will interact with students on a daily basis, teach classes, and encourage students to consider missions. Don will teach a modular course in missions history this fall.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, a former medical missionary to Africa, has served as a church planter in Brazil since 2003. He will teach two modular courses during the fall semester—a cross-cultural course in church planting and a contemporary issues seminar focusing on the effects of the charismatic movement on church planting in South America and Latin America.

Missionary Sam McVay has served in Spain since 1997 and will teach a modular course in cross-cultural leadership in January 2009.

Dr. Ketteyman said, "We're conceptualizing a mix of traditional and modular M-I-R arrangements for the future. This will allow FWBBC and FWBIM to maximize the possibilities for students to be impacted by the lives of missionaries fresh from the field."

Plans for the 2009-2010 academic year call for the M-I-R program to cycle back to a more traditional format with one missionary family in residence—Clint Morgan (regional director for Africa and creative access areas) and his wife Lynette.