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The College of Biblical Studies-Houston honors the life and ministry of Elisabeth Elliot-Gren

Houston, TX – June 16, 2015 – The College of Biblical Studies (CBS) joins the evangelical world in offering our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Elisabeth Elliot-Gren. We also join in the celebration of a life well-lived and the glorious homecoming awaiting this resilient servant of God.

“Elisabeth is the epitome of a godly servant. Her passion for the Gospel and impact on lives will be forever remembered. She will surely be missed.” – Dr. Bill Blocker, President of CBS

For a half century, Elisabeth Elliot’s best-selling books, timeless teachings and courageous faith have influenced believers and seekers of Jesus Christ throughout the world. She used her experiences as a daughter, wife, mother, widow, and missionary to bring the message of Christ to countless women and men around the world. *Gateway to Joy*, a 15-minute radio program aimed at women and which Elisabeth recorded for almost 13 years, featured the following words of encouragement, indicative of her faith and following: *“Remember, you are loved with an everlasting love and underneath are the everlasting arms!”*¹

Mrs. Elliot authored numerous books but perhaps her most famous were those she penned about the martyrdom of her first husband, Jim Elliot (e.g., *Through Gates of Splendor*). He was killed in 1956 by Waorani tribal members while he and four other missionaries attempted to reach them with the Gospel. At the time, the Waorani (also called the Aucas) was one of eastern Ecuador's unreached tribes.²

*“I think Elisabeth would be happy just being remembered as not much of a woman, that God used greatly. To the rest of us mortals she was an incredibly talented and gifted woman who trusted God in life's greatest calamities, even the loss of her mind to dementia, and who allowed God to use her. He did use her. Tens of thousands of people will mourn her loss. I will certainly be one of them. But isn't it incredibly wonderful that our loss is certainly her gain. She can think and talk once again!”*³

-- Steve Saint, son of Nate Saint (one of the missionaries who died along with Jim Elliot)

“We have proved beyond any doubt that He means what He says—His grace is sufficient, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We pray that if any, anywhere, are fearing that the cost of discipleship is too great,

¹ <http://elisabethelliott.org/index.html>

² <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2015/June/Elisabeth-Elliot>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/ITECSteveSaint?fref=nf>

*that they may be given to glimpse that treasure in heaven promised to all who forsake.” – Elisabeth Elliot, from Christianity Today.*⁴

CBS equips its students with a biblical worldview, offering an experience to those seeking higher education in a college without compromise. Thus, when considering her lifetime of ministry and outreach, all the while demonstrating both evangelical *and* moral integrity, we join friends and family throughout the world in honoring the life and legacy of Elisabeth Elliot-Gren – a woman without compromise!

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⁴ <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2015/june/died-elisabeth-elliott-missionary-author-gates-of-splendor.html>