A Professor Prepared
By Katy Johnson

When asked to fill in as a speaker for the university’s Biology Club, Dr. Darren Williams recognized an opportunity. “I bet these students think there are only two views on human origins—neo-Darwinism and young-earth creationism.” This thought became his topic.

“You mean there are more than two views?” The students responded exactly as he had imagined.

Dr. Williams, an associate professor of physical chemistry at Sam Houston State University (SHSU), was able to carry his experience as an RTB visiting scholar into this presentation opportunity. He commented afterward, “Giving this talk was an amazing experience because it answered so many of the students’ questions. It helped them put their own views in a framework, opening their minds to other views.”

With his academic expertise, passion for evangelism, and willingness to engage tough questions, Dr. Williams continues to foster meaningful conversations on the SHSU campus.

My involvement with RTB has had a major impact on my career. Without RTB, I would likely be another professor maintaining the status quo of teaching and research, but not finding much meaning in my work... I am connecting with my students on a deeper level. Because I have thought more deeply about the foundational assumptions of my discipline, I’m ready to go there when my colleagues and students ask probing questions.

Dr. Williams’s story is just one example of how you are equipping and mobilizing members of RTB’s scholar community to make an eternally significant impact on their academic communities. Thank you for furthering the kingdom for generations to come!
Encouraging words from afar—these can be the highlight of any special celebration. And that’s what this month brings, the second birthday of the 28:19 television show. We’re pleased to report that your offspring, 28:19, is growing and thriving!

As more and more people turn to video as a source of “edutainment,” you are there for them with fresh faith-affirming content weekly and available around the clock. Via NRB-TV, YouTube, and (soon) TWR360, among other platforms, you’re impacting outreach-minded peers and truth-seekers not only here in North America but also around the world. We regularly hear from viewers who report that the show has strengthened their faith and equipped them for conversations about spiritual truth.

Occasionally, well-known personalities drop in to appear as guests on 28:19. All offer encouraging words, but one message stands out as especially appropriate for this birthday celebration. Justin Brierley, host of the popular Unbelievable? radio show and podcast, wanted to share his comments with you:

What a treat it was for me, a Brit visiting California, to show up at the RTB studio and record an impromptu episode of 28:19.

I already knew that RTB was committed to its mission of putting the truth of science and Christian faith together. What I hadn’t realised was how much they’ve invested in the technology to bring that truth to a new generation of Christians and seekers.

The studio space and equipment rivalled anything I’ve seen in use at the BBC, and the technical crew and show hosts, Sandra and Bryan, were a highly effective and professional team.

[While] talking about science, faith, philosophy, apologetics, theology, and culture, . . . it’s produced with a lightness of touch that’s accessible for the average thinking layperson. I kept thinking, “If only we had more of this kind of programming in the UK!”

I know it’s needed. A recent survey in the UK showed that the majority of the population now identify as nonreligious. We are now officially in the post-Christian era in Europe, and I get the feeling the US may be only a generation away from the same thing.

A sad narrative has grown up that science and faith are at odds, and that Christianity is just wishful thinking.

In the UK, I’m part of a growing Christian response—trying to show . . . that Christianity is an intellectually credible worldview. I’m so glad that RTB and 28:19 are doing the same thing in the US.

Justin concludes, “It’s a challenge, and there’s much to do. But God has given us gifts of technology, media, creativity, and his very Spirit to bring the good news to a new generation.” We accept this challenge, and we know you do, too.
Beyond These Doors

By Reasons Editors

Five years ago this month, we moved to our headquarters in Covina, California. Literally written on the building framework are names of those who gave toward this expansion—whose gifts continue to support far more than windows, walls, and doors! Here's a snapshot of what God has done through individuals like you, as we maximize this tangible blessing.

The Studio

The growing popularity of online videos, along with the ability to produce videos in our studio, has provided a limitless virtual reach into the world.

This is awesome for the skeptic like me who has that deep-down belief that he wishes he could reach. I love to see people who promote what they believe, and love, rather than bash what they don’t.

—Robert Gause (in response to an RTB YouTube video)

Scholar Community Offices

Having office space for Scholar Community members to directly work alongside our staff scholars has resulted in fruitful collaboration and even more evidences for belief in God.

My interaction with RTB has been a blessing to me, converging my scientific background together with Christian apologetics. Now my passion is to explain how Christian theism is a perfect fit for what science reveals about the natural world.

—Otis Graf, PhD aerospace engineer, NASA Johnson Space Center Group – mission planning and analysis for the Apollo Lunar Landing missions

Warehouse & Shipping

Our warehouse enables us to send books and other resources to people all over the world, reaching even hard-to-reach areas.

It's with immense gratitude and joy that I’m writing this mail. I received your book Improbable Planet by post today. It's very generous of you to give such powerful works of evangelism to seeking people all over the world. I reside in the southernmost district of the southernmost state of India and was positively surprised to have received the book in my hands.

—Mitha Thomas

These life-changing ministry opportunities couldn't take place without RTB headquarters. What starts within these walls continues to advance the gospel to the ends of the earth. Thank you for making it all possible!