Our Deep Responsibility

I stand firmly beside Burman University...and it’s a good place to plant my feet. I’m honoured to spread the good news of the exciting possibilities that are present on the Hilltop, to encourage all of us to foster learning, belief, and action.

I know that Burman University is a catalyst for greater faith and service. My roots are on the Hilltop. I was a student there, gave my life to the Lord, prepared for my life of service, and met my wife, Gem.

I’ve also spent more than half my professional life on campus. As a dean, I sought to guide dorm residents to make the right decisions. Oh, we rough-housed and laughed, but we also prayed and worked. As a professor, I saw my students learn to balance equations and to balance their lives. I was president when the institution was given degree-granting status and was thankful for the perseverance of leaders who had brought us to this milestone.

Each of us is called to the deep responsibility of helping students shape their futures, of encouraging them to become the people they were created and called to be. With a new library, students will find enhanced opportunities to learn, connect, and belong. They will build on this foundation as they study for the gospel ministry, as they become caring and committed teachers, farmers, physicians, writers, trades people, accountants, and social workers—people who will use their heads, hearts, and hands for service.

I personally urge you to join me to invest in the students of Burman University—and to invest generously.

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