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Dimensions Program to Feature David Johnson of Silent Images on Nov. 3

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The founder and director of an organization that shares stories of hope in the midst of tribulation will speak at Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions program beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 3. David Johnson of Silent Images will be the featured guest at the program, which will be held in Tucker Student Center at GWU and is free and open to the public.

Johnson is a former English teacher who left the classroom in 2006 to start Silent Images. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is the author of two books on Africa. He and his team have done documentary work in 25 different countries for hundreds of charities. He has lectured at schools, churches and universities around the nation including Stanford University, Duke University, Penn State University, New York University, the University of California at Berkeley, and Baylor University. In 2011, he served as a TED Talk speaker. He, his wife, and two daughters reside in Matthews, N.C.

According to SilentImages.org, the goal of the organization is "to educate hundreds in order to impact thousands. By utilizing educational tools including church, school, and civic group lectures, Silent Images uses photography and videography to provide a repository through which awareness can be raised and a "voice for the voiceless" can be provided around the world.

Since its inception, Silent Images has served over 400 nonprofit organizations around the world. Their focus is to tell stories of hope in the midst of injustice, with documentation including a variety of topics such as human trafficking in Cambodia, genocide in Darfur, survival on Native American reservations, and homeless children in the United States.

More information about Gardner-Webb's Dimensions program is available at <a href="https://www.gardner-webb.edu">www.gardner-webb.edu</a>.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email <u>servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu</u> with your request.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).