

# Gary R. Munson, EdD, ThD

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**Personal Statement:** As itemized below I have had 25 years of experience in international ministry centered around college level leadership training programs in both Africa and Asia. I have established new programs, led programs once established, and consulted others who were establishing programs

## **Education**

*University of South Africa – 2015*

ThD-Missiology

Dissertation: A Critical Hermeneutic Examination of the Dynamic of Identity Change in Christian Conversion among Muslims in Ethiopia

*University of San Francisco-2005*

EdD -Organization and Leadership

Dissertation: A Narrative of Environment and Hunger in Ethiopia: A Conversation-Based Interpretive Inquiry.

*Fuller Theological Seminary-2000*

MA Theology: Concentration- Biblical Studies

*Shiloh Bible College – Oakland, CA - 1982*

BTh

*University of San Francisco-1977*

BA Government

## **Professional/Ministerial Experience:**

Chief Academic Officer, October, 2017 to present  
SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary

Adjunct Online Faculty, 2016 to present  
Oral Roberts University  
Online Course Instructor

Adjunct Online Faculty, August 2016 to 2017  
School of Urban Missions Bible College and Seminary  
Online Course Instructor

President, 2008-2016  
Shiloh Bible College – Ethiopia in Hawassa, SNNPR, Ethiopia

President, 2007-Present  
Fire Over Africa (A U.S. non-profit)

Vice-President, 1994-2008  
Shiloh Bible College, Oakland, CA

Missions Pastor, 1994- 2008  
Shiloh Church, Oakland, CA

**Publications:**

Book, 2012

*Devotionally Thinking About 1 John*

Article, 2007

Unheard Voices and Policy Formation in Ethiopia: Hunger, Environment and Untold Stories. *In The Applied Anthropologist Vol. 27(1):80-88.*

*Dissertation, 2015*

Dissertation: A Critical Hermeneutic Examination of the Dynamic of Identity Change in Christian Conversion among Muslims in Ethiopia, UNISA Library.

**Other Activities and Experience:**

- Consulted and/or developed Higher Education programs used in Ethiopia, Philippines, China, Nigeria, Russia, Mexico, Myanmar, Japan, Hong Kong, Ukraine, Kenya, and India.
- Established Distance Learning Program for Diploma in Theology students in rural Ethiopia
- Designed and implemented Training program for Ethiopian missionaries being sent to Muslim areas through which 710 missionaries were trained and about 125,000 Muslims have come to faith in Christ.
- Consulted and taught in China House Church Leadership Training initiative for Christian House Church movements totaling more than 12,000,000 Christians, 1996-2008.
- Established online program for Shiloh Bible College Ethiopia students to study with the School of Urban Missions Bible College and Seminary
- Organized and initiated Theological Colleges and Seminaries in: Ethiopia, Philippines, and Nigeria.
- Founder and President: Fire over Africa (US Non-profit Corporation) engaging in ministry, relief, and development projects in Africa. Current ongoing programs include School Feeding Project feeding 32,000 children daily in school in Southern Ethiopia as well as Church Planting and leadership development among unreached people groups in South Ethiopia.
- Served as Founder and President: Northern California Compassion Network (US Non-profit Corporation)
- Served as Founder and President: East Africa Environmental Initiative (US Non-profit Corporation)
- Formed NGO and established organizational structure: Philippines, Ethiopia.