



# Ethnodoxology 101

June 2008

The [Introduction to Ethnodoxology](#) course that ICE has created is ready to launch! We're teaching 25 graduate students at [Southern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) in Louisville, KY from Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Both Robin and I are part of a team of seven teachers coming from all over the USA to contribute numerous subjects to this collaboratively taught course. The course is preparation for ministry in cross-cultural settings, teaching biblical principles on how to use culturally relevant music and arts to help Christians world-wide to worship from the heart. Thank you for praying for us throughout this week!

The [Calvin Institute for Christian Worship](#) (CICW) facilitates a Worship Renewal Grants Program to encourage worship renewal in congregations and worshipping communities throughout North America. [ICE](#) was awarded a grant by this program for the ethnodoxology course to help us adapt it from a graduate level class to a workshop/seminar format and teach it at five church-based venues around the US in 2009. This is an amazing opportunity to educate the North American church about the importance of ethnodoxology in their local and global ministries. We thank God for His blessing in the provision of this grant!

May 26-31, Robin is in Dallas, in meetings with the [International Orality Network](#) (ION). She serves on ION's executive committee as the coordinator of their Music and Arts Task Force, which has as their vision to *promote a global movement of the use of all culturally-appropriate arts in making disciples of oral learners.*

This week is also significant, in that it begins our oversight of a six-week internship for John Widman, an ethnomusicology student at [Moody Bible Institute](#) (he's also an MK from Alaska, so he and Robin share some 'roots'). He will meet Robin in Dallas, visiting SIL's Ethnomusicology and Arts department, then he'll join us for the ethnodoxology course and continue on with us to Siberia!

## We praise the Lord for:

- The grant for the ethnodoxology course!

## Please pray for:

- Robin, now at ION exec. meetings in Dallas
- Ethnodoxology course May 31-June 6
- Russia trip to Tuva June 14-July 8
- John Widman interning with us for 6 weeks

From June 14 to July 8, Robin and I will lead a team of eight to Russia. We plan to fly into Moscow, then on to [Tuva, Siberia](#). Tuva has a tiny but growing Christian community that needs our help because their churches don't yet reflect the music and arts of the local Tuvan culture. We wanted to go to Yakutsk this summer, but an international sporting event being held there made airline prices to Yakutsk prohibitively expensive. Tuva is just as needy and far less expensive, so this time we'll go there.

This is the busiest part of our year just ahead. We will be grateful for your prayers!

Yours in Him,

*Bill and Robin*

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