The 20th Annual Dallas Baptist University-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner, held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus, honored Mrs. Betty Hatfield and Christ For The Nations as the recipients of the 2008 Good Samaritan Award.

Betty Hatfield is a long-time resident of Oak Cliff and a member of Grace Temple Baptist Church. She has faithfully served for over 52 years as pastoral secretary and has since retired this last year to serve on a part-time basis as assistant to the pastor. Hatfield’s life has been a source of hope, joy, and encouragement for many people throughout the years as she has given of herself sacrificially through her ministry.

Christ For The Nations is an international, interdenominational organization that exists to train and equip men and women with the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit and with a lifestyle of worship, to reach the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1970, Christ For The Nations has reached into 120 nations, teaching the Word of God through founding Bible institutes, publishing books in 81 languages, aiding in worldwide relief projects, and assisting native congregations in building more than 12,000 churches all over the world. For many years, DBU has maintained a close partnership with Christ For The Nations, allowing many of their students to complete their bachelor’s degrees at DBU.

Proceeds from the dinner fund scholarships for DBU students from the Oak Cliff area. “We are so very grateful for our many supporters who provided help for our students from Oak Cliff,” explained Matt Murrah, DBU director of alumni and community relations and coordinator of the event. “It is also an honor to be able to recognize the wonderful work of two Good Samaritans. Christ For The Nations trains men and women to spread the Gospel literally around the world, and Betty Hatfield has devoted her life to living out the Gospel in her local church. They are examples for so many of Christ-centered devotion and service.”