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**Kent and Amber Brantly
Papers, (2010-2017)**

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About this collection

Title: Kent and Amber Brantly Papers

Creator: Kent and Amber Brantly

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #322

Physical Description: 15 linear feet (11 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 2010-2017

Dates (Bulk): 2014-2017

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: Contains a number of awards that Dr. Brantly and his wife received, letters sent to the Brantlys during and following his recovery from Ebola, a Liberian flag, pictures, a portrait, and magazines.

Biographical Note: The following biographical note is excerpted from heritagechristian.net:

“Brantly, his wife, Amber and their two small children moved to Monrovia, Liberia in October of 2013, working as medical missionaries on a two-year assignment with Samaritan’s Purse. Brantly treated patients in the general clinic and in the Ebola treatment center, where he and the team followed strict international codes to avoid contamination. As the number of Ebola patients increased steadily over the next two months, Brantly took on the role of medical director for the Samaritan’s Purse Ebola Consolidated Case Management Center. On July 23, he woke up feeling under the weather and his condition declined rapidly. He was diagnosed with Ebola Virus Disease. In the nine days that followed his grim diagnosis, he grew sicker and weaker from the disease. Through the care of the missionary team, a plasma donation from a 14-year old survivor whom Brantly had treated and a dose of the experimental drug, ZMapp, his condition improved. He was airlifted to Emory University Hospital, where he made a complete and miraculous recovery.”¹

Administrative Information

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¹ “Dr. Kent Brantly” article, heritagechristian.net,
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Arrangement of Materials: Materials were kept in the original order as much as possible.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 21st century

Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid
Time magazine “Person of the Year”
[Symptomatology Sheet]
Medal
[Republic of Liberia certificate]
[Kent Brantly’s Bible]
[Schedule Book]
Turk of the Year award
Canadian National Prayer Breakfast 2015 award
Light in Darkness medals
Republic of Liberia award
American Medical Association Foundation award
Clay Lewis Jenkins Dallas County Judge gavel
Obstetrics/Gynecology Award
Bill Neher Award for Ethical Communication

Box 2

[Various correspondence during and after his recovery]
[Various publications about Brantly during his recovery]

Box 3

[Get well cards from Douglasville, Georgia]
Flag
Camaraderie: Celebrating Faith, Learning & Living at Harding University
Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award
[Portrait of Kent]
[Picture and Thank You letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services]
[Pictures and DVDs about Kent]
[Copy of “The Long Road Back” in *Vanderbilt Medicine*]
The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
[Pictures of Ebola survivors on ABC Today]
[Statements and updates from Samaritan’s Purse]
[Copies of Kent Brantly’s cover in *Time* magazine]
Diaspora Ebola Network Service Award
[Artifacts from the Brantly’s meeting with President Obama]
[Pictures of Kent Brantly’s speech at the White House]
[Get well cards from children’s class at Calvary Church]
Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Association “Wishing You a Speedy Recovery!”
ACU Alumni Association Alumni Day Luncheon Program
Liberian Communities of Florida Thank You cards
[Get Well cards from North Main Church of Christ]]
[Get Well cards from children’s class at Glen Allen Church of Christ]
[Get Well cards from children’s class at Christ Community Church]

[Get Well cards from the Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Association]
[Support from Southside Church of Christ]
[GQ correspondent requesting interview with Kent]
[Ladies Tea and Tour Programs including Amber's speech]
[Various certificates]

Box 4

Health Outreach to the Middle East Medical Lifetime Achievement Award
The Herman and Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai award
[Get Well cards from Emory University]
[Thank you letter from Delaney Zanes]
Freed-Hardeman University 51st Annual Benefit Dinner Program featuring Kent Brantly
[2 Unlabeled DVDs]
[Loose Correspondence]
[Amber's hotel key to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia]
["Fighting with Faith: America's First Ebola Patient Speaks at FHU" in *The Jackson Sun*]
[Programmes of events for the 168 Independence Anniversary celebration for the Republic of Liberia]
2 copies of *IU Medicine* magazine featuring Kent
World Medical Mission On Call Summer 2015 edition
Amber's talk to pastors at Sam's Purse
[Welcome note from Jamie and Geoff]
ACU Graduation Celebration and Commencement May 12-13, 2006
[Notes and artifacts following the Brantly's journey from Dale Eley]
[Announcement of Kent and Amber's book]
[Various Correspondence]
[Southside Church of Christ bulletin]
[Loose papers]
[Letters of recommendation for the AMA Foundation Dr. Nathan Davis Excellence in International Medicine Award from friends and colleagues]
ACU Today Spring-Summer 2015
Homelife: Beyond Ebola Dr. Kent Brantly Presses on
Heritage Christian School: A Faithful Journey
[Pictures from Ladies Tea and Tour]
Deployed in an Uncivil War: The Apocalypse of John Young Preacher's Series Discussion Guide
Lipscomb University Summer Celebration
[Folder with various documents]
Fort Worth Texas magazine featuring Kent Brantly
[Records of people who donated to help the Brantlys]
World Medical Mission On Call Summer/Fall 2014
Emory Medicine Special Issue Fall 2014
[Loose Correspondence]

Box 5

[Correspondence in August 2014]
Facing Darkness DVD

[Loose letters of support]
[Papers from Allen Sawyer]
[Newspapers]
[Christian Medical and Dental Associations program and Kent's speech]
"The Science of Epidemics" in *Time* magazine
Emory Magazine autumn 2014 "Ebola from Microscope to Spotlight"
Time Person of the Year "The Ebola Fighters"
[Loose articles from August-September 2014]
[Loose programs]
Harding University Visit on March 17/18, 2015
Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death-Dr. Ada Igonoh of First Consultants Hospital gives
her account of how she survived the dreaded Ebola disease
[Kent's commencement speech at Indiana University on May 9, 2015]
[Various speeches]

Box 6

Statement of Appreciation from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia
Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion from Indiana University
[Certificate from the Mayor of Arkansas naming Kent Brantly as an Arkansas Traveller]

Box 7

[Proclamation from Tarrant County that December 9, 2014 is Dr. Kent Brantly Day]
ACU Young Alumni of the Year Award for Kent and Amber Brantly

Box 8

Lipscomb University Kopio Award

Box 9

Ceremonial Flag

Box 10

Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Indiana University

Box 11

[Portrait of "The Ebola Warriors"]