

## Gregg Tyler Milligan

““To contemplate and give to others the fruit of contemplation” is a Dominican motto heard often at Siena Heights University. Some among us refer to this life stance as one of attending to the interplay of reflection and action. By either rendering, Gregg Milligan has lived a life that has exemplified how deep reflection can lead to action that has significant impact on the lives of so many individuals.

Gregg’s reflections on his own childhood and the abuse he endured have led to the publication of four books: *A Beautiful World*, *God Must Be Sleeping*, *Landscapes of the Heart*, and *A Brief History in Thailand: A Collection of Journals 2009-2014*. In addition, his first book *A Beautiful World* has been translated and published in the Thai language and is in process of being transferred to Books on Tape in the Thai language to be made available to those who are blind and impoverished via *Thailand’s Graduate Society of the Blind (TGSB)* and *The Bangkok School for the Blind Alumni Association (BSAA)*. Through these books, Gregg has shown himself to be someone who suffered greatly but persevered, utilizing education as a tool to propel his future forward – and through his example, he encourages others to strive to overcome adversity. Gregg’s books have been added to several Michigan Public Library Branches, and both he and his works are pending review/inclusion into the Michigan Authors and Illustrators Database.

In addition to his written works sharing his life’s learnings/reflections, Gregg has moved to action on behalf of others who have been victims of violence in their lives. He has spoken and worked tirelessly on behalf of groups whose mission is to prevent and/or treat the results of human trafficking, domestic violence, abuse of children and adults. Gregg has also worked with multiple professional organizations, those in the field of social service, and universities such as Siena to support educational and social welfare causes. Gregg belongs to several advocacy organizations and is heavily involved with the restructuring of the U.S. Department of Corrections prison system nationwide by pursuing more humane laws governing our prisoners; primarily focusing on respect for individuals and making available significantly more educational opportunities for all prisoners.

Following his BA in Business and Mathematics from Siena Heights and his MSc in Computer Engineering and Research from Wayne State University, Gregg has been active in the business world for the past 25 years in several Fortune 100 and 500 national and multinational companies, most recently with PimWo Intertrade Partnership, Ltd. Of Bangkok, Thailand as Chief Strategy Officer and IT director. His care for the well-being of others crosses the ocean with him. He has spoken at a number of events to raise awareness and support for humane and educational causes across the United States and in Southeast Asia. He recently received “The Best of Piety Award” presented by the Delimirr News Media Company, Thailand, given to individuals who have shown respect for humanity in the face of adversity. Gregg is also being considered at present for the “2016 Michigan Author of the Year Award.”

For demonstrating that education and compassion lead to wisdom, and for your work on behalf of human rights and sustainability, Siena Heights University is proud to present Gregg Tyler Milligan with the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.””