

A Heart for Business...and Missions

MINOTT '91 EXHORTS CORNELL STUDENTS TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

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A Cornell alumnus is using his talents from the development arena as he serves on short-term missions outreaches to the Dominican Republic.

"I would recommend everyone try their hand at missions work," said Michael Minott '91, a property developer and pastor in New York City.

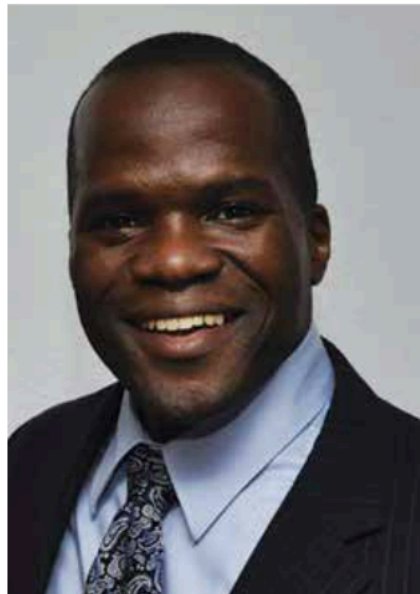
Minott, principal of Portland Consultants, recently shared his enthusiasm for missionary service during an appearance at Cornell University. The Brooklyn, New York native explained how business expertise can bolster evangelical efforts during a discussion group on September 23 in Willard Straight Hall.

Chesterton House (chestertonhouse.org), a Christian study center serving the Cornell community, hosted Minott's talk.

"In order to advance the kingdom of God and plant churches, we have to come up with more creative ways to finance," said Minott. "Money is reality."

In particular, Minott highlighted for students how business training can

be useful abroad, especially for would-be pastors who need to generate revenue to help fund practical operations. Many of Minott's efforts in the Dominican Republic have centered on church planting, and he is establishing a classical Christian school.



Property developer Michael Minott, Cornell '91, told students about his passion for missions during an appearance at his alma mater.

During his visit to his alma mater, Minott, who majored in consumer economics and housing, also wanted students to know the pursuit of business education and a desire for missionary service are not mutually exclusive options.

At Portland Consultants, Minott specializes in construction management, owner's representation, and project management in both rehab and new construction.

In addition, he has served as a pastor with North Shore Baptist Church in Bayside, New York since 2007. Minott lives in East Flatbush with his wife, a native of the Dominican Republic, and their children, ages 19, 16, and 14.

In all, Minott possesses 20-plus years of experience in the real estate industry, including stints on behalf of Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation, and Bridge Street