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A WORD FROM CHARLIE

They opened the doors to the public schools for us in Ghana,

but they cut a road through the hillside for us in Burundi. Then the Batwa people, the poorest tribe in one of the poorest countries in the world, waited two hours in the sun for our arrival. In Burundi, the Batwa are treated as the equivalent of New Testament lepers.

We preached the gospel to the crowd, then surveyed the partially dug site for their own church begun by our partners there, Grace Bible Church, a group of 27 churches committed to the message of grace. We gave the Batwa women cloth for clothes or sheets to cover their children in the cold nights, and hoes so they can farm and make a subsistence living off the land. But most importantly, we gave them the clear and simple gospel of God's love and grace.



This is only one of many stories from our summer of ministry in Ghana, Burundi, and Kenya. There is too much to report, but the special insert will help you see more of what we did. The important constant on these trips was how the providential hand of God opened doors and plowed roads ahead of us for His message of eternal life.

I don't think I have seen a more fruitful summer for the gospel of grace, and I am humbled that God used GraceLife and me, along with our mission team members. You should be humbled too, that God heard your prayers and multiplied the fruit of your giving.

Thank you for your prayers and support that allow me to do what God has called me to do: share the gospel of grace with the unsaved and the grace of the gospel with the saved!

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

Grace Means Go!

- Sept. 10 - Washington Bible College & Capital Bible Seminary
- Sept. 22-23 - Cornerstone Bible Church, Lubbock, TX
- Oct. 8-10 - Free Grace Alliance Conference, Irving, TX
- Oct. 20-21 - Cleburne Bible Church, TX
- Nov. 2-4 - Communion Chapel, San Antonio, TX
- Nov. 10-11 - Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA
- Nov. 25 - Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- Dec. 29-Jan. 11 - Word of Life, Philippines

There's still time!

Free Grace Alliance Conference

**October 8-10
Irving, TX**

**Register at
FreeGraceAlliance.com**

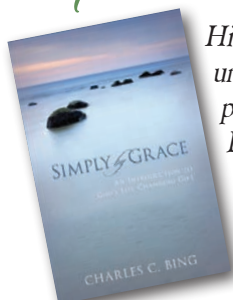
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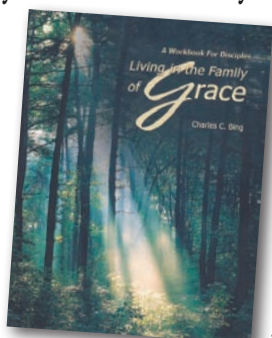
Up Close: Tools that Reach and Teach



Hi Charlie. I received a call from one of our church pastors informing me of a conversation that he had last week. An unchurched parent of a child who attends the school which is a part of our church had stopped by his office. This parent was very excited about how much [Simply by Grace] had meant to her and her family. They had read it in December, after our church gave them a copy for free. She also said that her mother-in-law was visiting at Christmas time, when they received the book. Her mother-in-law read the book as well. She liked it so much that she took it with her after Christmas, back to Louisiana. There, she gave the book to her pastor. He liked the book so much that he decided to purchase several for his church. . . We are thrilled that God used you to write such a clear book on the free grace Gospel. I'm sure it has in impact on everyone who reads it. — David K.

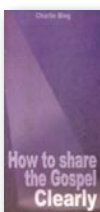
I wanted to write to say thank you for the work you do. I have ordered now several sets of GraceNotes because I end up sharing them with someone then giving the set away to that same person. . . . You are one of the clearest writers I have ever learned from and you are the biggest reason I was able to break free from Lordship [Salvation] . . . and the like. Thanks for the Notes and for taking the message overseas, another thing I greatly admire. — Mike K.

(GraceNotes are no longer shipped, but are available free on the Web site.)



I have used [Living in the Family of Grace] in a discipleship ministry and found that it educated those seeking to grow in their faith. Your presentation is clear and concise, often evoking 'Why didn't someone explain Romans to me like this before? Now I get it! . . . Thank you for this invaluable tool and resource in the ministry of grace. — Judith B.

Hello. Thank you for your website, which is a blessing to me. I just read what you wrote about Lordship Salvation. I was under that for several years when I got involved in a cult. I became so afraid of God that I thought I was doomed to eternal punishment every time I "messed up" and often thought God was mad at me. It wasn't until I began to read my Bible and research information on the internet about Lordship Salvation that I came to know the truth. Praise the Lord! . . . Thank you, and God bless you and your ministry! — Marcee E.



I will soon be ordering more copies of How to Share the Gospel Clearly. I gave all I had to our local Life Center for evangelism classes for their volunteers. — Gary V.

Looking Ahead to 2013

After Christmas, Charlie and GraceLife board member, pastor Phil Congdon, will head to the **Philippines** for a Word of Life staff conference and to teach two courses at the WOL Bible Institute. It is a great privilege to invest in the lives of these servants who are so committed to reach the islands with the gospel of grace!

GraceLife Institute begins in India! In March Dr. Roger Fankhauser and Charlie will train select leaders in Hyderabad with Crossworld Ministries International of India.

Preparations have begun! Your help is appreciated. Donations can be made at GraceLife.org through PayPal.



Ministry in Focus

Here . . .

- June 10 — Living Vine Church, Charlotte, NC
- June 17 — Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- July 24 — New Braunfels Bible Church, TX (pictured)
- July 29 — First United Methodist Church, San Augustine, TX

. . . and There:

It takes a team! Three women who helped make a maximum missions experience this summer:

One stayed to watch two infants so her daughter could go to Ghana for two weeks: [Karen Bing](#).

One went to take the photos that tell the stories: [Sara Stevenson](#).

One worked to handle visas, schedules, flight reservations, and team info: [Sara Aquino](#).



Encouraging Words from Down Under

Dear Charlie,

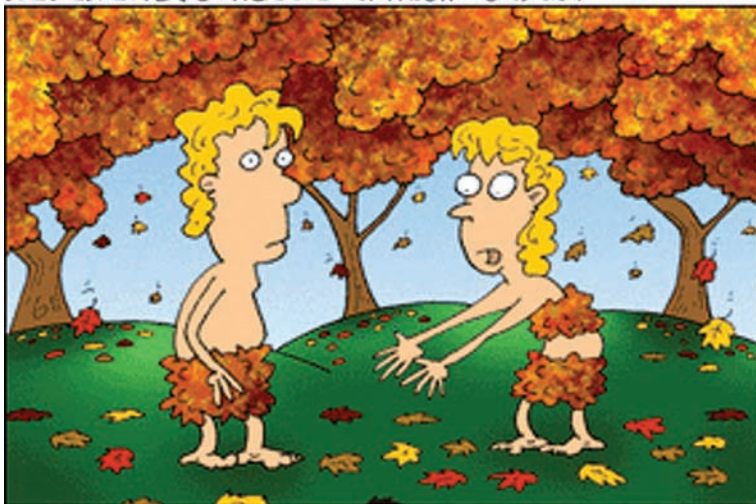
Thank you so much for the clarity of how you present the gospel of grace. I have been a born again Christian who struggled with the assurance of salvation for many years due to some legalistic preaching and misunderstanding thereof in some cases. . . The Lord used your articles to lift some veils and anchor me firmly on our Rock which is Christ the Lord and risen Saviour. Can't wait to learn more and share it with others.

My prayer is that God blesses you all and uses your ministry to reach the lost and Christians battling with fear of not being saved. Thanks again.

~ Paolo P., Australia ~

Falling from Grace

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Inside this edition



The gospel of grace broke
new ground this summer!

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in Luke 8.



GraceLife Ghana Team Mission, July 2012

Charlie Bing, Roger Fankhauser, Carl Jones, Warren & Kayla Hudson, Amanda Sparks, Carly Wells

- ✓ GraceLife Institute (GLI) trained 68 pastors and leaders and graduated four in two locations. Preached the gospel to 4000 students in the public schools with many professions of faith.
- ✓ Shared the gospel to help plant a church and wherever God gave opportunity resulting in more professions of faith.
- ✓ Built relationships with schools using specially donated gifts of laptops, soccer balls, and dental hygiene talks and supplies.
- ✓ Preached in four churches.



I have really been blessed. I have learned a lot about God's covenants with His people and how I have been saved through grace and not by works. — Daniel Boakye

I had a terrible fear of public speaking before starting this trip and didn't know how in the world God was ever going to use me . . . I learned that if I just allow God to take over, He can do incredible things. — Kayla Hudson

We are thankful to the most high God for the message of the gospel of grace that has come to us. We believe that very soon it will catch up to the people in our communities and that they will be assured of their salvation, that salvation is all by grace. — Pastor Cephas Tonugble

Throughout my life as a believer I have never had a chance to be taught the Word of God with better understanding like what Charlie, Roger, and Carl have taught us. It has really been a blessing to me and my generation yet born. God bless you all! — Eric Opokei



GraceLife Burundi & Kenya Team Mission, August 2012

Charlie Bing, Richard Grubbs, Todd Mathis, Marv Effa, Amy Effa, Tracy Hallak, Sara Stevenson

Burundi:

- ✓ GraceLife Institute trained 75 pastors and leaders
- ✓ Women teachers trained 15 selected women and 25 youth (ages 12-25).
- ✓ Evangelized a new location to help start a local church among the minority Batwa people.
- ✓ Gave pastors and leaders 100 new Bibles, 100 hymn books, and 100 reading glasses; gave 70 minority Batwa women cloth and hoes for farming.
- ✓ Held an evangelistic dinner for 25 local officials and religious leaders. Preached in two churches.

Before I heard that we are saved by grace, I tried to treat my body badly in order to be accepted by God. But now I know that I am saved by grace and will go to heaven. — Stephanie Rubanda Ndikuriyo

I would like to express, once again, my gratitude to all the team members for what you have been and done for us as God used you to bless us. It has been a great event for us and I am sure Grace Bible Church in Burundi will never be the same. It is growing both in knowledge and in spirit. Thank you very much for your commitment to assist helpless people like us. Please remember to convey our gratitude to every single person who contributed to make your visit possible. God will certainly reward all of them. — Pastor Anicet Ndikuriyo, host and founder of Grace Bible Church Burundi (27 churches)



Kenya:

- ✓ GraceLife Institute trained 12 selected pastors.
- ✓ Women teachers trained 12 selected women.
- ✓ Shared love, food, and the gospel with a group of widows and children, some HIV positive.

This is to thank you for your lovely ministry in Kenya. All that you taught us will go to others too. I deeply thank God that you were His chosen ones for Him to minister to us at a time like this. Indeed, we have gained much from GraceLife Ministries and on behalf of all who attended I wish to thank you. . . . I plan to go to many other ministers to share the grace message with other churches in our country. I hope to see you again in Kenya soon. — Pastor Patrick Wekesa, host in Kenya

Initially, I thought that a Christian can qualify for eternal life by works. It became very clear that I can receive the righteousness of God by believing like our father Abraham did. — Pastor James Omolo Muga