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A WORD FROM CHARLIE

It's an anniversary to remember--500 years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther publicly broke with the Roman Catholic Church starting the Protestant Reformation. The issue? Essentially, it was over the gospel of grace (see the new GraceNotes inside).

Only 20 years ago, GraceLife Ministries was born to share the gospel of grace with unbelievers and the grace of the gospel with believers. Why? Because keeping salvation free is a perennial struggle. Human nature tends to add works, performance, or merit to the front end or the back end of the gospel demanding their necessity for eternal salvation. I have yet to find any place in the world where the gospel has not been corrupted by works.

That may seem like a strong statement, but I stand by it now more than ever. The good news is that through GraceLife's ministry, we have seen pastors, people, schools, organizations, and churches refocus their message and their lives to reflect the free grace of God. That brings a new joy, freedom, and assurance of salvation from realizing God's undeserved grace. The chains of legalism, doubt, and uncertainty fall away.

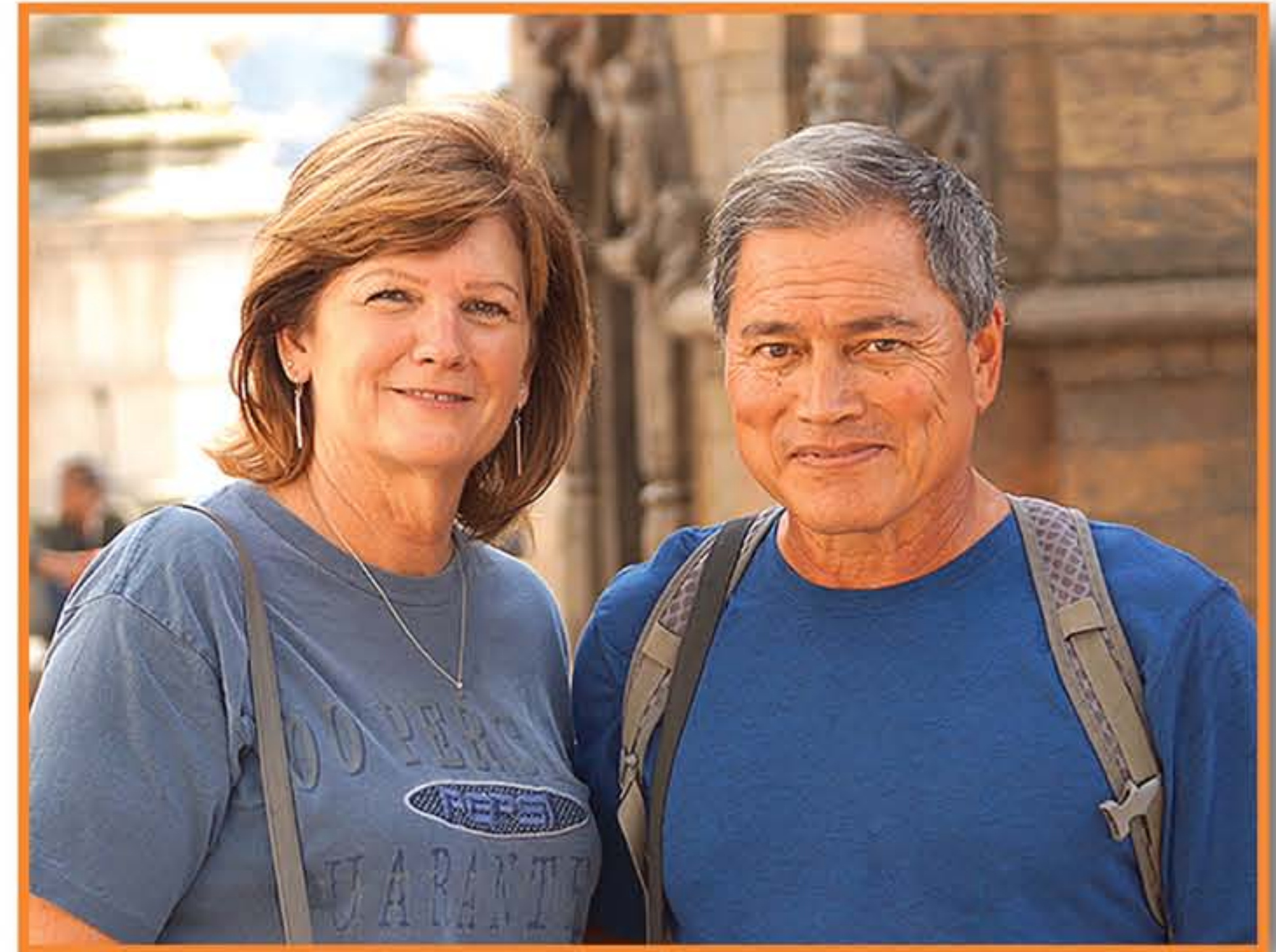
It has been my joy and blessing to preach and teach this message around the world. I am committed to doing this as long as God opens the doors and allows me to go through them. His provision and power make this happen, but He has used you and many others to support this work through prayers and giving.

In the big picture, GraceLife and I are only a small blip on the screen of the Reformation's legacy. I am privileged to be a part of God's work sharing the most important message in history and seeing lives transformed. Thank you for your part in this ministry of sharing the good news of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ!

Until all hear,

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Grace Means Go!

September 14 – Grace School of Theology, DMin class online

October 13-15 – Reach Evangelism Conference, Manitowoc, WI

October 16-18 – Free Grace Alliance Conference, Arlington, TX

January 13-21 – GraceLife Institute, Conference, Myanmar

February 11-18 – GraceLife Institute, Hyderabad, India

February 17-March 3 – Word of Life Bible Institute, Conferences, Philippines



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A SUPER SUMMER OF MINISTRY!



A lot of has happened since the last GraceLife newsletter in June. Here is a summary of our summer ministry.

GHANA. In June, GraceLife trained 45 pastors and church leaders with Ambassadors for Christ. Charlie's passport was lost when he applied for a Ghana visa, so he could not go. But Rich Keller, Ray Young, and host Fred Amoah Darko did an effective job. Eleven participants graduated from GraceLife Institute.

NEPAL. With a new passport,

Charlie was able to travel with Karen and a small team to Katmandu to teach at Grace School of Theology in July. Charlie taught Romans and Roger Fankhauser New Testament Epistles to 40 students, some of whom were pastors. Karen and the rest of the team built relationships with young students and their teachers in a local school. Since Christianity is only 60 years old in this country, ministry had an "apostolic" urgency and freshness about it. Christians are now 5% of the population, and they are on fire! We were happy to give them more fuel to enhance their gospel and biblical knowledge.

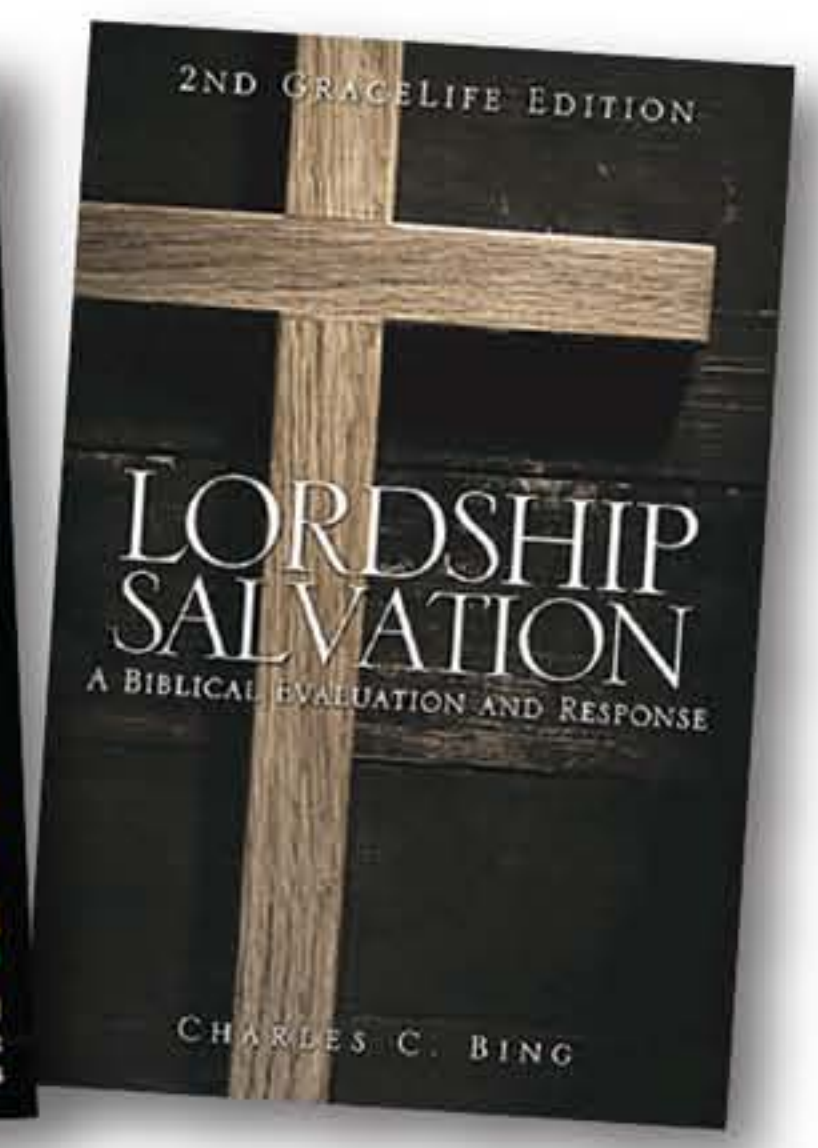
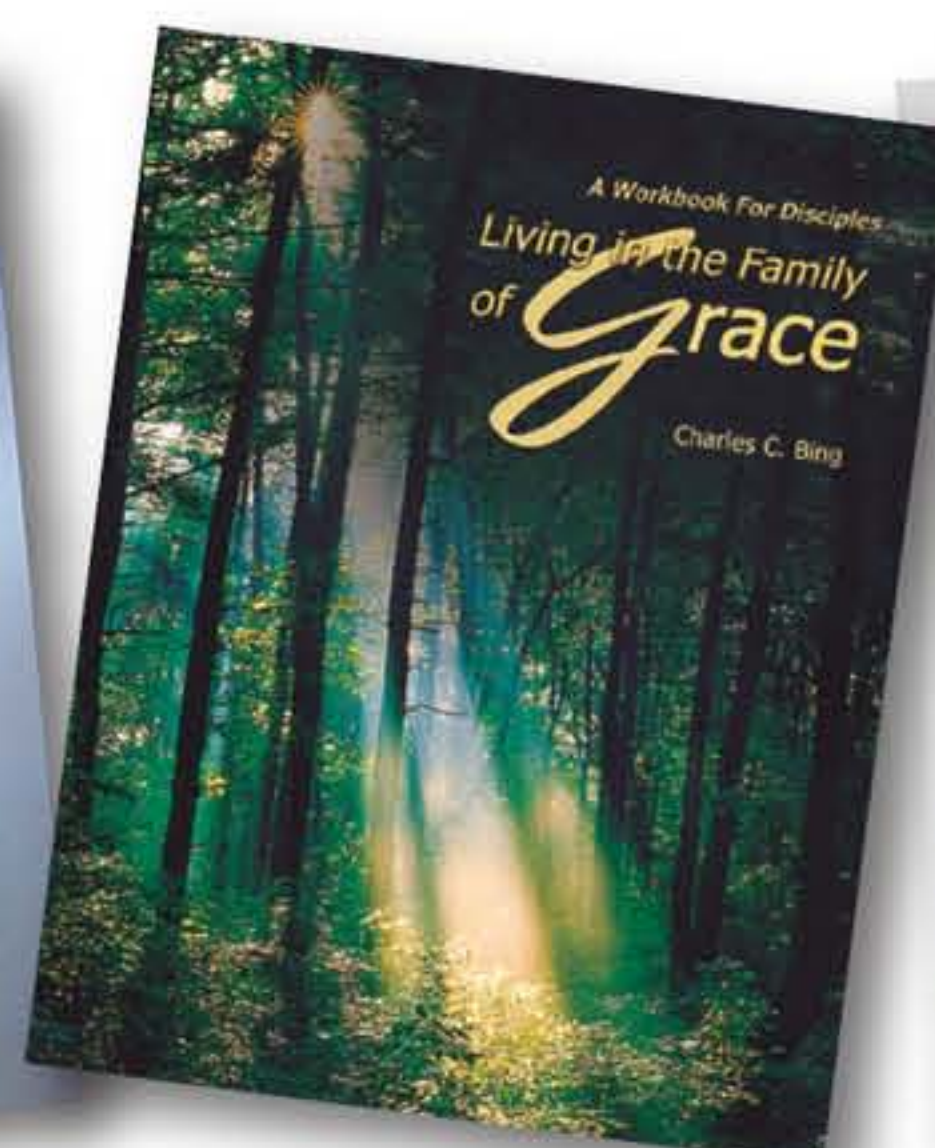
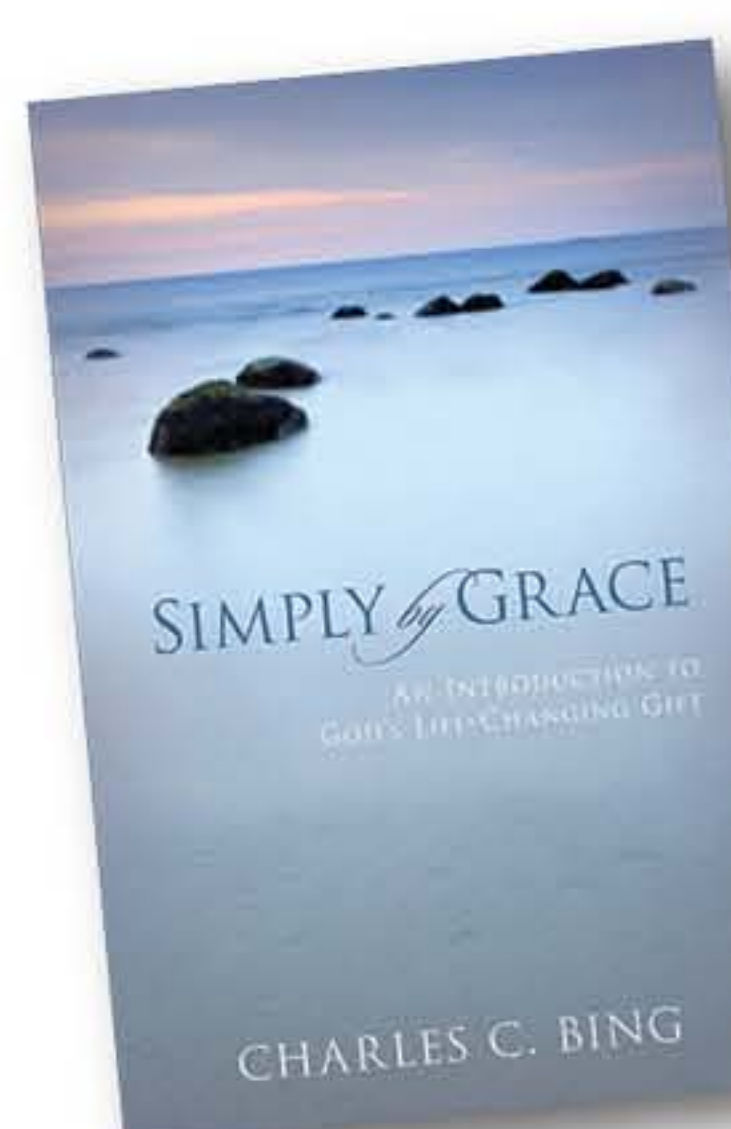


BURUNDI. Due to political unrest and violence, we did not train in this needy country for three years. But in August, Charlie and Marvin Effa returned to train 100 pastors and leaders in GraceLife Institute with host Anicet Ndikuriyo of Grace Bible Church (a group of 60 churches). The participants soaked up the message of grace from Romans, Galatians, and a course on salvation.

The good news is that GraceLife ministered in eight countries this year. The no-so-good news is that our special fund for this training is depleted leaving almost nothing for 2018. In every country they are asking and expecting GraceLife to return next year. Tentatively, we are planning to return to Myanmar, India, Philippines, Peru, Ghana, and Burundi. GraceLife invests about \$100 for every pastor we train. You can make an eternal investment in these pastors and leaders by sending a gift to GraceLife or by scanning this box.



Here in Texas summer isn't really over until October, so we are extending our Super Summer Sale until October 15. Order these resources at the lowest prices ever at GraceLife.org/bookstore or scan the QRC box.



Ministry in Focus



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Encouraging Words



Angry Arminian Mob Pulls Down Statue Of John Calvin

PITTSBURGH, PA—A rowdy gang of angry, riled-up Arminian believers gathered to pull down a statue of Reformer John Calvin standing in front of Calvin Reformed Bible College & Seminary, authorities confirmed Friday.

The band of Wesleyan troublemakers brought a rope, lassoed it around the neck of the stone likeness of Calvin, and yanked it down while yelling rallying cries like “Down with limited atonement!” “You’ll never take our free will!” (Cited from BabylonBee.com, 8/18/17)

...from Eric, ministry leader in Burundi:

This training is going to be very beneficial for the whole nation. Our hope is that all the nation may get this training, because it gives us peace. Now we are hopeful that in case we die, we will inherit the kingdom of heaven, because we all believe in Jesus Christ and we have eternal life. We have no doubt; we are no longer fearful.

