



bringing grace to life

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

There is a famine in the land! The prophet Amos addressed Israel's captivity, but he could have been speaking about today's world: *"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD"* (Amos 8:11).

When I hear the vacuous messages of many Christian preachers on TV, radio, or in church, see Christians' posts on social media, look at bestselling Christian books, or even visit with pastors in other countries, I grieve the lack of Bible knowledge. This comes from a lack of Bible teaching in today's world. *Only 5% of pastors around the world have formal biblical training!*

Many of those I meet overseas who have had formal training tell us that their schools never taught them the gospel. Instead, they get the opinions of various theologians on issues or classes on how to do miracles and heal people. They do not get the Word of God, much less the gospel of grace.

That means we have a lot of work to do. When we bring GraceLife Institute training, these pastors learn and rejoice in biblical truth, especially the message of God's unconditional love and grace. Consider what Ghanaian pastor Tetteh says,

"I am very grateful to the Lord for the benefits I derived from the training of the Hermeneutics class taught by Dr. Charlie Bing. By the grace of God I am now able to divide the word of God rightly and interpret it and apply it correctly. I have studied Bible study methods in previous years but this class will help me to improve more on my studies and preparations for teaching and preaching of God's word to my people."

So pray for us as we continue to preach the grace message in the USA and train pastors and church leaders around the world like Pastor Tetteh. Specifically, pray as we bring GraceLife Institute to a new country in June, Zimbabwe. God is doing wonderful things through GraceLife. I hope you can be a part of it through prayer, giving, or joining us on a trip (like our GraceLife Israel Study Tour in May--see GraceLife.org/missions for info). Grace and peace to you.

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing
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Note: GraceLife Institute is our program for training pastors and church leaders in other countries. Our emphasis is grounding them in the message of grace and related Bible books and theology. A team of instructors teaches three courses each year for four years. After taking twelve courses, graduates get a certificate.



With a Myanmar Pastor

Grace Means Go!

- March 8 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- March 9-13 -- GraceLife Institute, India
- March 15 – Living Stones Fellowship, Dallas
- March 22 -- Grace Life Church, Pineville, NC
- March 29 – Faith Bible Church, Albuquerque
- March 30-31 -- IFCA Regional Meeting, Albuquerque
- April 19 – St. Francis Protestant Fellowship, Fort Worth
- April 26 – Bayside Community Church, Tampa
- May 14-25 – GraceLife Friends Israel Study Tour
- June 20-26 – GraceLife Institute, Zimbabwe
- July 11-17 – GraceLife Institute, Ghana



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BRINGING GRACE
TO THE WORLD

In January our team of **GraceLife Institute** instructors (Jim Brace, John Salvesen, Rich Keller, Steve Hill, Charlie) were in **Myanmar** to train pastors. At the same time, a group from Steve's church helped build a boys' dormitory for a children's home. John and Charlie taught pastors in the north at a second **conference**. The Chin translation of Charlie's book, *Grace, Salvation, and Discipleship*, was given to all those trained. The team also saw many professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior in church meetings.



In February, Charlie taught 34 students at the **Word of Life Bible Institute in the Philippines** and spoke at a pastors' conference attended by about 100 people. He gave away 50 of his books to students and pastors.

So What's Next?

GraceLife Institute Instructors John Hardin and Andy Stacy head

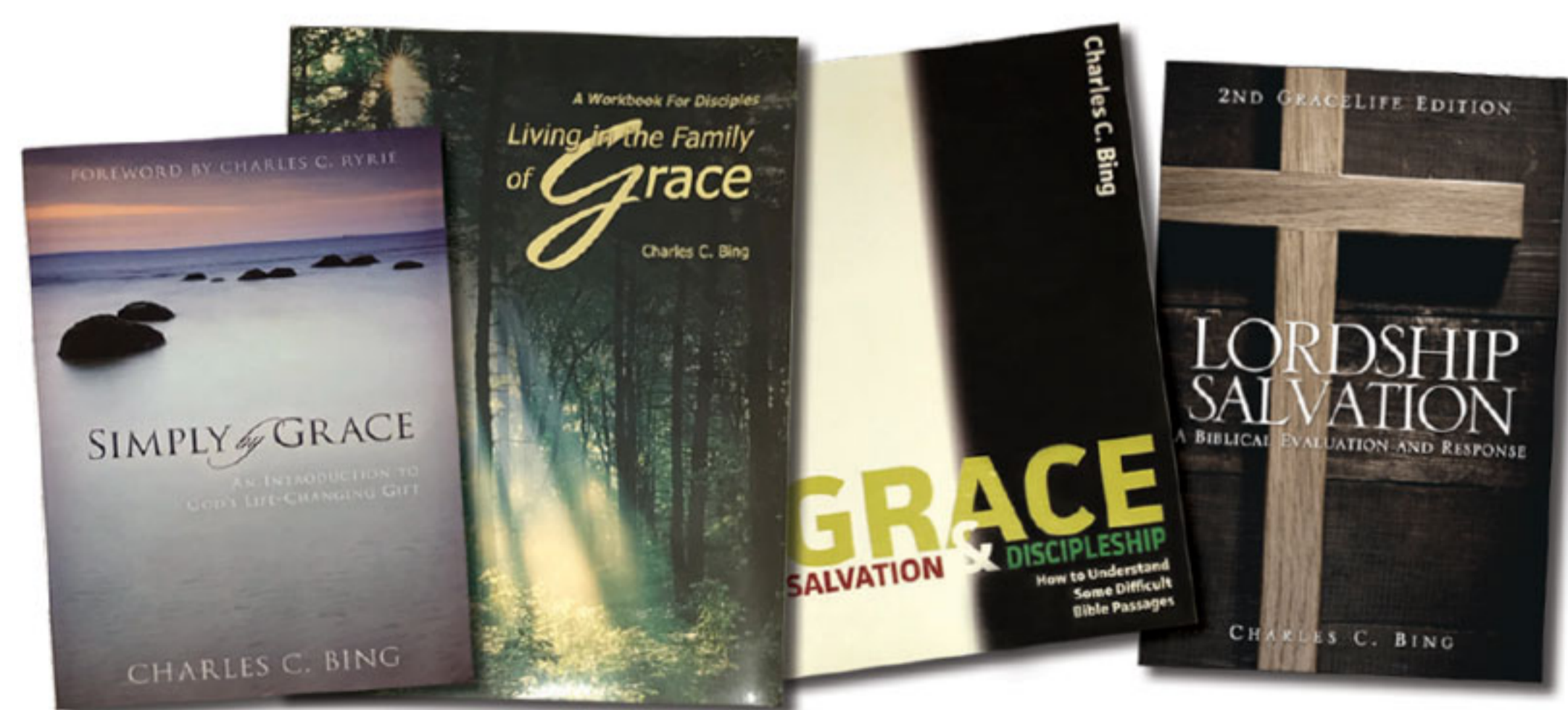
to **India** in March to teach fifty pastors the grace message with our partner, Daniel Oswald of Crossworld Ministries, India. *This training will cost GraceLife over \$8000.*



In June, **Zimbabwe** in southeast Africa becomes the newest country to host **GraceLife Institute**. Instructors Phil Congdon, Gary McNally, and Charlie will help hosts Fred Amoah Darko and Lovemore Mpala of Ambassadors for Christ International while their wives minister to the pastors' wives. *The week of training will cost about \$9000.*

GraceLife Institute returns to **Ghana** (West Africa) in July with instructors Ron Hoffman, Tim Hill, Troy Cather, Mark Haywood, and Charlie to train pastors and leaders for Fred Amoah Darko of Ambassadors for Christ International. *This week of training will cost over \$9000.*

GraceLife's Scholarship Fund helps selected pastors get advanced formal training that will expand their ministry effectiveness. The tuition is more than what these pastors and workers are able to pay. If you want to help, designate your gift "Scholarship Fund."



Do you know people who need a better grasp of God's grace? Get them *Simply by Grace: An Introduction to God's Life-Changing Gift*. Want to ground people in the grace message from Romans and lead them into discipleship? Try *Living in the Family of Grace: A Workbook for Disciples*. Is anyone struggling with interpreting difficult passages related to salvation or the Christian life? They need *Grace, Salvation, and Discipleship: How to Understand Some Difficult Bible Passages*. Does the commitment gospel have people confused and doubting? They need *Lordship Salvation: A Biblical Evaluation and Response*. Scan the QRC box or order at GraceLife.org.

Ministry in Focus

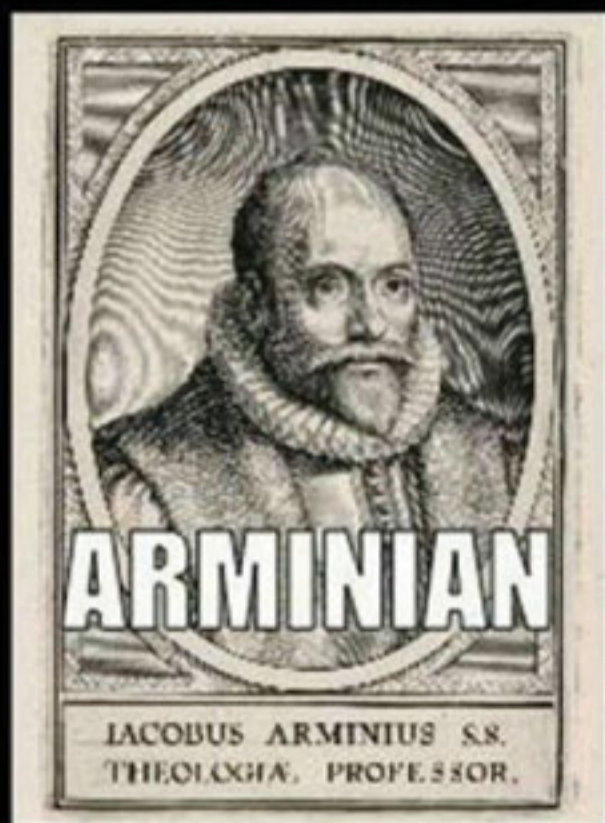


1. Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas in December
2. GraceLife Institute, Yangon, Myanmar in January
3. Pastors' Conference, Kalaymyo, Myanmar in January
4. Pastors' & Workers' Conference, Word of Life, Philippines in February
5. Students at Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines in February

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Encouraging Words



THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE!

... about our website:

- Our resources are viewed by every country in the world—USA is 1st, China 2nd, Canada 3rd.
- The web site has resources in Spanish, German, Chinese, and Urdu.
- We have exceeded 11,000 unique visits a month while averaging 9,000 a month.
- The most visited resource is *GraceNotes*.
- The most downloaded resource is the *Old and New Testament Introductions and Outlines*.
- Our newest feature is the Grace Research Room where you can view articles by many authors on various topics.
- People also use the site to access articles, videos, and archived newsletters, purchase resources and GraceLife Gear, and donate to help spread the gospel of grace.

"SO thankful for all the resources Dr. Bing has made available on this website... GraceNotes are extremely helpful to give someone a brief read to clarify so many aspects of GRACE!" Tom E.