



bringing grace to life

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Recently I was stunned by an amazing fact: Half of all the people who have *ever* lived are alive today—6.8 billion. What a challenge—we have the potential of reaching half of the people who have ever lived!

That puts a new impetus behind my vision of sharing the gospel of grace with the unsaved and the grace of the gospel with the saved. Never in history has there been such potential to reach people with the liberating message of God's grace.

I am taking the most strategic opportunities God gives me to share the grace message. This summer I will lead a mission team to Ghana, West Africa. I continue to support and promote the Free Grace Alliance that has brought together over 350 grace-oriented ministries and ministry leaders representing thousands of Christians. In other venues, I continue to share, teach, and preach the gospel of God's grace and to develop, produce, and provide resources that are reaching and helping many.



Charlie and Fred Amoah Darko in Ghana

So I appreciate the partnership of your prayers and support. Please pray for the ministry opportunities listed on pages 2 and 3, especially the support that we need for the Ghana mission.

Gracelife offers *you* the opportunity to play a significant role in reaching half of the people who have ever lived. Let's do all we can while we can!

Until all hear,

Charlie

Charlie Bing

A License to Sin?
See GraceNotes 35 inside!

permission to sin

Up Close: Ghana—Here We Go Again!



Visitors to GraceLife.org are telling us they really like the new look and usefulness of our totally retooled Website. The site is more interactive, informative, and linked. You can order materials, follow our travels, or download useful teaching tools. Visit and see for yourself!

A recurring theme we heard from the leaders we trained in Ghana last summer was that they wanted us to return and teach them more. For example, Nathaniel wrote us, “The training and teachings of Dr. Charlie Bing has opened my eyes to the truth of salvation and discipleship. I hope to receive this kind of teaching again and again!” Likewise,

Abraham said, “I’m very grateful to Charlie Bing for his teaching ministry. It is my prayer that this is not the end of our relationship.”

Another conference attendee named Nixon said, “I thank God for what the Reverend Charlie Bing has done in this nation of Ghana. He has really blessed us and I am praying that he comes back again to give more instruction for all of us in Ghana. Next time, I believe it will be more wonderful than what we have received so far.”

How can we not go?!

So we are returning to Ghana June 28-July 12. Our mission is to train ministry and church leaders again and work with the churches in community outreach. This time the ministry will be expanded. First, it will not only be in Accra, the capital city, but we will also travel to another large city. Second, we are taking a team of women who will provide teaching and training for women. Third, the teaching load will be shared with another



Abraham



Charlie with Nixon

pastor who is also committed to sharing a clear gospel.

There is the potential for a great impact as we share with ministry leaders from all over the country. They in turn will return to their region of the country to teach others what they have learned.

Please pray for this mission. As always, these trips are expensive and physically taxing. GraceLife will bear many expenses, including books for the Ghanaian leaders who attend. We appreciate your help in making a difference in Ghana and in the lives of our team members.

Keep in Touch!

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Ministry in Focus



Charlie Closed 2006 by preaching at **Northeast Evangelical Free Bible Church**, pastored by Fred Lybrand pictured here with wife Jodie.



At **LeTourneau University** (January) Charlie taught a class and led a seminar during Missions Emphasis Week. Directing the conference was Loren and Sue Faul, missionaries to Costa Rica with Crossworld.



Busy in Houston—Charlie spoke at **Faith Community Church** (January) and to a group of pastors about the Free Grace Alliance (February). Dr. Dave Anderson (right) is FCC's pastor and Jan Johnson (left) is the missions director.

In December, Charlie also spoke at **Bethany Bible Church** in Plano (Dr. Marv Effa) and in January GraceLife held its **annual board meeting** in Burleson, Texas. Along with encouraging discussions about the ministry, a new board member was welcomed, Pastor Jim Caddock (North Umpqua Bible Fellowship, Glide, OR).

Encouraging Words

Excerpts from on-going correspondence with a pastor in Burundi, East Africa.

My name is Anicet Ndikuriya, Senior pastor of Grace Bible Church, Burundi... We have already planted 15 churches in 8 provinces out of 17 in our country. I was ordained a pastor in 1995... I did my best to serve the Lord, but faced serious problems with legalism. I believed I was born to be a son of grace... I have never been to any Bible school. I used the internet to search. Then I finally reached your website. I read the GraceNotes and felt I could say thank you for what you have done. God knew it would help many isolated people like me... In my country Bible education and resources are very scarce. Consequently, our churches are not strong...

I have read and re-read your declaration of faith and your purposes and vision before I decided to contact you... In my country grace-oriented ministers are very rare. It seems that we are still living the Old Testament and Covenant... Legalism is the main characteristic of Burundian churches... Up to now, one of my challenges is training. People are so used to legalistic principles that they hardly believe in grace...

We need to learn much from more experienced brothers and to fellowship with them... It would be so precious for us if you would consider organizing a teaching seminar this year... It would be organized for local church pastors and Christian association and ministry leaders... I pray and trust the Lord for that miracle.

If this brother's plea touches your heart, let Charlie know. There *is* something we can do this year to help him. Write Charlie@GraceLife.org.

Grace Means Go! charlie's itinerary:

- March 5-8 – The Grace Conference, Dallas, TX
- March 5-6 – Free Grace Alliance Executive Council Board Meeting, Dallas, TX
- March 7 – GraceLife Friends Dinner, Dallas, TX
- March 16-18 – Church of the Open Door Leadership Retreat, Glendora, CA
- June 3 – North Umpqua Bible Fellowship, Glide, OR
- June 4-5 – Free Grace Alliance Northwest Regional Retreat, Salem, OR
- June 10 – First Baptist Church, Roseburg, OR
- June 28-July 12 – Team Mission Trip to Ghana, West Africa

Tools you can use

For prices and ordering, see the enclosed order form envelope, or visit us at www.GraceLife.org.

Living in the Family of Grace: A Workbook for Disciples (by Charlie Bing), our newest product, is designed to establish people in the basic principles of salvation by grace and how to live the Christian life by grace.

How to Share the Gospel Clearly (by Charlie Bing), our best-selling booklet, will help you keep the gospel clear.

Dear John (by Charlie Bing), is a booklet that will help those who are confused about salvation or are unsure about their salvation.

Lordship Salvation (by Charlie Bing) is a clear, in-depth discussion of over 60 key Bible passages on four controversial issues in salvation: faith, repentance, Christ's lordship, and discipleship. Paperback book.

You Can Be Sure (by Bob Wilkin) is a booklet that has helped many find a firm assurance of salvation.

Living Water is a modern translation of the Gospel of John with simple notes about salvation.

What Are You Worth? (by Charlie Bing), is a useful tract in sharing a clear gospel message with anyone, especially those who provide a service.

GraceNotes (by Charlie Bing) is a collection of concise biblical studies on grace-related topics in easy to duplicate form for use as teaching supplements or witnessing tools.

How a Good Person Gets to Heaven (by Charlie Bing) is an evangelistic message on tape or CD from John 3:1-16.



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