### A WORD FROM CHARLIE

### ecently I was asked to share the greatest blessing

in GraceLife's ministry. I said, "The greatest blessing about GraceLife is what I don't know." Let me explain.

While laboring alone in preparation, writing, and administrative work I often wonder what difference this ministry is making. Sometimes I get feedback from people who are blessed by our ministry, but I realize most people don't share this with me, for whatever reason (No problem—rarely do I write or email someone about the blessings I receive from their writing or ministry). However, on recent trips in the States I have been overwhelmed by the testimonies of those who have been changed by the message of grace they received through our ministry as they listened, read, or worked through our resources. I would never know these things except that I just happen to visit and talk with these people.



It is extremely gratifying to know that so many have been blessed. I can only imagine the multiplied effect that our teaching and literature has had on the thousands of pastors and leaders we have trained here and in other countries.

The result of this is that I go to sleep in peace and wake up with enthusiasm. This year's Thanksgiving and Christmas take on new dimensions in my devotional life as I respond personally to God for using GraceLife to change so many lives.

Have you ever wondered about the blessings you have but don't know about? Karen and I would like to join our hearts with you to give thanks to God and worship Him for those unseen blessings. We also thank God for your part in our lives and ministry.

May your Christmas be joyful, and your New Year full of grace and peace!

Until all hear,

Charlie Bina

#### Grace Means Go! Charlie's Itinerary:

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 – Burleson Bible Church, TX, teaching Jan. 18 – GraceLife board meeting, Burleson, TX

Jan. 28-Feb. 11 - Pastors' conferences, Hyderabad, India

Feb. 12-18 - Pastors' conference, Chandigarh, India

# Up Close: India Trip

January and February present two opportunities to share God's Word of grace in India. First, Charlie will lead a team of ten from Stough Memorial Church (Pineville, NC)

to the south India city of Hyderabad where they will lead two pastors' conferences, teach women and children, and work with children in the slums. The team will assist Crossworld Ministries of India led by Daniel Oswald.

Charlie will then fly to the northern city of Chandigarh where he will teach pastors at a conference for SEEK Partners,

International, led by longtime friend Dr. Sukhwant Bhatia.

Please pray for God's power, provision, and protection. Pray for the hundreds of pastors and others who will hear the liberating message of God's grace, and pray for the many expenses of traveling and ministering in India.



Chandigarh



Hyderabad

#### Keep in Touch!

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# GraceLite's Vision

Our vision is to share the gospel of grace with the unsaved and the grace of the gospel with the saved. We will not rest until this is complete and every person on earth is rejoicing in the freedom of the grace of God through Jesus Christ.

## GraceLife's Finances

We are able to minister as God provides through the gifts of His people. Approximately \$20,000 is needed to finish the year with all budgeted expenses met. We are eternally grateful for those who support this ministry.

## GraceLife's Christmas List

- Time and wisdom to develop much needed grace-oriented resources.
- $\psi$  Increased regular support for general budget and ministry needs.
- ♦ Finances to conduct summer pastors' conferences in Africa (est. \$15,000).
- → Finances to translate literature in Pakistan (est. \$10,000), Myanmar (est. \$4000), and Germany (est. \$5000).

# Ministry not pictured: Victor Street Bible Church, Dallas (September) Beaumont Bible Church, TX (October) \*1. GraceLife Friends Night, Bings' home, Cleburne Bible Church, TX (November)

Burleson, TX (October)

\*2. Free Grace Alliance Conference, Irving, TX (October). Dr. Fred & Jody Lybrand, Dr. Charles Ryrie.

- \*3. Camp Pearl Pastors' Conference, Reeves, LA (October)
- \*4. Dr. Mark Bailey, President Dallas Theological Seminary, at Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta (November)
- \*5. Bethany Bible Church, Plano, TX (November)
- \*6. Free Grace Seminary Bible Conference, County Line Church, GA, (November)



#### **Encouraging Words**

For eight years I had the great joy of pastoring a rural Bible Church where I regularly taught a grace message. Although the members and leadership would verbally agree with the concept of eternal security and deny that works played a part in salvation there were still doubts and confusion that ran deep. For many, assurance was an elusive concept. During my last year at the church I began a Bible study with the elders and deacons usina Charlie Bina's incredible workbook, Living in the Family of Grace. As the men wrestled with the very clear message of God's grace on a weekly basis a wonderful transformation took place. Men who mouthed the message of grace now firmly took hold of the message of grace. One evening three men sat with tears in their eyes describing how they now understood that their salvation and their assurance were bound up in the work of Jesus Christ and that God accepted them on the basis of Christ's work and not their own.

As a pastor I heartily recommend Living in the Family of Grace. The study is profound but also easy to use and understand. It is a great resource that both new believers and grace veterans will find helpful and encouraging.

Pastor Mark Land. Beaumont, TX



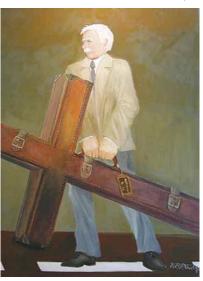




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