



## A WORD FROM CHARLIE

**O**verseas missions ministry sounds exotic, exciting,

and full of thrilling results. I can't deny any of that, but what if I told you that in my experience it is more like long periods of tedious routine punctuated by moments of incredible excitement?

To be sure, on many of these trips I have probably spent more time cramped in a hot van than actually preaching and teaching! The tedious routine begins with raising support for these missions, finding venues and accommodations, getting translation work done, and working out all the necessary logistical details. Then there is the travel itself.

It seems that God could have made missions ministry more efficient in many ways, not the least of which is by not confusing the languages! I'd also advise Him to position the unreached people a lot closer together geographically, and to turn all water into the safe bottled variety!

Just kidding! I know that God knows what He is doing. Just as He knew that the Apostle Paul would spend countless days on creaky wooden ships, the bumpy backs of mules, hiking over and around potholes and thieves, and navigating unfamiliar languages and cultures.

But that is how God wants to reach the world. Thankfully, the internet removes many obstacles, but there will always be the need for a personal presence. So I will keep raising support, getting shots, booking flights, and riding in hot vans to share the grace message for His glory.

In this newsletter you can see where we are taking the grace message this summer. I hope you help us get there through your prayer and support—Leave the hot van rides to us! Blessings on you!

Until all hear,

*Charlie*  
Charlie Bing

### *Grace Means Go!*

June 6-13 – Pastors' Conference, Moscow  
 July 8-21 – Pastors' Training, Ghana  
 July 17 – St. Francis Protestant Fellowship, Fort Worth  
 Aug. 5-14 – Pastors' Conference, Burundi  
 Aug. 15-18 – Pastors' Conference, Kenya  
 Oct. 10-12 – Free Grace Alliance Annual Conference, Phoenix

**FGA** Free Grace Alliance

"Growing in Grace" is the theme of this year's FGA Conference. Get info and register at [FreeGraceAlliance.com](http://FreeGraceAlliance.com).

visit us online @ [www.GraceLife.org](http://www.GraceLife.org)



# Up Close: Summer Missions Ministry



GraceLife will train pastors and leaders in four nations this summer.

**Russia** (June 6-13) – Charlie will team up with Pastor Kenny Hodges and church planter George Bryson to train pastors near Moscow. Karen (wife) and Laurie (daughter) are also going and will visit orphanages. (Pic: Kenny, Karen, Charlie, Laurie, George)

**Ghana** (July 8-21) – A GraceLife team of four excellent and experienced teachers will begin a new round of GraceLife



Institute training in partnership with host, Ambassadors for Christ International (Rev. Fred Amoah Darko). Dr. Roger Fankhauser, Pastor Ken Parlin, Todd Mathis, and Tracy Hallak have all taught in Ghana previously. They will offer training for men and women in three cities and minister in churches and schools. (Pic: Last year in Accra, Ghana)

**Burundi** (August 5-14) – GraceLife veterans Drs. Marv Effa and Richard Grubbs team up with Charlie to visit Burundi and introduce GraceLife Institute training in partnership

with Free Grace Churches Fellowship (Pastor Anicet Ndikuriyo). This will be our second visit to train pastors and leaders in this small impoverished country. (Right pic: Richard, Anicet)



**Kenya** (August 15-18) – The GraceLife team will travel from Burundi to Nairobi to share the grace message with key pastors and assess the possibility for further training. The conference is organized by Pastor Patrick Wakesa. (Left pic)



## What is GraceLife Institute?

This is our new training program which partners with host ministries to train Christian leaders in other countries. These leaders are trained in basic Bible, doctrine, and skills that ground them in grace and in ministry. Nationals who are accepted into the GLI and complete the four-year training satisfactorily are awarded a certificate. Teachers are qualified and certified by GLI criteria.



## Keep in Touch!

If we can help you or you can help us bring grace to life, contact:

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## GraceLife Eternal Portfolio Info

- 🌿 A \$75 gift will train one pastor in Africa this summer.
- 🌿 Contributions are accepted online at GraceLife.org.
- 🌿 As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all gifts to GraceLife are tax deductible.
- 🌿 We send an end-of-year statement for tax purposes.
- 🌿 GraceLife can be included in your estate planning.



# Ministry in Focus



Pastor Bruce and Linda Abercrombie, Pineville, NC (May)



Friends and supporters in Maryland (March)



Pastor Jeff and Cindy Rutledge, Grace Community Church, Munford, AL (May)

Ministry not shown: Union Missionary Baptist Church, **Chesapeake, OH**; St. Francis Protestant Fellowship, **Fort Worth, TX** (March); Victor Street Bible Chapel, **Dallas, TX**; Grace Bible Church, **Charlotte, NC** (May).

## Great buy for your next group study!

Take advantage of our summer book sale. Take \$2 off the listed price of *Simply by Grace*, *Living in the Family of Grace*, and *Lordship Salvation*. [Online orders only!](#) Use Promo Code: **summer**.



## Encouraging Words

... from February's team trip to India.

"Your words are like honey on our lips; they make us hungry for more!" – A pastor

"After I came to this conference I understood about grace and faith in salvation. I had a great fear that if I do not live a holy life, I will go to hell. But at this conference I came to understand salvation is eternal and I will never go to hell." – An evangelist



"I have understood that salvation can never be lost... that God has adopted everyone in Jesus Christ so we don't have to worry about our future. Now the goal in our life is to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Pastor Prababu

"Since I came I have cleared all my doubts about salvation." – Evangelist Julius



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