



A WORD FROM CHARLIE

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I'm often tempted to feel that time spent writing

could be put to better use. On a recent trip to Oregon to write, that thinking was challenged.

There I lunched with a friend, Steve, who had invited his friend, Floyd. The first half of lunch was just small talk, but then I asked, "Floyd, how did you come to know Jesus as your Savior?" He replied, "I went through your book, *Living in the Family of Grace*, with Steve." Wow!

I also visited with an Oregon pastor who told me a group of Jehovah's Witnesses had started attending his church. He gave one of them a copy of *Simply by Grace* and after she read it, she enthusiastically reported that she now understood the gospel of grace. Then just this

week a seminary student in Kentucky called to tell me he had read *Lordship Salvation* and is rejoicing in the freedom of grace (he said he had been in a legalistic religion that made him feel guilty and always question his salvation).

So I guess I'll keep writing, along with everything else that Gracelife requires. It is encouraging to know that when we obey God by doing what we know to do, He is working in the background to make our efforts eternally fruitful.

When we were dead in our sins and separated from God, God worked in the background to prepare for us a way of salvation. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die as our penalty for sin, and then raised Him from the dead so that we could have new life, His life. I am amazed by that grace, and Karen and my Christmas prayer for you is that you know that God is working in the background of your life while your obedience redounds to His glory for all eternity.

Thank you for staying with us through the year. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

Grace Means Go!

Feb. 5-19, 2012 – Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines
Apr. 6-8, 2012 – Greater Grace Church of Vaasa, Finland



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Up Close: Our Vision

GraceLife

bringing grace to life



Because we live in a world that does not know or understand God's grace and therefore has a desperate need of this grace, and because we believe that the "God of all grace" and Jesus Christ "full of grace and truth" desire all people everywhere to enjoy the salvation and freedom that grace provides, we are obedient to God's command to share His grace message with the world.

Our vision is to share the gospel of grace with the unsaved and the grace of the gospel with the saved. Non-Christians need to know God's grace available in the gospel of Jesus Christ so that they can have eternal life. Christians need to know God's grace that is available through the gospel of Jesus Christ so that they can enjoy their eternal life and be motivated to live for God and share His grace with others. 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.

To accomplish this we minister and use our resources in the most strategic and efficient manner possible. This means:

- ✔ We act on the most strategic opportunities that God brings before us.
- ✔ We train Christian leaders in the grace message who can train others also.
- ✔ We give considerable time and resources to meet the vast need for training that exists outside of America.
- ✔ We develop resources and tools that promote the grace message and train people to share it clearly.
- ✔ We advance the grace message on the academic level, through the church, and at the individual level.
- ✔ We encourage, connect, and work with other Christian leaders for the advancement of the grace message.
- ✔ We believe that God's work done in God's way will not lack God's supply.



Here's where GraceLife is going in 2012 — by God's grace!

COUNTRY	DATE	TRAINING PURPOSE	ESTIMATED COST
Philippines	February	Word of Life Bible Institute	\$ 2,000
Finland	April	Greater Grace Church Conference	\$ 1,200
Ghana	July	Ambassadors for Christ GraceLife Institute	\$ 14,000
Burundi	August	Grace Bible Church's GraceLife Institute	\$ 12,000
Kenya	August	GraceLife Institute	\$ 1,500
Democratic Republic of Congo	August	GraceLife Institute	\$ 9,000
India	November	Crossworld Ministries GraceLife Institute	\$ 9,000

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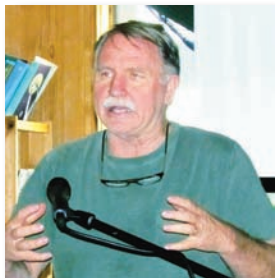
We are blessed to have worked alongside these ministry leaders in other countries to spread the grace message in 2011. Pray for them and their ministries!



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India



Sukhwant Bhatia
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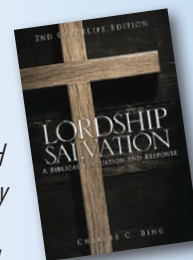
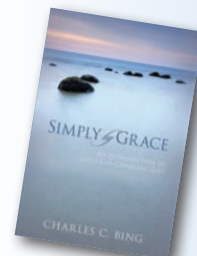
from the Internet

Charlie, hi. I teach the high school Sunday School class at GBC in Charlotte. Currently, the class is working through your book, *Simply by Grace*. We're having a blast and even our more spiritually mature members are learning each week. So just wanted to send along a note of thanks to you for your faithfulness—and to God for His faithfulness in drawing us all closer to Him through your work.

~ Gary B., via Facebook ~

Thank you for your website, which is a blessing to me. I just read what you wrote about Lordship Salvation. I was under that for several years when I got involved in a cult. I became so afraid of God that I thought I was doomed to eternal punishment every time I "messed up" and often thought God was mad at me. It wasn't until I began to read my Bible and research information on the internet about Lordship Salvation that I came to know the truth. Praise the Lord! . . . Thank you, and God bless you and your ministry!

~ Marcee E., via email ~



Falling from Grace

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh and you couldn't spring for a GPS?



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