

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

hank you for imparting your life and also your

God-given knowledge." So wrote one of my students I recently taught in the Philippines.

The more I impart my life to these students and pastors overseas, the more I realize I have less of my life to share, time-wise anyway. The Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians, "We were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives" (1 Thes. 2:8). But he later told Timothy, "For I am already poured out as a drink offering" (2 Tim. 4:6). His life and opportunities were at their end.

I'm not saying it's over for me! — just admitting that I cannot minister forever. There will come a time when either I or ministry opportunities will come to an end. That is why I am so determined to make the most of the opportunities before me today.



This promises to be a fruitful season for the gospel of grace. It started with a great time in the Philippines (see page 3), and will continue in Finland and two Africa team missions (see page 2). To "redeem the time" as the Bible exhorts, means that we must move forward to train the pastors and leaders in these places now. It means that I must trust God to provide the great expenses for doing this while we have the opportunity.

In the past, God has always been faithful to use you to meet the needs of those asking for training overseas. I know He will do it again.

Please pray that we will be able to fulfill the ministry God has laid before us — while there is time. Thank you for your prayer and support.

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

Grace Means Go!

Mar. 18 - Melrose Community Church, Roseburg, OR

Mar. 19-20 - Shasta Bible College, Redding, CA

Mar. 21 - Grace Community Fellowship, Eugene, OR

Mar. 25 – North Umpqua Bible Fellowship, Glide, OR

Apr. 4-5 – Greater Grace Church of Jyvaskyla, Finland

Apr. 6-8, 2012 – Greater Grace Church of Vaasa, Finland

Apr. 29 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas

May 6 - East Swamp Church, Quakertown, PA

July 6-20 – Ghana GraceLife Institute and team mission

Aug. 9-19 – Burundi GraceLife Institute and team mission

Aug. 20-24 – Kenya, Pastors' training and team mission

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GraceLife Institute training in Ghana, Burundi, and Kenya

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Up Close: a Summer of Impact

Ghana – July 6-20

We return to continue our GraceLife Institute training to ground pastors and leaders in the grace message. Our team will also help Ambassadors for Christ plant a new grace-oriented church through community and school evangelism. Pray for team members: Charlie Bing, Dr. Roger Fankhauser, Pastor Carl Greene, Warren & Kayla Hudson, Amanda Sparks, and Carly Wells. Cost: \$14,000.





Burundi - August 9-19

The team will visit the poorest tribal people, the Batwa, in the poorest country in the world. Pastors from Grace Bible Churches will meet there to continue Grace-Life Institute training. There will be outreach to the community, women, and children. New Bibles in the Kirundi language will be distributed. Pray for Charlie Bing, Dr. Richard Grubbs, Dr. Marvin Effa, Todd Mathis, Sara Stevenson, Tracy Hallak, and Amy Effa. Cost: \$12,000.





Kenya – August 19-24

The team continues on from Burundi to conduct GraceLife Institute training for pastors and minister to widows and orphans. Cost: \$2500.

To train pastors and leaders in the grace message costs about \$75 per person.

Though they are charged a nominal fee, many of these pastors earn as little as \$1 a day. So GraceLife pays for:

- A meeting place
- Chairs
- Sleeping accommodations
- Meals

- Bibles and Literature
- ♦ Translation
- Sound system
- Generators

Please consider a gift to help these pastors and leaders get trained in the grace message. Designate your tax-deductible gift "GraceLife Institute" and it will go to ground leaders in grace.

Scenes from the Philippines.

Speaking 35 times in 11 days, Charlie taught two Bible Institute courses, and spoke at church, staff, and university campus ministry

meetings for Word of Life Philippines. The grace message was enthusiastically received!



Encouraging Words

from the Philippines

Dear Charlie.

I want to thank you for coming to the Philippines and making an impact upon the staff and students of the Word of Life Bible Institute and ministries in the Philippines. I know I can speak for all the staff, your book, Simply by Grace, has brought

a greater awareness of our precious gospel message; it has made an impact in our lives, our ministry, and the gospel message we preach. Thank you.



~ Rev. Mike Foster, Executive Director, Word of Life Philippines ~

Sir, I want to thank you for teaching grace to us. It is clearer to me that salvation is only through believing and not by believing plus baptism or good morals to prove you are genuinely saved. It's only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior from my sins.

~ Stephen John Quipit, WOL student

I am so grateful and thankful to God for having Dr. Charles Bing as our teacher in Soteriology. I learned a lot of things about our salvation, faith, and God's grace. . . I read all the GraceNotes he gave us—I read them twice—and I thank him for giving us a booklet. I will pray that he will come back here next year.

~ Michael B., WOL student ~

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