



bringing grace to life

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

J**ob security. In economics, a need creates demand,**

then a product or service usually appears to meet the need. Those who supply the demand have work to do as long as there is a need.

What is the world's greatest need? In many of the places I visit in the world, I try to distribute and collect our *Gospel Survey* before I teach about the gospel. It simply asks how a person can receive eternal life (be saved, get to heaven), then lists a dozen options with only one being biblically correct. It's not a scientific survey, but it does tell something about the audience.

With pastors in most of the emerging nations I've visited, usually less than 5% get the answer right (yes, *pastors!*). With Bible-believing groups in the USA, hardly ever do more than 25% answer correctly. No matter how you interpret the results, you have to conclude that there is a lot of confusion about the gospel. There seems to be a need for some clarity!

When people don't understand the gospel of grace, it's job security to me--I'll always have something to do! In my way of thinking, the gospel is a primary issue. A person can know a lot about the Bible, have their theology of the end times all figured out, and be able to explain the *ordo salutis* (Latin for *order of salvation*—don't worry, it's just something theologians debate), but if they don't know how to be saved, then they perish in eternity with everything figured out except the most important thing. I've always believed that *the most important thing is to keep the most important thing the most important thing!* There's just too much at stake if someone is wrong about the gospel.

And so I stay busy. I'll move on to other things when everyone in the world understands what it means to be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. In the meantime, there's a lot of work to do. Thanks for joining me in this work with your encouraging prayers and support.

Until all hear,


Charlie Bing



Pastors' conference in the Philippines

You can see and download the Gospel Survey from GraceLife.org under the "Resources" menu.

Grace Means Go!

Feb. 28-Mar. 1 — San Augustine United Methodist Church, TX
Mar. 7 — Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Eugene, OR
Mar. 8 — Melrose Community Church, Roseburg, OR
Mar. 14 — Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Houston
Mar. 15 — Baytown Community Church, TX
Mar. 22 — Grace Bible Church, Charlotte
Mar. 30-31 — Sweden Church Ministry
Apr. 1-5 — Finland Church Ministry
Apr. 9-11 — Mid-America Prophecy Conference, Tulsa, OK
Apr. 19 — Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas

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Up Close: What's Happening in the World?

What just happened?

GraceLife began 2015 in a **Southeast Asian country** that's not very open to Bible training from foreigners. Charlie, John Hardin (Gracelife Church, Pineville, NC) and Steve Hill (Grace Community Fellowship, Eugene, OR) inaugurated **GraceLife Institute** with fifteen students from all over the country. From there, they traveled to Hyderabad, **India** for third year GLI courses for 55 pastors. Then in February, Charlie traveled to the **Philippines** to teach at **Word of Life Bible Institute** and speak at a **Free Grace Conference** for pastors and workers with Richard Grubbs (Biblical Ministries, Inc.) and Paul Holriz (Biblical Ministries Worldwide). There were 20 students in Charlie's class and about 70 pastors and workers at the conference. Sixty copies of *Simply by Grace* and other literature were given out at the conference.



What happens next?

Besides a full ministry schedule in the **USA**, Charlie and wife Karen will travel to **Sweden** (Stockholm) and **Finland** (Helsinki and Vaasa) in April for church meetings and a conference. Both countries will soon have *Simply by Grace* translated in their own languages. Then in July, Charlie leads a **GraceLife Institute** team of instructors (Richard Grubbs; Ken Parlin of St. Francis Protestant Fellowship, Fort Worth; Tim Hill of Baytown Community Church, TX) to **Ghana** (West Africa) to teach pastors and evangelists in two cities. In August another team of GraceLife Institute instructors (Richard Grubbs; and Roger Fankhauser and Jaris Roth of Burselon Bible Church, TX) heads to **Burundi** (East Africa) to train pastors from Burundi, and in a second week, pastors from **Democratic Republic of Congo** and **Rwanda**. All African trips will include speaking in churches on Sundays.

Praise . . .

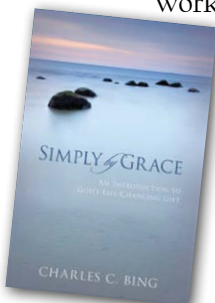
- ✓ Money came in just in time for Gracelife Institute in SE Asia and India, and the Philippines trip!
- ✓ For a great response from the many pastors and workers who were trained in the grace message.
- ✓ New translations of *Simply by Grace* are almost completed in Swedish, Finnish, and Telagu (India).

Pray . . .

- ✓ For the funds needed soon for our African Gracelife Institute training, about \$30,000.
- ✓ For the best publisher for Charlie's new book.
- ✓ For a director for our Gracelife Institute program.

Tools you can use

Our new 16-page gospel booklet, **Good News of Grace**, explains and illustrates the gospel clearly. It's a great tool for evangelism. This clear explanation leads the reader to a choice between faith in works, works plus Jesus Christ, or Jesus Christ alone.



Why are we ordering a third printing of **Simply by Grace**? Because people around the world are using it and it is changing their lives! It is also available on Kindle from Amazon.com.

Living in the Family of Grace is our primary discipleship resource that grounds people in grace using the book of Romans and studies in discipleship.

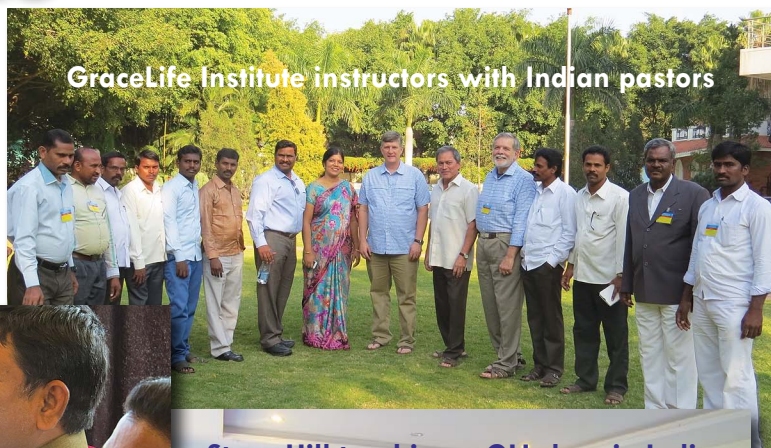
Order these resources at GraceLife.org or just scan this box:



Ministry in Focus



Southeast Asian GraceLife Institute



GraceLife Institute instructors with Indian pastors



Steve Hill teaching a GLI class in India



Charlie and Word of Life Bible Institute students



Falling from Grace

Here's a different kind of room service in a Seattle Hotel.
(Will they let you try one of everything?)

SPIRITUAL MENU

Time to reflect? Let us bring up a copy of your book of faith:

- Bhagavad Gita
- Book of Mormon
- Eight Noble Truths (Buddhism)
- King James Bible
- The Koran
- New American Bible
- Tao Te Ching
- The Torah
- What is Scientology

YOU WANT IT? YOU GOT IT!
TOUCH **HELP ME** ON YOUR GUESTROOM PHONE.



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Encouraging Words



From January's GraceLife Institute with Crossworld Ministries, India
I appreciate the examples of how to make disciples. I've been preaching and bringing people to Christ, but now I will be making them into disciples.
 — Pastor Ramah Krishna.

We've been learning every year through these conferences... We know how much John [Hardin] loves us. He works very hard to teach us. Pastor Steve [Hill] taught us invaluable things about how to prepare sermons. You are bearing our burdens and sharing our burdens so we are very thankful for you. It is not easy to teach people in this part of the country, so your teaching will really help us.
 — Pastor Samson from Kakinada.

I've been attending these conferences for the past three years. The speakers always teach things and we learn so much. I learned a lot of things about evangelism and discipleship. There are many men in my church. Now I am going to concentrate on making them disciples. After learning about making disciples, I'm feeling sorry I haven't made disciples so far.
 — Pastor Samuel from Karimnagar.



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**Free Grace
Theology?**

A new *GraceNotes* answers
this common question.