

### A WORD FROM CHARLIE

fought back the tears so he wouldn't see them.

Months ago, Joseph, my friend and partner in our GraceLife Institute training in Myanmar told me he was out of copies of *Simply by Grace* in the Chin language—2000 were given out in less than two years. Trying to organize

and pay for a reprint from the USA was proving difficult, so in January I carried enough money to give Joseph for a reprint. But when I met him in Myanmar, he told me he had a surprise--he had just printed 750 books with his own money, money he made from his small struggling pig farm. When I told him that GraceLife had intended to pay for the books, he said, "I wanted to have a part in this ministry." That touched my heart.

You see, Joseph struggles to house his family, pay his children's school fees, and pay for medical care for his wife's headaches. But he wanted to have a part in our training of pastors and spreading the gospel of grace, because he believes deeply in what we are doing. And we are making a difference in Myanmar.



In Burundi, our GraceLife Institute partner regularly pays his own expenses to visit and teach his 100 pastors during the year, even though he is one of the few who has a steady job. In India, our GLI partner pays the expenses for local and village pastors' conferences, because the pastors cannot afford it. These are men of vision, passion, and faith.

We tend to think God needs our Western money, but what really is needed is a vision for spreading His message of saving and securing grace. It is that passion and prayer that gets His work done.

It has been my privilege to partner with godly people in other countries who have vision, integrity and faith in God. When you partner with GraceLife, you also partner with these servants of the Lord. It is your privilege. Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

### Grace Means Gol

March 11 – Bayside Community Church, Tampa March 23-25 – Omaha Chinese Christian Church, NE April 5-7 – Mid-America Bible Conference, Tulsa April 13-14, Retreat, Redemption Church, Houston April 22 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas May 29-June 2 – Pastors' Conference, Peru June 10 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas June 15-23 – GraceLife Insitute, Ghana July 16-23 – Conference, Beijing, China August 10-17 – GraceLife Institute, Burundi





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# UPCLOSE Fruitful Times & Places



Charlie also trained a group of pastors with Edward Thang who writes, "We are so blessed to be able to learn from you about Salvation and Discipleship truth. Now we understand that it is so important to distinguish between A Truth (Salvation Truth) and B Truth (Discipleship Truth) when we try to interpret the Bible. We are now teaching what we have learned from you to other pastors and Christian leaders in Myanmar. We hope and pray that you will give us your time in the future to teach us again. We all appreciated it so much!!! God bless you and GraceLife Ministries."

MYANMAR (January) Team: John Hardin, John Salveson, Steve Hill, Dave Stephens, John Watson, translator Go Thangno, host pastor Joseph Khan Sian, and Charlie. "God wonderfully led GraceLife Institute in Myanmar this year. Eleven pastors received a four-year completion certificate in Yangon. We also went to Kalay Myo where six American pastors preached at six churches. God led that conference and dozens of people came to the Lord. Some were confused about their salvation, but when Dr. Bing explained security of salvation some rejoiced and praised the Lord for understanding their eternal security." Host pastor Joseph Khan Sian



#### INDIA (February)

GraceLife Institute instructor, Andy
Stacy, shares about the team
ministry: "GraceLife Institute in India
was a wonderful opportunity to serve
Christ. I had the great pleasure of
serving with John Hardin and host
Daniel Oswald. Together we trained

74 pastors, graduating seven. The pastors had sustained interest in learning about God's grace from the Bible. It was a great pleasure to grow together with them and learn about



their ministries. We were told on several occasions that they do not have much access to teaching like this, teaching that is clear about the gospel of grace. I am humbled by the opportunity to do this and grateful for men of God in India who want to know what His word teaches."



#### PHILIPPINES (February/March)

Charlie taught at Word of Life Bible Institute and spoke in a church conference with Roger Fankhauser. "What I always appreciate about these students is that they have a passion for ministry and

evangelism. It was a joy to go with them on an outreach where they shared the gospel with young and old through basketball, puppets, and personal interaction. But they also excel in the classroom!" Charlie

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## MinistryinFocus



The GraceLife board met in January: Pastor Phil Congdon (New Braunfels Bible Church, TX), Dr. David DenHartog (Pastor, Cleburne Bible Church), John Hardin (Businessman & Elder at Grace Life Church, Pineville, NC), Charlie Bing, Garth Oliver (Founder & President, Truequest Outfitters Ministries).

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

In May, Roger Fankhauser and Charlie will speak at a pastors' conference in PERU with host Pablo Cenapo-Torres.

In June, Tim Hill, Ron Hoffman, and Charlie will train pastors and leaders with GraceLife Institute and speak in churches in GHANA with host Fred Amoah Darko (Ambassadors for Christ).

In July, Charlie will join Jon and Peggy Sperling (Voices of Hope) to speak to business leaders in CHINA.

In August, Marvin Effa, Todd Mathis, Ray Young, and Charlie will train pastors and leaders in GraceLife Institute and speak in churches in BURUNDI with host Anicet Ndikuriyo (Grace Bible Church, Burundi).

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## Encouraging Words

From GraceLife board member, treasurer, and GraceLife Institute instructor John Hardin:

serving on the board of Gracelife Ministries is a blessing and a privilege. I thank God for the opportunity to serve with this group of men in seeking His will for this important ministry. There is much to do in training local pastors and church leaders around the globe. We constantly strive to fulfill this mission while being faithful stewards of the resources the Lord provides. I am also thankful for the supporters of Gracelife Ministries as you join us in taking the gospel of grace to the unsaved and the grace of the gospel to the saved.