

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

"I was saved in the first year of training four years ago." That was news to me —great news! But Joseph (pictured here), a Ghanaian pastor who went through our GraceLife Institute training, had never told us until now—in my graduate class this summer. He says that when he learned and was convinced about eternal security, he understood the gospel and finally placed his faith in Christ alone instead of his own efforts.



Several years ago, I opened an email from a woman who was asking if I was the same Charlie Bing who visited her when she was in a teen psychatric ward for attempted suicide. Yes, I answered, I remember her. I was a youth pastor and her parents asked me to visit her there. I shared the gospel in my visits, but she rebuked me and said she didn't believe the Bible. Now, 43 years later, she found me to tell me that after my visits she started reading the Bible and trusted in Jesus Christ as her Savior. All her family believed also, and they now attend the same church.

A long-time Christian friend told me about 20 years after the fact, that his mother was saved when I preached the funeral service for his brother's friend. I wish I could have rejoiced earlier, but better late than never.

I share these stories to encourage you to sow seeds now, share the gospel with everyone. Leave the results to God. You never know who has spoken to that person before, or who will later. You don't know where that gospel tract or book will land and who might read it.

The Apostle Paul said, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase"* (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Yes, God gives the increase. He waters the seed that we sow when sharing the gospel. Sometimes we see the fruit of our efforts, sometimes not. Do you ever wonder what happens with your witness? Some day you may be pleasantly surprised.

If you support or pray for GraceLife, know that thousands hear the gospel and thousands receive or buy and read our resources. We can only guess what that Day will reveal. Prepare to rejoice over a great harvest!



Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

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Thank you for your prayers and support that allow us to keep sowing the gospel message around the world!

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Grace Means Go!

August 24 – Bayside Community Church, Tampa
August 24 – Calvary Community Church, Tampa
September 7 – Burleson Bible Church, TX
October 6-8 – Free Grace Alliance International Conference, Phoenix
October 23-26 – Pastors' Conference, Anguilla
November 7-9 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Omaha
January 10-16 – Bible Conference, Trujillo, Peru
February 5-7 – Free Grace Alliance regional Conference, Miami
February 21-March 8 – Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines



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GRACE FOR GHANA & BURUNDI









July in South Ghana for GraceLife Institute training; Graduates and attendees: host Fred & Ruby Amoah Darko, Charlie, Yaw Dansu, Roger Fankhauser, Ken Parlin, Don Netherland, Tim Hill. Charlie at Northern Ghana pastors' conference and visiting school project with Asare Baffour.

TESTIMONIES FROM GHANA PARTICIPANTS

This program was helpful to me because it has clarified for me issues of salvation and discipleship.

I used to confuse the salvation passages to discipleship as one. Now it has become clear to me. Thank you a lot.

I used to doubt my assurance of salvation and eternal security. But now I am fully confident that my name is in the Lamb's Book of Life and absolutely nothing can erase it.

I appreciate how the various doctrines/themes discussed in class are inter-connected and how they give or guarantee eternal security and assurance of salvation. Excellent sessions!

This training program has been very insightful to me. Particularly it helped me to appreciate that my eternal salvation is guaranteed in Christ Jesus and cannot be lost. . . . I now know that eternal security is God's perspective on whether or not a believer can lose salvation, while assurance of salvation is our response on God's perspective on the security of our salvation. I am happy to be a part of this training.

This training is indeed one of the best Christian trainings. It my third time and am indeed blessed most especially this year on how to manage my church. The life of Jesus' ministry and going through Hebrews and James has given much insight and understanding.

The course really helped me to clear all doubts and throw more light on eternal life and overall walk with Jesus. I want to say a very, very big thank you from the bottom of my heart. I also want you to know, your effort and kindness hasn't gone unnoticed because it will go a long way to help raise better and faithful Christians for the kingdom of the Lord.

TESTIMONIES FROM BURUNDI GLI INSTRUCTORS

Each year, the Burundian pastors have impressed me in their passionate desire to learn the Bible and church ministry. They asked excellent questions and we're grateful for our being there to instruct them. Thanks to GraceLife Ministries for providing the opportunity to share with these brothers! **Dr. John Salvesen**

What a blessing to minister to pastors in Burundi! I saw first-hand the challenges of ministry amid poverty. . . . Christ is doing a great work in Burundi through the Grace Bible Church network, which started with one church in 2005 and is now 62 churches strong in Burundi. **Pastor Andy Stacy**



July-August Burundi trainees and team: Host: (Anicet & Stephanie Ndikuriyo), son Best, Andy Stacy Marvin Effa, Brent & Tricia Milligan John & Carolyn Salvesen, , Shawn Willson,



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June: New Zealand conferences



June: with Word of Life staff, Fiji: Akuila Naqa, Sala Sovea, Director Charles Mareu. Bible study Fiji style



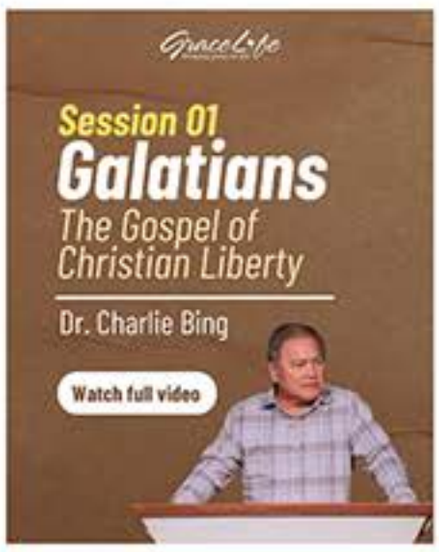


August: Packsaddle Fellowship, pastor Robert Billingslea, Kingsland, TX



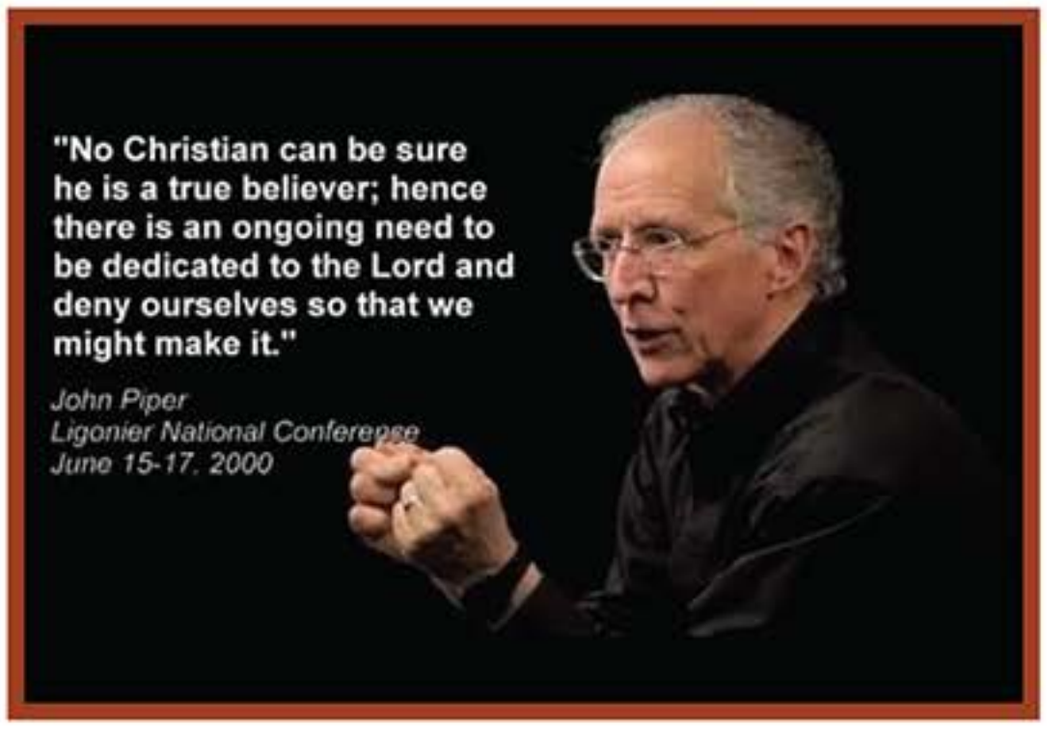


August: With friends form Bayside Community Church, Tampa; at Calvary Community Church, Tampa, with former pastor and evangelist Yankee Arnold and pastor Jesse Martinez.
Not shown: New Braunfels Bible Church, TX, pastor Phil Congdon



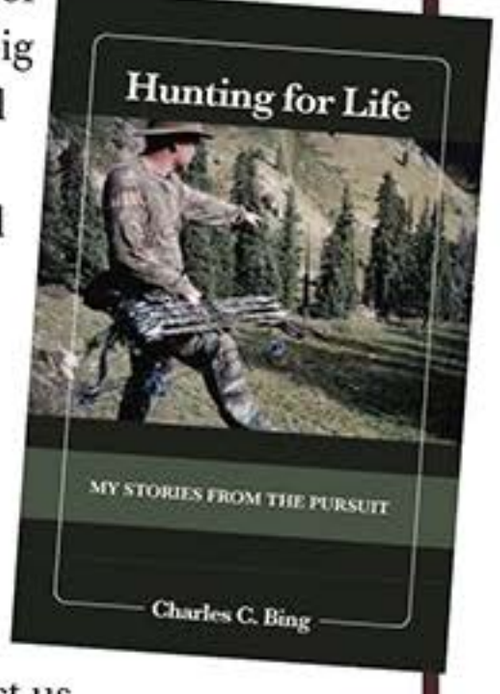
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Encouraging Words

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John S., Amazon review



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