

End of Year 2022

Special Edition
END OF YEAR
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
 All contributions are tax-deductible. We would welcome
 monthly...one-Time...lump sum contributions!
Would you partner with us in 2023?



January
 Back to Bear Valley Bible Institute!



February
 Still so thankful and blessed.



March
 Carla loves the BV women!



April
 East TX Gospel Meeting



May
 Bear Valley graduation celebrations



June
 Return to Israel after pandemic



July
 Recording at WVBS



August
 BV meetup at PTP!



September
 "Ministry Moments" with students



October
 McCarty banquet (directors)



November
 "Digging Deep" in Israel and Rome



December
 2023 Scripture Writing

Dear supporters and friends,

Thank you so very much for partnering with us in the work of the Lord. Because of your prayers and support, much good has been accomplished in 2022. We want you to know how much we appreciate your work in helping us to reach others with the gospel of Christ. Without you the work of Bible Passages would just not be possible. While all of us have been challenged in many ways these past two years it has been encouraging to see the good that continues to be accomplished in the work at Bear Valley Bible Institute, World Video Bible School (WVBS), and in the work overall at Bible Passages. We are indebted to you for all that you are doing to partner with us in this important work of preparing souls for the work of the Lord, defending the faith, and evangelizing the world.

For this last report we desire to accomplish three things. **First**, in looking back over the last months we are happy to report that we continue to remain busy in various aspects of our work. At Bear Valley Bible Institute, we have been blessed to help prepare both men and women for ministry. Our work in and out of the classroom with students and their families has been deeply rewarding. It is such a joy to see so many students who are wanting to work full-time in the Kingdom. We are also thrilled to see so many taking advantage of the instructional materials and programs associated with the Bible *Land* Passages program. Many are participating in our studies program in Israel, and far more are watching and sharing our documentaries and faith lessons videos. Also, the Searching for Truth videos and books continue to be published and translated into various languages, and now literally thousands are involved in the *Write on My Heart Every Word* ministry organized and developed by Carla. We do not derive any royalties for these, nor any other materials as they are all being made available either for free or for the cost it takes WVBS to produce them. WVBS continues as well to produce materials (e.g. bookmarks, posters, video footage for other ministries such as Apologetics Press) that utilize the film and photos our team acquired on the various Bible lands trips. Also, in addition to my regular classes at Bear Valley, I have conducted two gospel meetings, delivered several lectures at Polishing the Pulpit, and spoken at several different congregations and brotherhood events.

Second, please notice in this report that we are providing a look back over the year's work and thanking God for what He has blessed us to be involved in. But **third**, we are also humbly asking for your support. As we approach the end of this year, would you consider making a tax-deductible year-end contribution to our work, and/or would you consider helping us with monthly support for 2023? Each year our collections have run well below our budgeted needs, and Covid has caused us to lose some support.

Finally, please pray for us in our upcoming work. We are excited about continuing our work in training others for ministry and in helping to defend the faith and edify the church with our newest projects.

In Him, *John*

Upcoming Schedule:

November-December
WVBS and BLP projects
January-March, 2023
Bear Valley Bible
Institute
February 3-5, 2023
Marriage Retreat
San Marcos, TX
February 15-19, 2023
Great Smoky Mountain
Marriage Retreat
Gatlinburg, TN
March - July 2023
WVBS and other TX
projects
March 25-April 6, 2023
Israel Study Tour
April 20-23
Equipped Conference
Bowling Green, KY
May 12-14
Ladies Weekend
Richmond, KY
August-October 2023
Bear Valley Bible
Institute
October 12-27, 2023
Discovering the Bible
by Sea - Mediterranean
Cruise/Study Tour
November-December
2023
WVBS and other TX
projects

Carla's Comments

Dear friends,

It seems that the faster we go, the “behinder” we get! We apologize for not being prompt in our not-so-monthly reports, and pray that you will not think that we aren't careful stewards of the time and financial support that many of you provide. We stay busy, like so many of you, and want to catch you up on the events of the past few months.

During September at Bear Valley, we attended the annual extension retreat. This is one of the most encouraging weekends of our year, when many of the directors from the forty-plus international schools come to Colorado to report on these individual works. To hear about the good things happening around the world, many baptisms and hundreds of Bible students soaking up the word of God—is incredibly uplifting! And spending the weekend with some of God's most wonderful people is always a highlight. In September we also continued the “Ministry Moments” with students and staff at Bear Valley, and BV's annual lectureship took place (and Jordan and Erin and the kids came!) I was particularly excited about the women's program during the lectureship. We were edified and taught by some amazing women.

We returned home from Denver in mid-October and almost immediately left for Israel and Rome. We organized and led a tour primarily for Cindy Colley's online Bible study group called “Digging Deep”. It was a wonderful experience (with much better weather than the May/June tour!) What a huge, HUGE blessing to be able to travel to and learn about these amazing places—but more than anything, I look forward to the deep, spiritual, and close relationships that are inevitably created when Christians travel together. After each trip, we return home with friendships that will last beyond this lifetime, and I am SO grateful for this!

Jet lag hit us hard when we got home—we must be getting older! We finally adjusted, and in November we arranged for the purchase of a new vehicle - a Toyota truck (John is SUPER excited to have a man truck at 57 years old!) Our Pathfinder was running well, but the mileage high, and with so much driving back and forth, John is very conscious of maintaining a reliable vehicle (especially since we have just one vehicle.) We've known of the wonderful Stewart family and their car dealership in Corsicana, TX (where I was born, and where my parents bought many of their vehicles over the years) and knew them to be trustworthy, wonderful people. Incidentally, when your “income” is provided through the generosity of others, we can't help being self-conscious of what people think of purchases like this. Please know that we do our best to make wise decisions with the money that's been entrusted to us. A reliable vehicle is very important.

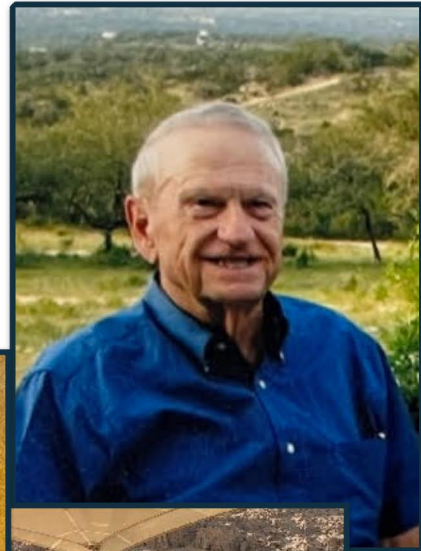
A big chunk of my time recently has been spent in preparing 2023's Scripture Writing program (learn about its beginnings and download it here: <https://walkingwherejesuswalked.com/2022/12/04/writing-the-word-in-2023/>). This year we will be writing through the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, 1-2

Timothy, Titus, 1-3 John, Philemon and Esther! There is quite a bit of work/formatting involved, but I love doing it. There have been more than 25,000 downloads of the various formats since 2020! I pray that we glorify and honor only God with the project, and know that many are growing from being in God's word.

THANK YOU for the many ways you support us. We have lost some of our financial support due to the pandemic, so if you are aware of an individual or congregation looking to support a good work, **would you keep us in mind?** We love and appreciate you all more than you know. Please continue to pray for us. Love, *Carla*



Mom at Thanksgiving with some of her grands and greats!



Jul/Aug (l-r): Annual board meeting at WVBS...John's wonderful Uncle Marvin passed in November...John and Denny Petrillo...the Chinese cover for Searching for Truth...John loves to teach with a human timeline to show the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls... one of our favorite tour nights - seeing the Old City at night...the Temple Project is getting closer to completion...John's mother's hospice nurse, Destiny - we continue to talk with her and pray that she will obey the gospel...My brother Doug and sister in law Karen came for a visit in Denver...On Mondays and Thursdays at the Western Wall, many bar mitzvahs take place. I believe these are brothers.



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Dear brethren,

Working in the Lord's vineyard has been such a blessing, and we are humbled that God has allowed us to direct the ministry of Bible Passages since its inception in 2016. Over the past 5 years we have been blessed to work with over 120 students who were enrolled at Bear Valley Bible Institute, many of which are currently serving churches of the Lord's body in several states and countries around the world. Our work has also taken us to Singapore, Malaysia, Nazareth, and to numerous states around the country where we have conducted gospel meetings, marriage seminars, and spoken on several brotherhood lectureships. We have also directed the work of the Bible Land Passages documentaries which has now produced over 20 programs, photographs, and illustrations for use in evangelism, edification, and in defense of the gospel. We have likewise guided and provided daily bible instruction throughout the bible lands to some 318 souls. Our work has also included publishing articles, the "Write on My Heart Every Word" ministry, counseling troubled marriages, working with World Video Bible School, and much more.

Our schedule for 2023 is already full and we have many other exciting things to accomplish, but without the help of concerned brethren like you this work will not be possible. When we began this new work in 2016 our salary was reduced, but many churches and individuals were gracious enough to help us maintain approximately 70% of our initial projected budget. During this past two years, because of the pandemic, we have lost a combined \$1,000.00 per month in contributions and are now in great need of your support.

As we look forward to 2023 we are excited about the work God has planned for us. We are longing to reach souls with the gospel, and seeking to edify the church through the various works I mentioned above. However, without the support of caring Christians our work would not be possible.

Would you be willing to partner with us in the work of the Lord? We need your help, and together we can reach souls and edify the church.

Here are ways you can partner with us to reach souls:

1. Make a one-time year end contribution
2. Become a monthly supporter for 2023
3. Contribute frequent flyer miles for use in the Lord's work
4. Make a donation in memory of a relative or friend
5. Establish a legacy gift plan

We believe that by supporting Bible Passages you will be saving souls and making an investment in the spiritual well-being of the church. We are seeking to help the church now and for the next one-hundred years or more. Through the evangelism, training of preachers and their families, the making of documentaries which defend the faith, and the publishing of teaching resources we believe your donations will have an enormous impact both now and for generations to come. Please visit us at our website at biblepassages.net (please also see www.biblelandpassages.org). We would also be thrilled to visit with you in person about any aspect of our work and to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration. We are committed to working diligently for the Lord and We would be so honored if you could join with us in this soul saving ministry.

Glorifying God, Guiding Souls to Jesus

Bible Passages Addendums

“Write on my Heart Every Word” Study Ministry



Over the past three years literally thousands have been "writing the Word", and many have been looking more deeply into the sacred text because of this scripture writing program begun by Carla back in 2000. The 2023 book now available on-line for free or for purchase at <https://www.tcgraphics.com>. Writing scripture is simple AND it's deep. It has been a central part of Carla's work that has been strengthening many around the globe.

World Video Bible School

While there are many people and separate ministries involved at WVBS, we have nevertheless continued to have an active part in that overall ministry. Not only does John

serve on the advisory board, but the materials associated with *Searching For Truth* (SFT), (now translated into 6 languages) and *Bible Land Passages* continues to be produced and utilized in many different aspects of that their overall work. We thought you might be interested in knowing just a few of the facts about the fruit experienced in this work during 2022.



- 20 million views of online materials
- 51,465 DVD's distributed (1,260,550 SFT Videos since 2006)
- 8,995 books distributed (149,310 SFT books since 2007)
- 329,080 invitation, teaching, and door hanging cards distributed
- 35,915 enrollments in WVBS on-line studies program (89,635 since 2014)
- 632 baptisms (unsolicited number) – 36,621 since 1999 – unsolicited
- 315 restorations (unsolicited)

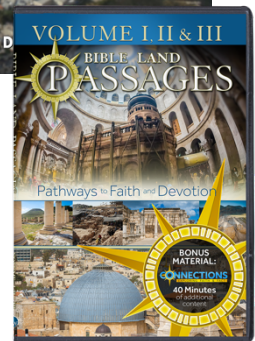
The Temple Then and Now Video Series

The first lesson is now in its final production stages. The script has been written, filming in Israel is complete, the studio voiceover has been recorded, and most of the digital 3-D models are complete. The long arduous process of editing, creating artwork, proofing, etc. is now underway. Here is a sample of what is now being developed.

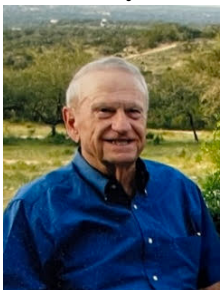


Bible Land's Connections Video Series

Our newest Video documentaries and faith building lessons about the Bible lands has now been added to the complete Bible Land Passages DVD series.



In Memory – Marvin Crumley



Our beloved Uncle passed from this life on November 19, 2022. Marvin and his late wife, Mary, were kind and generous supporters of our work. He was a fine Christian man, husband, father, grandfather, and much, much more to many relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed, but we thank God for his faithful years of service to the church, our country, and the Dripping Springs community. He loved the Lord and His people.