



BIBLE Passages



2020 Ministry Plan

Reaching the Lost, Training Preachers, Defending the Faith



Ministry Plan

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Opening Letter

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior. God continues to be so good to us, and we have been especially blessed throughout the 2019 calendar year. Training preachers, helping the church in the Denver, preaching the gospel, conducting marriage seminars, and continuing our work with World Video Bible School, Bible Land Passage Videos, and the Bible Land Passages studies program have been the major areas of our focus. Along the way, we have been thrilled to see the growth and development of so many different individuals and congregations of the Lord's body, and on occasion get to meet someone and/or hear about conversions to Christ through the use of our Searching for Truth Book and Video series. Again this year I was privileged to meet those who had been baptized after watching the SFT video series. We are so blessed to continually hear of these conversions and to hear of the power of God and the transformative message of the entire Bible as seen in the lives of various souls who are impacted by the works you support, and in particular the ministry of Bible Passages. We are likewise thrilled in the knowledge that many are benefiting from the world of Bible Land Passages. Because of concerned and dedicated brethren like you, souls are being saved and the church is being edified.

If you have not been receiving our monthly newsletter, *The Bible Passages Journal*, please let us know and we will send you whatever month you may have missed, or if you prefer, you may examine every issue by going to <http://www.biblepassages.net/biblepassagesreports>. In 2019 we look forward to seeing what else God will do in reaching the souls of men and women around the world.

As we look forward to the next calendar year, we humbly ask you to consider our attached 2020 Ministry Plan. Throughout its pages you will find information about our goals, objectives, and general information regarding the work for 2020, highlights from 2019, an updated budget, and information about our budget shortfall during 2019.

We also prayerfully ask for your financial support. Whether in the form of a monthly commitment or a one-time donation, all contributions will be warmly received and greatly welcomed. Without you our work would not be possible. We are dependent upon the kindness and generosity of caring congregations and individuals like you.

If we can answer any questions about our work, or if you would like for us to meet with you personally to discuss our plans or financial situation, we would be happy to do so. We need your support and most of all your prayers that we might continue in the work of God's glorious Kingdom.

In Him,

John W. Moore

Introduction

Dear brethren,

Souls are precious. People are hurting. Many are dying, and Christianity is under attack. Our world is in turmoil, and lives are being devastated by sin—time is of the essence. We must work while it is yet day, for the time comes when men shall work no more and then stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Like the apostle Paul, my desire is to warn every man, and to preach to every man “that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:28). The world is now populated by over 7 billion souls, all of whom must be reached. God isn’t willing that any should perish; he wants all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). How, then, can you and I begin to make a significant difference in reaching those souls? I believe Bible Passages can help.

The ministry concept of Bible Passages gradually evolved over the course of our 30 year ministry; a ministry that has taken us from the college campus, the mission field, to schools of preaching, and into the pulpit at Dripping Springs where we had worked for 17 years. What began as a dream many years ago is now a reality, and this ministry continues to reach countless souls. Some of the elements associated with this ministry have already been active and ongoing for several years. Over 1.4 million *Searching For Truth* DVD’s and books have been distributed, and now our most recent endeavor of Bible Land Passages continues to grow and expand. With God blessing these endeavors, more and more of our attention has been needed to support and develop these and other related works.

To advance the work of Bible Passages, the church in Dripping Springs has graciously consented to financially assist us with a portion of our overall needs, and has likewise agreed to oversee the receiving and distributing of funds from those who will also support this ministry. This, of course, is why we are writing to you, prayerfully asking for your support as we seek to reach the lost and edify the church. The existence of this work will be dependent upon the kindness, generosity, and prayers of concerned Christians like you. Expenditures associated with our personal cost of living and those pertaining to daily operations and special projects connected to Bible Passages are outlined separately. A detailed ministry plan, a short resume, and ancillary documents are attached.

We would be so honored and thrilled if you could join with us in this great work of glorifying God and reaching souls. Thank you so much very much for your kind and thoughtful consideration. If we can answer any questions or discuss with you at length the various aspects of this work we would be happy to do so at your earliest convenience.

In the early church, Apollos needed to be taught the way of God more perfectly; the churches of Christ needed to be exhorted in the faith, saints at Ephesus needed to be equipped for ministry, and the lost all over the world needed to hear the gospel—we are likewise committed to these same objectives.

Yours in His Service,
John W. Moore

Summary Statement and Purpose

Rationale

Beginning the Christian journey, navigating the rocky shoals of temptation, and advancing toward the goal of heaven requires the help and guidance of others (Galatians 6:2). Just as the Ethiopian Nobleman needed Philip to guide him through scripture, Bible Passages is likewise dedicated to helping others understand the Bible (Acts 8:30-31). Our work is overseen by the Dripping Springs church of Christ, and together we are focused on sharing with others the gospel of Christ, and dedicated to defending and passing along the faith to the next generation. Simply put, our desire is to glorify God and guide souls to Jesus.

Mission Statement

Souls are precious. People are hurting. Many are dying, and Christianity is under attack. Our world is in turmoil, and lives are being devastated by sin—time is of the essence. We must work while it is yet day for the time comes when men shall work no more and then stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Like the apostle Paul, my desire is to warn every man, and to preach to every man “that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:28). The world is now populated by over 7 billion souls, all of whom must be reached. God does not want anyone to perish; He wants all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Our desire then is to fulfill the Lord’s commission: “Go in the all world and preach the gospel” and “make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all things,” (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20).

Keys to Success

In all things Jesus should be our example. He was a Master Teacher, Preacher, and Worker. He was compassionate, kind, and forgiving. He spoke to people about their eternal destiny and what they needed to do to be saved. He cared for the needs of others, and He sought to brighten the way for those struggling with the issues of life. Thus, to be successful, we must be like Jesus and follow His example in regard to our work and mission. With this purpose in mind, that is to say, the salvation of souls and the glorification of Christ, Bible Passages must follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to seek and save the lost, and to minister to others.

According to Ephesians 2:10, Christians are the workmanship of Christ. As saved people, we are to perform good works. We are to continue on with the ministry that Jesus began some 2000 years ago. We are, in effect, an extension of Christ, and His work today is to be accomplished through His people. It is a work that we do both as individuals and collectively.

Goals and Objectives

Reaching Souls

There are over 7 billion souls alive on planet earth. Every day over 350,000 new souls enter the world; all of whom need to know the message of truth. The underlying mission of Bible Passages is to reach souls with the glorious Gospel of Jesus. People all over the world are hurting and lost in sin, and we want every soul to know about the matchless love of God and His glorious Kingdom. Our goal is to proclaim Christ, the hope of glory; to warn everyone, to teach everyone with all wisdom, that we might present everyone perfect in Christ (Colossians 2:27-28). Our work to reach the lost will entail the following:

1. The proclamation of truth in gospel meetings throughout the United States, and abroad.
2. To teach and evangelize in Singapore, Malaysia, and England.
3. The development and redesign of the *Searching for Truth* video series – The first copy was released in 2006 and was 2 ½ years in the making. The energy invested was well worth the time, as it has reached countless souls. As of July 2016, over 1.1 million *Searching for Truth* DVD's have been distributed. Ten years later we continue to hear reports of its use and effectiveness from places like India, Singapore, the Philippines, Paraguay, Cambodia, Mexico, and all over the United States. However, as technology continues to change, so must our delivery method and presentation of the unchangeable truth of the gospel. Using the latest in filming equipment and editing equipment, we plan to redesign, film, and reproduce *Searching for Truth*. We plan to incorporate better charts, graphics, and B-Roll footage.
4. Since *Searching for Truth* was released online 2012, it has received over 50,000 views. The e-book version has had over 18,000 downloads. In the years ahead we plan to develop a better, more interactive website with a more appealing approach for viewers.
5. The redesign and publication of the *Searching For Truth* book in English, which now has over 120,000 books in circulation
6. Gospel Meetings in Europe

Training Preachers

The Gospel must be heard for sinners to be saved; and yet how can they hear without a preacher (Romans 10:14)? And, how can one learn to preach unless he is taught? The work of a preacher involves training other preachers (2 Timothy 2:2), and a primary part of the Bible Passages ministry will involve our laboring with various schools of preaching throughout the brotherhood who are preparing souls for evangelistic, instructional, and preaching ministries (Titus 2.) Like never before the church needs workers for the vineyard and for preachers to fill the pulpit. There are an estimated 12,000 churches of Christ throughout the world with an estimated membership of 2,000,000. We therefore desperately need to support Bible schools whose primary objective is to train men for a lifetime of work in ministry, and who are likewise preparing men and women to be teachers and missionaries. To achieve this goal our objectives are as follows:

1. As a formal means of preparing men and women for ministry, we will be laboring with Bear Valley Bible Institute International (BVBII) in Denver, Colorado, a work of the Bear Valley church of Christ. In 2020 we will live in Denver for approximately 6 months and I will teach full-time during the 1st and 3rd quarter of classes.
2. To further train and educate students and alumni of BVBII in Bible Geography, Archaeology, Christian Counseling, and Church History. We also give on site instruction in Bible Archaeology and Geography. This objective will be achieved by conducting a two-week onsite Bible course and studies program in Israel every other year. In 2020 a program is been arranged now for one the current study body, and alumni and friends.
3. Carla will also participate in the work at BVBII by not only assisting me with proofing, secretarial work, and administrative tasks, but she will also be conducting classes as a part of the student wives program.
4. In our Gospel Meeting work with congregations around the globe, and through our continuing education courses taught through Bible Land Passages, we will be recruiting and encouraging men and women to prepare themselves for ministry by enrolling in a school of Bible studies

Edifying the Church

God has charged evangelists, shepherds, and teachers with the responsibility of equipping the saints for the work of ministry for the building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12). Building and equipping is what congregations must learn to do well; the growth and strength of the church is dependent upon it. The key to growth is to engage more people in the work of ministry. This is done by doing four things: (1) Investing deeply in the lives of people through discipling and mentoring; (2) developing leaders; (3) feeding members with the word of God; and (4) equipping them with the tools they need for Bible study and for personal growth and development. Bible Passages is dedicated to all four of these components, but special attention will be given to items 3 and 4 listed above. To achieve these goals our objectives will be as follows:

1. We will work closely with World Video Bible School in continuing to develop teaching tools and materials for use in brotherhood Bible class settings and preacher training schools.
2. To strengthen marriages, we will continue to conduct marriage seminars as requested.
3. To edify the church, we will continue to be actively involved in edifying the church and seeking the lost by conducting gospel meetings and marriage seminars. In 2020 we already scheduled to conduct gospel meetings, marriage seminars, and speak on lectureships.
4. We plan to be actively engage in writing articles and books for use in brotherhood bookstores and publications.
5. We are organizing and directing a Bible Land Passage ministry and program of study for 50 individuals from the Bear Valley Bible Institute (and friends). We will guide and teach in both Greece and Israel.
6. We are organizing and directing a Bible Land Passage ministry and program of study for 50 individuals from various congregations in the United States. We will guide and teach in both Israel and Rome.

Defending the Faith

The Bible story and its message of salvation are rooted in a historic and geographic setting – a real time and a real place in history. Its reliability and credibility is therefore dependent upon evidence that corroborates its claims. New Testament scholar C.H. Dodd said “Some religions can be indifferent to historical fact, and move entirely upon the plane of timeless truth. Christianity cannot,” (*History and the Gospel*). Bible Passages is dedicated to showcasing those historical facts through the *Bible Land Passage Video Series*, and the Bible Land Passages website.

Bible Land Passages is designed to help others better understand and appreciate the Bible, and thereby deepen their faith in both God and the sacred text. We want everyone to know that when they read about places like Beersheba, Jericho, Jerusalem, Caesarea, and cities surrounding the Sea of Galilee, that those places exist just as the Bible describes.

Bible Land Passages, however, does more than just defend Christianity and its historical roots. We are also dedicated to examining and showcasing the lands of the Bible and its environs which can provide for us a window into the ancient past. By sifting through the archaeological data, by traveling down the pathways of the Bible lands and by traversing through the passages of its ancient cities, trade routes, and caves we come to not only better understand and appreciate the challenges of life faced by our religious forbearers, but we also come to see how God used the historical and geographic setting of the Bible lands to refine and develop their faith. Those same real places and same real settings - when examined in our modern era - can likewise become a passage for us in developing greater faith and devotion for God. Bible Land Passages is therefore all about helping connect people to God and encouraging others in their own personal walk of faith. Our objectives will be the following:

1. In cooperation with World Video Bible School, we complete volume 3 of the Bible Land Passages video project.
2. Continue to direct the project to produce, label, and archive professional video footage and photographs for a repository of knowledge for use in the classroom, instructional materials and for other World Video Bible School projects.
3. Continue to develop, implement, and direct a continuing education course in Bible Archaeology, Geography, and History associated with the Bible Land Passage ministry for those traveling to Israel.
4. Write and produce materials for study and devotion which emphasize the reliability and validity of the Bible.
5. Expand our current Biblelandpassages.com site to include a central hub for articles, photographs, and repository of information for use in defending the faith and edifying the church.
6. Continue to produce short Faith Passages Videos for viewing on Youtube and social media outlets.

Statement of Faith

What We Believe

The Bible is the only the standard by which sinners will be judged. Creeds of men must be rejected as authoritative, and should never be used as a standard for determining religious truth. However, realizing that statements of faith can be profitable to facilitate discussion and understanding between those who seek to glorify God, we offer the following declarations for what we believe regarding various issues facing the church.

1. Faith in God and the Bible must be based on evidence; not blindly accepted (1 Thessalonians 5:21; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1; John 8:32).
2. God exists, and man can know that God exists, by means of His manifold revelations, both in nature and through the inspired Word of God, the Holy Bible.
3. The Bible depicts Deity as singular, i.e., there is one and only one Divine Essence or Being (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; James 2:19). However, the Bible also clearly depicts God as a triune Being—three distinct persons within the one essence—with a triune nature (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14). Each person of the Godhead (the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) is fully divine.
4. The entire material universe was specially created by this almighty God in six days of approximately 24 hours each, as revealed in Genesis 1 and Exodus 20:11.
5. Both biblical and scientific evidence indicates (a) a relatively young Earth, in contrast to evolutionary and old Earth views of a multi-billion-year age for the Earth, and (b) that many of the Earth's features must be viewed in light of the universal, catastrophic flood of Noah's day (as described in Genesis 6-8).
6. Christianity is the one true religion (John 14:6), and Jesus Christ is the only divine, resurrected Son of God and Savior of the world (1 John 4:14).
7. The 66 books of the Bible are fully and verbally inspired of God; hence, they are inerrant and authoritative, and a complete guide for moral and religious conduct.
8. Salvation is a free, gracious, unmerited gift from God which mankind can receive by confessing faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Romans 10:9-10), repenting of sin (Acts 26:20), and being immersed in water for the remission of past sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).
9. Those enjoying salvation are (a) members of the one, true, undenominational church (described in the New Testament), which is the body of Christ (Ephesians 2:22-23), and (b) those who are living faithfully in service to God (Revelation 2:10).

10. At some unknown point in the future (Matthew 24:36), Jesus will be “revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8), while the righteous will be given “eternal life” in heaven (Matthew 25:46).
11. As John instructed in 1 John 1:3-7, we can only have fellowship with those who have fellowship with God. Those who have fellowship with God are those who are “walking in the light” (1 John 1:7). Thus, it is impossible for us to have unity with, or to offer fellowship to those who do not “obey His commandments” (1 Jn. 2:4). We believe the New Testament teachings are clear enough that we can distinguish those who are in the light from those who are in darkness (Eph. 5:8-17). We equally will not fellowship those who do not abide by the teachings of Christ (2 John 9).
12. Regarding marriage, God’s original plan, from the beginning, was one man and one woman for life. (Matt. 19:3ff). If one marries another, while the first mate lives, he/she is guilty of adultery (Rom. 7:1ff). Fornication is the only exception Jesus offers to the above situations. If one’s mate is sexually unfaithful, the innocent party has the right to divorce his/her mate and marry another (Matt. 19:9). We do not teach that the guilty party has the right to remarry. He (or she) forfeited his right when he was unfaithful. The so-called “Pauline privilege” of 1 Cor. 7:15 is not an additional reason to divorce and re-marry. Paul is allowing one to leave his or her mate under an extreme circumstance, but does not provide an additional reason for remarriage. Earlier Paul had stated that if one left his or her mate it left but two options: (1) remain unmarried, or (2) be reconciled to his/her mate (1 Cor. 7:11).
13. The New Testament teaches that in the worship assemblies there should be congregational singing. This singing should be with the instrument of the heart, without the use of mechanical instruments (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19). Having a choir replace the congregational singing is not authorized in the Scriptures.
14. It is not a part of God’s plan for women to assume leadership roles in the assemblies of His church. Based on the teachings of 1 Timothy 2:8-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, both men and women have divinely specified functions. Those functions include the men leading the worship and the women assuming a submissive position (1 Tim. 2:12). We do not believe these teachings indicate an inferior status for women. We are all one in Christ (Gal. 3:28). However, that “oneness” in Christ does not eliminate the various roles God has in mind for His church (or in the family). The man has been designated by God as the “head” of the wife (Eph. 5:23), and the men are to be the leaders of the church. The New Testament recognized no women as elders. The teachings (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1) are clearly speaking to male leadership, and the examples in the New Testament support this.

Budget and Collections

2020 Projected Annual Support Congregations Individuals

Cold Harbor, VA	4,200	
Dripping Springs, TX	12,000	
Midtown (Victoria) TX	6,000	
Valley View, TX	1,200	
Denver (Bear Valley) CO	25,000	
Fortran	3,300	
Weber Road, TX	3,000	
Monthly Contributors		4,000
One-Time Contributions		17,425 (based on 2019 as of 10/24)
Gospel Meetings and Seminars	2,500	
TOTAL PROJECTED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$57,200	21,425

Annual Budget 2019 2020

John Moore - Salary	\$38,720.00	\$38,720.00
John Moore - Housing	\$41,280.00	\$41,280.00
Carla Moore - Secretary/Office	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Staff Writer/Technology/Operations	6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Health Insurance	\$9,132.00	\$9,132.00
Operating Expenses:		
Item 1 - Office Equipment and Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Item 2 - Communications	\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00
Item 3 - Travel	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
Item 4 - Miscellaneous	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
ANNUAL EXPENSES	\$126,632.00	\$130,132.00
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 78,625.00	
	-\$48,007.00 (BUDGET SHORTFALL)	

Donations and Support

Bible Passages is a work of the church and is therefore dependent upon the kindness and generosity of freewill offerings given by concerned individuals and congregations. The Dripping Springs church of Christ and Bear Valley Bible Institute International will be sharing a portion of the financial burden, but the majority of the annual donations needed will have to be acquired through a fund-raising process. If it were not for the goodness of God and the support and benevolence of dedicated Christians, this ministry would not be possible.

Collections and Disbursements

Similar to the Apostle Paul's arrangement with the church at Philippi and his work in Macedonia, the Dripping Springs church of Christ has agreed to receive funds "in the matter of giving and receiving" (Philippians 4:15), and to monitor our progress and work.

All donations are to be made payable to the Bible Passages with the following notation in the memo section of the check: John and Carla Moore. All donations should be mailed with the following title and address:

Dripping Springs Church of Christ
Bible Passage Ministry
287 Beulah Road
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Because Bible Passages is a work of the church, all contributions are tax deductible. Bible Passages is also now an officially registered 501C-3 non-profit ministry.

Process for Contributing Congregations

For budgeting purposes, we are hoping that contributors will be willing to complete a brief pledge form/document (attached) so that our financial team will have a better understanding of the desired method of disbursement for each individual contributor, as well as to properly understand the overall financial situation. Some may prefer to make their contributions as a lump sum while others may choose to disburse their funds on a monthly basis; either one is perfectly acceptable. The pledge document will also help us to properly account for all donations and to eliminate any potential misunderstandings or possible shortfalls.

John and Carla Moore's Personal Information and Work Experience

A native of Dripping Springs, Texas, John began preaching in Dripping Springs, Texas in 1998 while working as a full-time member of the faculty at the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. Prior to his work with Southwest, John served as the campus minister and director of the Bible chair at the University church of Christ in San Marcos, Texas, located near Texas State University. He is a certified public school teacher and a graduate of Southwest Texas State University where he earned both a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Education degree from the department of Counseling and Psychological Services. He has also done postgraduate work at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Jerusalem University, Austin Graduate School of Theology, and Abilene Christian University where he was enrolled in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies program. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member of the Austin Graduate School of Theology teaching college accredited Bible classes in the Dripping Springs community. John serves on the advisory board of World Video Bible School, and completed 9 years of service as a school board trustee for the Dripping Springs Independent School District. He served for nearly twenty years in the capacity of Director and Assistant Director of both the annual Southwest Hensel Bible Camp, and the AIM Youth Leadership camp at Peach Valley. He is the narrator and author of both the book and video, *Searching For Truth*, and served from 2005 through 2008 as a co-editor of the monthly periodical *The Gospel Journal*. John is also the narrator and instructor of *Learning to Use the Greek New Testament*, a thorough study of New Testament Greek presented in 35 lessons on 13 DVDs. John's most recent endeavor includes his directorship of the *Bible Land Passages Project* as well as serving as one of the script writers and narrators of the *Bible Land Passages* videos. He and his wife Carla are also the directors of Bible Land Passage Tours, Expeditions, and Studies; an educational ministry dedicated to defending the faith and edifying the church. Since 1986, he has preached in Gospel Meetings and lectureships in over eighteen states, and has conducted or participated in numerous campaigns to various foreign countries including Jamaica, Tobago, Malaysia, and Singapore. In January of 2017, John and Carla began a new ministry called Bible Passages: a work dedicated to reaching souls, training preachers, and defending the faith. They work closely with the Bear Valley Bible Institute International in Denver, and World Video Bible School in Maxwell, Texas. John and Carla have three sons, Jordan (daughter-in-law, Erin), Jacob (daughter-in-law, Alyssa), and Micah, one grandson, Jackson, and a granddaughter (Emmalyn) due in mid-October, 2017.

Carla Moore grew up in a family dedicated to ministry, then met John while they were in college at Texas State University. They married in 1986, and have since been involved in ministry at the Bible Chair on the campus of TSU, then with the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas, and currently with the Dripping Springs church of Christ. They joined the faculty at the Bear Valley Bible Institute International where Carla teaches in the women's program. Carla taught for over ten years in the Christian Women's Studies program at the Southwest School of Bible Studies. She enjoys speaking to women of all ages in various places, and has written for *The Gospel Journal* and *Think* magazines, and she has a monthly column called "Bible Landmarks" in *Christian Woman* magazine. She also has served in numerous Christian youth camps, and especially enjoys helping John guide trips to Israel, and blogging about those experiences at www.walkingwherejesuswalked.com.

2020 Ministry and Work Calendar (as of October 2019)

January 2 – March 2—Teaching classes on campus at Bear Valley Bible Institute International. This year for the first time in school history we will be offering an undergraduate course in Christian counseling.

February 6th – Speaking at Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson TN

February 16 – Speaking at Dripping Springs, TX

March 2-14—Teaching and Directing BLP Studies Program for Bear Valley Bible Institute (Greece and Israel)

March 15-27—Teaching and Directing BLP Studies Program for Christians from the US (Israel and Rome)

April 1 – 30—Working on WVBS Projects and Bible Land Passage documentaries, writing, and preparation

May 1-3—Delivering a series of lessons at the Middle Tennessee Men’s Leadership Retreat

May 15-17—Bear Valley Bible Institute Graduation Weekend

May 18-June 13—Evangelism and Edification program in Brandon, England.

July - Working on WVBS Projects and Bible Land Passage documentaries, writing, and preparation

July 19-25 Peach Valley Youth Camp

July 28 – October 5th Teaching classes on Campus at Bear Valley Bible Institute International in Denver

August 16-22 – Polishing the Pulpit (Tentative)

October 5th – Carla conducting Ladies Day in Brighton, CO

October 8-11 – New England Lectures in Tilton, NH

October 15-18—Linder Road Lectures on Archaeology and the Bible, Meridian, Idaho

November-December - WVBS Projects and Bible Land Passage documentaries, writing, and preparation

Arranged but not scheduled – Marriage Seminar and Gospel Meeting in Wasilla, Alaska.

2019 Highlights

Please see <http://www.biblepassages.net/biblepassagesreports> for our monthly reports. The following is a short summary of what God has allowed us to do since January 2019.

1. Bear Valley Bible Institute: January to March we worked with 39 full-time at Bear Valley Bible Institute International in Denver, Colorado. From August to October we worked with 37 full-time students. Courses taught included 1 and 2 Thessalonians/Philippians; Bible Geography; Church History; Divided Kingdom; and Homiletics. I also conducted during chapel a non-credit short course mini-series on Christian Counseling.
2. We worked with various US congregations for preaching appointments, gospel meetings, teacher training, marriage seminars; and apologetics seminars. Those places included Bear Valley in Denver; Hydro Oklahoma; Forest-Hill congregation in Memphis Tennessee; Willette Tennessee; Windsor Colorado; Brighton Colorado; Mesa Arizona; Wahiawa, Hawaii. In Texas we worked in League City, Mathis; Buna, Kirbyville, and Schertz. We also worked at the Polishing the Pulpit Seminar delivering lectures and conducting several counseling sessions for participants.
3. Working abroad I preached in Nazareth Israel, and also narrated and directed the filming of the documentary “Go Now to Shiloh.” I also participated in the archaeological dig at Shiloh under the direction of the Associates for Biblical Research. Later in the summer we continued to document the geography and archaeology of the Bible Lands by capturing drone footage and other film footage of over 19 Biblical sites. In July, Carla and I participated in an archaeological dig at a site in the Judean Shephelah at Tel Burna which is believed to be biblical Libnah.
4. In the month of May we led a group of 47 Christians on a 13 day studies program in Israel. The program was called the Digging Deep Tour which featured Glenn and Cindy Colley as our guest speakers.
5. Writing assignments for lectureships and books: (1) Bear Valley Lectureship on 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; (2) Schertz Lectureship on Genesis 42-43; (3) Freed-Hardeman Lectureship on the topic “Balancing Humility and Confidence: 1 Corinthians 12:7; (4) Devotionals articles for the “His Life” devotional series published by the Jenkins Institute.
6. Carla continues her work as a columnist for *Christian Woman* publishing an article for each issue. She also conducted ladies days at Hydro, Oklahoma; League City, Texas; Brighton, Colorado; and Buna, Texas. She also delivered lessons at the University church of Christ in San Marcos, Texas; Forest-Hill in Memphis, Tennessee; and Schertz, Texas, and taught the accredited class “Marriage and Family” in the Bear Valley Bible Institute Women’s Study program.
7. Released Passages 11 and 12 of the Bible Land Passages Documentary Video Series. Passage 11 is called “The Power of Jesus in Galilee”, and Passage 12 is called “The Tomb of Jesus.”
8. Completed the first phase of the Bible Lands Photograph project. Over 1000 photos were labeled and organized and published. These photos, and likewise video footage we captured over the last few years in Israel, continue to be used in numerous projects published by both Apologetics Press, Inc., and World Video Bible School.
9. Counseled several couples and individuals, including couples and families in ministry.
10. Produced and released the Shiloh documentary; a special edition of Bible Land Passages. This included script writing, narration, and the directorship of all phases of the project.
11. We continue our work on Bible Land Passages 13, “Caesarea: Rome’s Capitol City in Israel.”
12. As revealed in our monthly reports, we continue to hear of souls being baptized.

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