



BIBLE Passages *Journal*

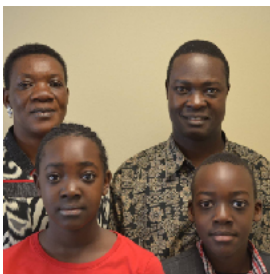
Dear Supporters and Friends,

You are helping us to prepare both men and women for ministry, and at Bear Valley Bible Institute we are especially excited to have students from four continents. While most of our students are from the United States, we do on occasion have students enrolled in our classes who are citizens of other nations. Under special circumstances and on rare occasions, foreign students are allowed to enroll at Bear Valley. This year we are privileged to have students from South America, Asia, and Africa, and all are performing well. While in most cases it's preferable to train students in the country of their origin, it can be helpful for the overall educational environment to enroll students from places other than the United States. International students add a lot to the dynamics of the classroom by giving US students an opportunity to interact with Christians from another culture. It often gives them a perspective on living life under difficult circumstances, but more importantly, it reveals to them the power of the gospel and how it transcends culture, race, experience, and economic standing. From a teaching perspective, it encourages me on many levels, but none more important than knowing that each of these students will be strengthening the church and preaching the gospel to the lost in places I could only dream of reaching. With a record number of students enrolled at Bear Valley, and with their varied backgrounds and nationalities, I am confident that many souls will be saved by the efforts of their respective works following their graduation. To know that we are helping to train students who will teach



John has enjoyed his Bible Geography class with BVBI juniors and seniors!

Geoffrey Magazi



Lucho Ferrarese



Edmund Sarpong



Liu Qing



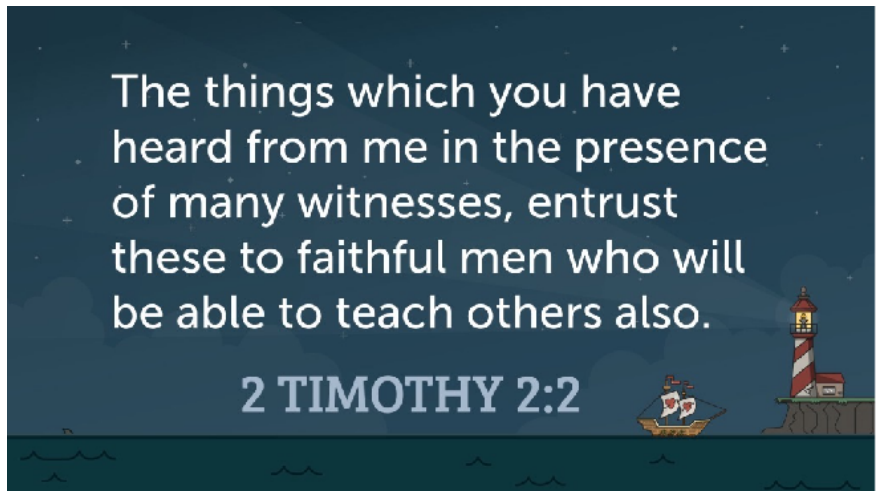
others also (cf. 2 Timothy 2:2) has been exciting, and is without question one of our most important works.

Finally, February has been extremely busy and yet very rewarding. I'm currently teaching classes on church history, Bible geography, and an introduction to Christian counseling. Each week I am involved in 15 hours of classroom instruction and numerous hours of preparation, grading, and student/teacher interaction. With our largest enrollment in recent history, the students have kept me very busy, but I have loved every minute of it (well... all except the grading.) For the last two weeks I've also conducted a daily special studies seminar during the chapel on the topic of Christian Counseling. It was also my privilege to preach one Sunday morning in Neal Pollard's absence and to teach and adult Wednesday Bible class. In addition to our regular responsibilities

we've enjoyed getting to spend some time with some of the students and their families, and with several of the faculty. Carla has been very busy as well with writing for Christian Woman magazine, teaching a class in the women's program at Bear Valley, and keeping a lot of the students happy with occasional afternoon Pizza Roll breaks, and with a monthly birthday lunch celebration. One other item of work this month has involved the planning and development of the 2020 Bible Lands Studies program; one for Bear Valley Bible Institute and the other as one of our general programs. Please see our website at Biblepassages.net for more details.

As I conclude I just want to say thank you so very much for your love, prayers, and financial support of our work. Without the Lord and His working through you, none of this would be possible. We admire you greatly for the sacrifices you are making on our behalf. May God bless you always.

In Him, *John W. Moore*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

As 2018 came to a close we were so blessed with several individuals and congregations who graced us with generous gifts. Your donations to Bible Passages has helped us in a large way to continue our work of preaching the gospel, training souls for ministry, strengthening marriages, and defending the faith. We are so humbled by your kindness and love as we continue the process of working toward meeting our budgeted needs. We give glory to God and are so thankful to you for your willingness to help us in our work. Please continue to pray for us, and if you know of others who would like to help, please pass along our contact information. We would be honored to send them our monthly reports. Praise be to God.



L-R: John spoke in chapel each day for two weeks, helping the students learn Biblical Counseling...precious Joshua, BVBI students Leo and Ting's new baby...Chandler and Chase Blankenship, John's new buddies...John's Monday night class in the women's program...we've had lots of snow this quarter!...the BV church building in the snow...Carla speaking at a ladies retreat in League City, TX...Jackson and Emmy on their two-week road trip...the BV students enjoy when Carla makes big batches of pizza rolls for them!...Carla's March/April article in Christian Woman magazine...friends and co-workers Melody, Kathy, Teri, and Lynn - blessed to count them as dear friends!

Carla's Comments

Yesterday at Bear Valley, the young ladies gave a tea and devotional for all of the women, and the young men conducted worship services. They are called "God's Precious Daughters" and "Young Lions". I wasn't able to be at the tea, but loved listening to the young men during worship. Of course they were all as cute as a button, with adorable lisps, cowlicks, and bowties, clambering up onto a stool to make them tall enough to see over the pulpit, then staring like deer in the headlights when they saw the entire congregation looking back at them. They all had excellent things to say, but one young man named Eli Woolley said something that immediately made my eyes well up with tears. He was praying, and he said this to God: "Psalm 119:105 says Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. That means if we fall off Your footsteps You will help us get back in them." What a beautiful way to see God! The word illuminates the path that God wants us to be on, but Eli knew - and helped us to see - that God is willing to, and **wants** to help us when we fall down. I hope I never forget the way Eli said it.

I had several writing assignments that kept me busy this month, including a lectureship manuscript and an article for Christian Woman. It's always challenging to decide which location in Israel that I'd like to write about for CW, and then to tie it together with a lesson about faith, and *then*, hopefully, wrap it all together with the theme of the issue. I usually start out with one location in mind, but it morphs into something else entirely. I had intended for this one to be about Beersheba, and the experience of Hagar in the wilderness, but it ended up being set in Hebron, about the ties between Sarai and Hagar, and the difficulty that women often have in their relationships. Gospel Advocate has many great publications - I highly recommend Christian Woman, of course not because of my contributions, but because it is full of helpful, encouraging, biblical material. To subscribe, go here if you're reading this online, or copy into your browser: <http://stores.gospeladvocate.com/ga-magazines/> - you'll benefit from it!

We've spent a good bit of time preparing for upcoming Israel study tours. Preparation includes many, many emails and conversations back and forth with our travel agent in Israel, hammering out scheduling details. John is always very determined in his planning for the locations we will visit and the schedule we will follow, which helps us to make the best use of our time while there. That planning takes time. Among other things, we also prepare brochures, send invoices, order supplies, keep track of payments, maintain the website, and put a very detailed travel guide/book together. I keep spreadsheets with passport names (the airlines are very picky about ticketing!) It is time consuming, but we enjoy working on it together and we *really* enjoy the tours. In May, 46 of us, Lord willing, will leave for a two-week tour. In March of 2020, we will lead two tours - one for Bear Valley, and one that is open to others. Details are on our website under the "Bible Land Passage Tours" tab. Come go with us!



We were able to catch a quick 20 hours with the babies and Jordan and Erin - we met them in southern Colorado.



Restarted Weight Watchers in January. Ladies retreat snack tables are dangerous, but I resisted!

At the beginning of February I was blessed to speak for a ladies retreat in League City, Texas. I prepared three lessons on the topic of "Choosing Joy in His Presence": Rejoicing in His Word, Rejoicing Through Hardship, and Rejoicing in His Salvation. Since I was close, after the retreat I went straight to Austin to see the babies and John met me there. We were glad to be able to see our parents and other friends and family. We didn't stay long, and were back in Denver a couple of nights later, but we know when we return, Jordan and Erin and the babies will have moved to begin their new work in Katy, Texas. We're happy for them but will miss having easy access to the babies!

We send our love and gratitude for all of you who pray for us! *Carla*