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# Journal

## Dear Friends and Supporters,

The last two months have been extremely busy, but we are so, so blessed to be in full-time ministry. Sometimes our work can be tiring and challenging, but when I stop and think about what we are blessed to do every day I want to pinch myself to see I'm awake or just dreaming. Of course, there are many nights when we lie awake fretting over problems, and other times are emotionally spent and physically drained because of the work, but it is always temporary, and each day God renews us with strength and zeal. It's hard not to be excited about our work when we consider the problems and issues of our world compared to the solutions and hope we are allowed to offer in Jesus.

2021

### Schedule:

July-October

BVBI 1st Quarter

October 14-17

Linder Road Lectures

Meridian, ID

October 24-28

WVSOP Lectureship

November 5-7

Cold Harbor Road Lectures

Cold Harbor, VA

December 1

Fall Series

San Marcos, TX

During this quarter of our lives we are in Denver working at the Bear Valley Bible Institute. We are so blessed to have 29 full-time students enrolled in our Denver program who are all preparing themselves to work in various capacities of ministry. Many are here to prepare themselves for full-time preaching work. Some are here to become overseas missionaries. Others are here to train for youth ministry, and some to become better teachers and servants in the church. When I think about the constant cry for help coming from congregations who are in need of preachers, and when I remember the 7 billion souls on planet earth longing for hope, I am reminded again and again of the importance of our work at Bear Valley. Thankfully, the work of the Bear Valley Bible Institute is not limited to just our Denver campus. There are now 48 international extension schools scattered throughout 28 countries with a total of 900 plus full-time students enrolled. In September, we were blessed to attend a retreat where a number of our extension school coordinators delivered reports. It was one of the

most uplifting and

encouraging events of the year. When we hear the life stories of students in both Denver and abroad, we are always so impressed and thankful to see God working in the lives of so many different people all over the world.

During our stay at Bear Valley, we find ourselves working in numerous areas. In addition to the classes we teach in the school, we are also involved in the lives of the students providing both mentorship and counseling. We also try to provide opportunities for students to be together in various social and recreational settings. Carla has prepared a lot of food for students over the years, and during these last two



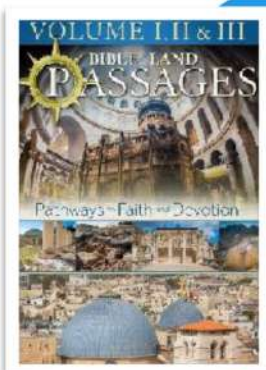
We love these people - most of the Denver BVBI faculty:

Front: John, Carla, Teri Autrey

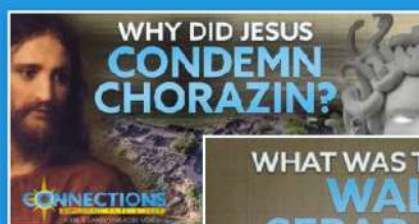
Back: Lynn Hite, Wayne Nelson, Denny Petrillo, Tyler King, Donnie Bates,  
Dave Chamberlin, Wayne Burger, Michael Hite

months some of her famous homemade Pizza Rolls, tacos, and hamburgers have been on the menu. In addition to our work at Bear Valley we have been providing marriage counseling, I have been teaching a Sunday morning class at the Bear Valley congregation, and providing counsel for a family. I've also been blessed to be enrolled in an online course offered through Jerusalem University College where I am seeking to further my knowledge for both my Bear Valley classes and in preparation for additional Bible Land Passage videos. In regard to these videos, during the months of August and September Mat Cain, Patrick Hammack and I conferred on numerous occasions to finalize the newest "Connections" videos which were just released by World Video Bible School.

Brethren, we cannot thank you enough for your love, prayers, and support. Without your help this work would not be possible. 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. Thank you so very, very much! In Him, *John*



The complete set of Bible Land Passages documentaries is now available in one set through WVBS!



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### *In Memory of Joe Hensley*

We are so very grateful for the work and life of Joe Hensley of Sardis, Mississippi. Joe served as an elder in the church, was a tireless worker for the Lord and was well-known, respected, and loved by many. He had a kind, loving, and gentle spirit that will live in our memory. His missionary work in Jamaica and his support of Bible Passages will always be remembered. Joe passed from this life on August 12, 2021, and is survived by his loving wife Jane Hensley. Please keep this good family in your prayers. We are so humbled and thankful to the Hensley family for naming Bible Passages as the recipients of their memorial donations. Thank you to Jo Magness, Gerald and Gail Mills, Carrol and Annette Street, Ward Taylor, Jackie Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weatherly, Sonny and Karen Hubbard (and family), Norma Rosson, Sheri Salley, Cynde Mott, and Will and Martha Hays for your donations given in memory of brother Joe.





L-R: The seasonal change brings beautiful golden Aspen color...we've hosted a few front yard volleyball games with the students and love the fellowship with them!...the dreaded Covid bug bit John, but it was mild, and our friends, the Hoaglands, blessed us with a sweet breakfast...Turner came to visit Pa in class...BVBI Orientation at Clement Park with mountains in the distance...Sunday night before fall classes began, we enjoyed a gathering with students and some faculty at "our" house...First chapel on the first day of school 2021...Paige Waddell taught the BVBI women how to paint a fun watercolor...Our yearly gathering of the international Bear Valley school coordinators as well as the Denver faculty during a weekend retreat.



## Carla's Comments

Dear friends,

The days are full and run together and **already** September is over! The days are getting shorter and (well, at least in Colorado) cooler! The colors of the trees are changing - shining golds and vibrant reds. While I love sunshine and long summer days and NOT being cold, I do love the seasonal change and the reminder that God never changes, and He provides these seasons of refreshing.

The Covid bug bit our home in late August when John tested positive. Both of us had been vaccinated (Pfizer) in April, but we knew that didn't mean we couldn't get it. I was very comforted to know that it almost certainly meant that the severity would be very low. And his symptoms were mild—mostly a stuffy nose and sneezing. He lost smell and taste for a while. We contacted our doctor in Austin who, because she doesn't have a Colorado license, found a local doctor who would prescribe the monoclonal antibody treatment for John. She was particularly concerned about him because of his November heart event. I tested negative that same day, and tested negative again at the end of quarantine. We are very thankful for our experience, as I know it has been so different for many others! I was thankful that it happened while it was still warm and we could walk outside in the beautiful weather. Several of our faculty and students have also recently had Covid, but everyone is recovering well.

Covid didn't keep us from staying busy! John never missed a beat, teaching his classes via Zoom even on the one day he didn't feel very well. We have been busy with the beginning of classes, faculty meetings, orientation (and many other beginning-of-school activities—so thankful to still be meeting in person!), several counseling sessions, hiking in the mountains as often as possible, daily chapel, volleyball games and suppers with students in our front yard, a couple of Zoom meetings with dear friends in Singapore (Peter and Pooifun Chin), our annual staff retreat for the Bear Valley International school coordinators, the BVBI Lectures, and we enjoyed visits from several family members (especially Turner!) I have been teaching a class called "Personal Spiritual Growth" for the Bear Valley women—which, for me, has been a great, thought-provoking, convicting study. I've also been sitting in on Denny Petrillo's Romans class on MWF and Wayne Burger's Monday night Acts class. I love every opportunity to learn - it's a blessing to be here!

Jackson and Emmy started pre-school! (Emmy, sadly, is learning to properly pronounce things that were SO CUTE the way she already said them!) We made a quick trip to celebrate Jackson's #5 birthday! Our "kids" are well. Mom has moved to her new home next to Doug. He and Karen have made it the perfect little spot for her and she is doing as well as possible. Our entire family appreciates your prayers and support. Thank you for caring for us and loving us!



We made a quick trip to Houston for Jackson's fifth birthday!



I have been auditing Denny's Romans class - it has been great!

Love, *Carla*