



# BIBLE Passages *Journal*

## Dear Supporters and Friends,

I'm writing to you from my office here at the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver. It's cold outside, and in the shaded areas of our yard, piles of snow are still standing from a snowfall nearly two weeks ago. While the temperature is cold, our hearts are warm with excitement and optimism over what God is doing here in this wonderful place. After two days of travel we arrived on a Friday night to our Denver home next to the church building, and found the church-owned house immaculate, stocked with pantry items, and ready for immediate living. Of course, we had brought a small U-haul full of our personal belongings that were quickly unloaded and stored away as we settled in for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of classes.

On Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> I began teaching the week-long short course covering the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Philippians. It was such a blessing getting to meet the 16 new students enrolled at Bear Valley; and the short course which met daily from 8:00 to 4:00 PM gave me an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted. We also enjoyed being reunited with the students I had taught last year, and with all the underclassmen combined we have a total of 31 students with whom it is our privilege to interact with and teach on a daily basis.

Once the short course was complete, we began in earnest



Living so close to the church and school buildings, the students can follow their noses to see what's on the grill for supper! L-R Aaron Johnson, Adam Warnes, (not seen-Tyler and Kellsie Martin), Parker LaGrange and Carl Pollard

**Would you help us share the good news and grow the Kingdom? Would you or your congregation consider a one-time contribution, or perhaps monthly support for Bible Passages in 2018? We did not meet our 2017 budget, though we are confident that the Lord will provide! Please contact us with any questions: 512-695-5099.**

the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of classes. I am currently teaching a class on Church History which meets for two hours, three times a week, and another on Bible Geography which meets for three hours, twice a week. On Wednesday nights I am teaching a class called Faith Lessons in the Land of the Bible. All three of these classes are keeping me very busy with preparation, class lectures, grading, and time needed for meeting with students outside of class.

The students at BVBII range in age from 18 to 68, and come from a variety of backgrounds and places scattered around the United States. One of our students, Andrew Arbuckle, is from Hawaii and he will be returning there with his family to begin working full-time this July at a congregation in Wahiawa that my Dad helped to start in the early 1950's. At BVBII we've also been privileged to rekindle our friendship with Travis Herbelin, who as a college student in the 1990's obeyed the gospel during our time working with the campus ministry in San Marcos, Texas. He is now a retired Air Force Colonel and former Chemistry instructor at the Air Force Academy. He and his wife, Melissa and their two daughters are an integral part of the school and Travis is an excellent student. We know he and Melissa will do great things in the Kingdom. We've also been privileged to meet Rick Watts from California, a disabled electrician who was only baptized a few years ago. He was converted to Christ through the efforts a gospel preacher in his home town and through the teaching presented in the Searching for Truth DVD. He is now a full-time student, and he and his wife are some of the kindest, most humble people I know. These are just a few of the stories from the student body at BVBII. We look forward to sharing with you other stories of how the Lord is working in the lives of these students.

In addition to the school work load, much of our time outside of the normal school day has been spent on preparation for the two Bible Lands studies program in March, as well preparation for the April mission effort to Singapore and Malaysia. Many hours have been spent on organizing, study, corresponding, and securing travel plans for the campaign and meetings to be conducted. Overall, the last several weeks have been extremely busy but ever so rewarding. We thank God that He allowed us to be a part of the Bible Passages ministry, and that we have been so blessed by the kindness and generosity of individuals like you. Without you this work would not be possible. Thank you so very much for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement. All of these mean more than you know.

*John W. Moore*



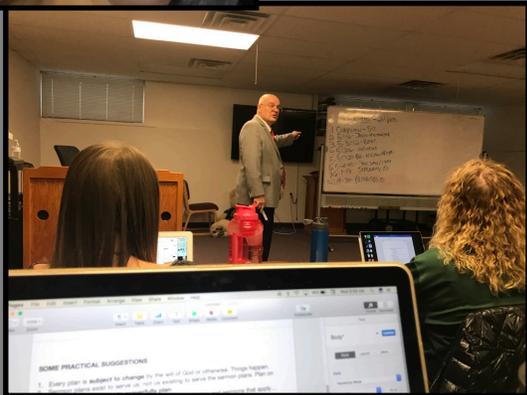
Some of the wonderful students and staff at the Bear Valley Bible Institute International on January 12, 2018. Just imagine the impact that these individuals will have in the kingdom of God!

# Passage 10 - Next Video To Be Released in February

Situated on top of an Israelite hill in the Judean Shephelah lies the archaeologically rich Khirbet Qeiyafa. It's the place many identify as the ancient Israelite city of Sha'arayaim mentioned in 1 Samuel 17. It sat on top of a hill overlooking the Valley of Elah, where David fought his famous battle with Goliath. Although it was a remote fortress in David's time, it's been home to some of the greatest archaeological discoveries with a bearing on the historicity of the united monarchy. Khirbet Qeiyafa is a place for Kings, but it's also a place of remarkable discoveries which stand as witness to the ancient past and the accuracy of the biblical text. Khirbet Qeiyafa: Witness to David's Kingdom is a must see documentary which will fortify your faith and confidence in the Biblical text.



Clockwise from top left: Our U-Haul, packed and ready to go on January 4...some of the juniors and seniors met at our house cramming for a big Bible Geography test...Tyler King, John's coworker and office mate...this banner was a happy surprise to find hanging in our house when we got here, signed by many who had attended...some of the notes in my Bible from studying through the text in Michael Hite's Teaching Strategies class...Mike Vestal's class on Homiletics... and Jackson's smiling face looked so happy to see us when he (and his parents and sister) picked us up from the airport!



20 So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it, but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

*a good life comes from having wisdom!*

Trust in the LORD with All Your Heart

3 My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

*knowledge - it's possible to know, + not DO*

*Don't forget - keep + remember*

*action*

*result: length of life / days and peace!*

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

*kindness*

*truth*

*Deute*

*clay - soft + impressionable - allow those things to be impressed upon you!*

brew strange <sup>2</sup>Hebrew foreign woman <sup>3</sup>Hebrew to the Rephaim <sup>4</sup>Or repute

## Carla's Comments

The week after we left Dripping Springs to return to Denver, the central Texas area had winter weather forecasted. The day before the weather was supposed to hit, I saw friends on social media posting pictures of the local grocery stores **packed** with people stocking up on bread and bottled water. By contrast, in mid January we had a four to six-inch snowfall predicted one Sunday. The day before, I ventured to Walmart to pick up some groceries. Not a single person was in line! People who live further north tease southerners about “surviving snowpocalypse” - but those of us who’ve lived years in the south have seen sudden ice storms turn serious, so we tend to be cautious!



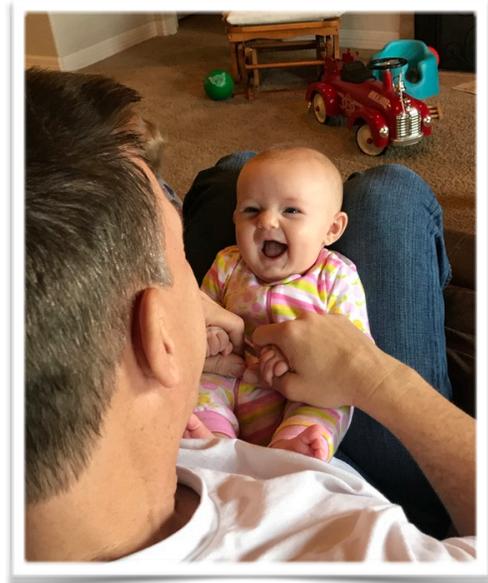
Happy to be back in our Denver home!

We’ve loved coming back to our “other” home, into the cozy little house and back among the warm relationships that we developed last winter. Several of the Bear Valley students that we worked with last year are still here, finishing up their second year. New students have moved in and endeared themselves to the church and school faculty. We are so blessed to be part of their lives! John is in a different office this year, sharing with Tyler King, who graduated from Bear Valley last year and now is working with the development department, recruiting students. John taught a short course (affectionately called “Thessalippians - the books of 1&2 Thessalonians and Philippians) the first week we were here, while I was blessed to sit in on Mike Vestal’s Homiletics 3 class. For the regular quarter, John is teaching Bible Geography and Church History, plus a Wednesday night class on the Land of the Bible. I have been auditing Michael Hite’s “Teaching Strategies” class, and loving it!

When we left the Austin area on January 4, I felt a tiny bit of relief because the flu seemed to be running wild. But at the end of the short course week, John came down with it. Because of his symptoms, I wasn’t sure it was the flu so we took him to a clinic, where he endured the fun “stick a Q-tip into your brain” flu test and sure enough - it was positive. With Tamiflu, he was back in action fairly soon (although it took him a good long while to feel 100% normal!) I felt like a ticking time bomb but I slammed some Emergen-C, took Airborne tablets, drank Elderberry syrup and grape juice (and sprayed Lysol on John). I managed to avoid it - so far!

We have both been extremely busy with preparations for the two Bible Lands studies programs coming up in March - the first is a staff/student Bear Valley program, and the second (immediately following the first) was originally for Bear Valley alumni but is open to anyone (and if you still want to go - we have space for you! Call us!) It has been tricky juggling all of the lists of names, places, accounting, room assignments, and hotel availability (March is Israel’s biggest month for tourism). We are also making plans for a three-week trip to Singapore and Malaysia in April. John absolutely loves the brethren there and is glad that I get to join him this time. I’m also staying busy (behind) in writing, preparing for a couple of ladies’ classes in the next couple of weeks, a marriage seminar next weekend in North Carolina, and an upcoming ladies’ retreat in Houston.

We made a quick trip back to Texas to see the babies and loved every second of it! They are adorable, perfect and so much fun! Please keep our parents in your prayers, and Alyssa, who had to endure *yet another* eye surgery as scar tissue formed again over her retinal repair. She is doing well but we just have to wait and see if her eye heals without more scar tissue this time. God is always good! May He bless you richly, *Carla*



There is nothing in the world sweeter than the sound of baby laughter!