

BIBLE Passages *Journal*

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Sitting underneath the park pavilion for the Bear Valley Freshman orientation, with the beautiful foothills and mountains of Colorado in the background, was truly spectacular. It was the perfect setting to a perfect day, but of course it was God's people that made it so special. Thirteen new full-time students were added to the program bringing our total number of full-time students to thirty-six. With all that has been going on in the world, it was truly exciting to see these new faces, all with a determination and zeal to serve the Lord. Carla and I are truly blessed to be a part of this critical and essential work of preparing men and women for ministry. More than ever we need to be sending workers into the vineyard. People are hurting, souls are dying, and our world is reeling from the problem of sin, and yet there continues to be a beacon of light at Bear Valley Bible Institute. With one of our youngest classes ever we are greatly encouraged that so many young people are zealous to commit to such a demanding and rigorous program. This year's freshman class hails from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia, Colorado, and California. Each one looks promising, but they have a big road ahead of them so please pray for their success and that the Lord of harvest will send for laborers into his vineyard.

While the end of July signaled the beginning of classes at Bear Valley Bible Institute, we look back on the month overall and give thanks to God for all that He allowed us to do. Much of my work during the first and middle part of the month centered on the Bible Land Passages documentaries. We are nearing completion of the BLP documentary #13 on Caesarea. In our previous report we mentioned the efforts of Patrick Hammack in helping us recreate Caesarea in digital form. That work is now complete, and he has already begun on models

relative to our next two documentaries. Both BLP #14 (Bethlehem: Of Kings and Tyrants) and BLP #15 (The Western Wall: Remnants of the Past) occupied much of our time during July, but after editing and the recording of interviews, reflections, and voiceovers, we are now in a good position where we can finally see light at the end of the tunnel for nearing the completion of Volume III.

Upon our arrival to Denver near

Planned Schedule

August-October
(J&C) BVBI

October 2-3:
(J) Men's retreat in
Franklin, TN

October 8-12:
(J&C) Northern New
England Lectures

October 23-25: (J&C)
Marriage Seminar in
Lebanon, MO

November 6-8:
(J) Biblical Guidance
Seminar in Katy, TX

November 14:
(C) Ladies Day in
Bowling Green, KY



John, Kolton Ballance, Tyler King and Brett Petrillo filmed a few reenactment scenes for the upcoming BLP video on Caesarea Maritima.

the end of the month, I recruited three others to assist me in recreating the events associated with the conversion of Cornelius from Acts 10 and 11. These reenactment productions have involved a lot of time and effort, but we have found them to be well received by viewers. As an added bonus, the various reenactments are being added to the storehouse of stock photos and videos of the Bible lands and are also being used in other teaching tools produced by World Video Bible School. In July I also wrote and recorded the narration for a shorter devotional video for our Pathways department of Bible Land Passages, scheduled to be released at the beginning of August. It is called "Souls Longing to Connect with God" and focuses on the site associated with the death and burial of Jesus, and the need to evangelize the world.

Brethren, as we temporarily step back a little from our work at Bible Land Passages and begin to focus on the students at Bear Valley, we earnestly covet your prayers. With our classroom duties, mentoring, and now Carla's new work as the Dean of Women, we feel more than ever the great weight of responsibility. We believe this work to be one of the most important in all the brotherhood and we are honored to have a small part in helping others to prepare for ministry.

Finally, to our supporters: we want each of you to know how deeply we appreciate the many sacrifices you make on our behalf. Thank you for your contributions, love, and prayers. Without you, this work would not be possible. We owe a great debt of gratitude to you, and are so mindful of the significance of each dollar contributed to the work of Bible Passages, especially during these uncertain times. We are humbled by your kindness and generosity. We thank God upon every remembrance of you and praise Him for your grace and love. We also ask that you pray for our widowed mothers whom we have left behind in Texas. They are in good hands with family and friends back home, but we nevertheless are concerned that we are not near to their side. In Him, *John W. Moore*

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Would you **please** let others know about **Bible Passages?**

It is humbling to ask, but could you, someone you know, or your congregation possibly help to support the work of Bible Passages? If you'd like to know more about what we do, go to our website, and click the "Work and Ministries" tab.

THANK YOU!

Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you have expressed your love and support during the recent passing of our beloved dad. The love and kindness of so many of our friends and brethren have shown us the many ways God is active and alive in our lives. We received memorial gifts from Margaret Tilley and her grandson, Nicholas, as well as a gift in memory of Ralph Roberts, the father of Melissa Lovelace's.

Trusting that the world will return somewhat to normal before too long, we've rescheduled our Israel/Rome study tour for **March 13-27, 2021**. We would love for you to join us!



See the details here:
WWW.BIBLEPASSAGES.NET/2021



L-R: Reenactment for upcoming BLP Caesarea video- this is "Peter" about to baptize "Cornelius"...Uhaul ready to pull out on July 25 and make the 925 mile drive...this happens four times per year:

packing up our necessary items... Michael and Lynn Hite introduced us to beautiful Chicago Creek in the Rocky Mountains...John and Jake putting the final touches on the new flowerbed (which the cows promptly walked through)...Mat Cain working on the BLP Caesarea video...John in the WVBS studio filming reflections and voiceovers...Welcome to Colorful Colorado! ... Orientation Day for incoming students at Bear Valley. This year we held it outdoors at a nearby park in order to keep social distance.



Carla's Comments

If you're anything like me, you're tired of the news. I'm tired of all things Covid...I'm tired of political commercials and polls and graphs and tests of all kinds and arguments and opinions and I'm sick and tired of FEAR. Fear of getting sick. Fear of someone making us sick. We're suspicious of each other. We're afraid to be together and afraid to not be together. Our opinions and judgments are louder than our mercy and service. We can't seem to disagree without friendship taking a hit. We're disdainful of people whose opinions are different than ours. This is the perfect time for the devil to step in and wreak havoc and separate the people of God, and some of us are letting him.

Enough of all that. I refuse to let the devil control me. "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted," (Job 42:2). I am resting in that knowledge, and I am focusing on good news. My favorite good news is pictured at the top right of this page! Also good news: we are back at work in Denver, getting to know a fantastic group of students. We had orientation last Friday, and I came away so encouraged by these people - if you have a few minutes, take a look at this introduction video ([online readers click here](#) or you can see it on the BVBI Facebook page) and you will be encouraged too! More good news: I was presented with the opportunity to serve as the Dean of Women here at Bear Valley! AND, it comes with an office. I've never had an office before! I'm excited to serve alongside some of my dearest friends, Teri Autrey, BVBI's office manager, and Lynn Hite, the school's bursar. (More good news and blessings: friends!) The men are pretty great, too. Also good news: toilet paper and hand sanitizer are back in stock!

I've got packing down to a science now, filling up about 8 big tubs with my favorite kitchen things, some linens, office supplies and our clothes. We pulled out of Dripping Springs on July 25 and drove the entire distance in one day. It doesn't take long to get unpacked and get back in the groove. School, at least for now, is still being conducted on Zoom. I refuse to speak any more about this pandemic and all of the changes it has forced, but I am determined to never take "ordinary" for granted again! The ordinary blessings of togetherness, smiles, and hugs are enormous—I know I'll treasure them even more from now on. I wish I could smile at and hug each of you right now. You have blessed us in so many ways. Thank you again for your love and encouragement. We are grateful for your prayers. May He make His face to shine upon you!



We're so excited about this!



Mom and I voted!

Love, *Carla*