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Dear supporters and friends,

As the first quarter of classes comes to a close at Bear Valley Bible Institute, we have been privileged to see God at work in so many different ways. With 22 full-time students enrolled, it has been exciting to think about the future and the work that these students will do in the name of Christ. Our students come from Colorado, Oklahoma, California, Georgia, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas, and Northern Ireland, and each one brings with them a unique set of talents and history, yet all have blended together to become a truly hard-working and dedicated student body. It is always a joy to see them grow and develop, and we are impressed with the fact that each of them has dedicated two years of their lives to prepare themselves to work in the Kingdom. Everything we are hearing and reading is that there is a preacher shortage in the brotherhood, with many congregations looking for someone to help fill their pulpits and dedicate themselves to helping grow the local church.

In our efforts to prepare these students for ministry, they are not only engaged in a rigorous program of academic studies, but they are also involved in numerous projects, preaching appointments, and campaigns which give them invaluable hands-on experience. Some of the extracurricular activities include door-knocking and service projects. They've also been attending our weekly "Ministry Moments" program conducted on the front lawn of the Bear Valley house. At those weekly gatherings, Carla prepares a meal for about 30 to 35 attendees. The meal is followed by an interview with a couple who has worked in ministry for a number of years. Our aim is to encourage students by reminding them of the many joys and blessings that are encountered over the course of a life dedicated to serving the church.

In addition to my weekly classes, preparations, grading, and interaction with students, I have also been blessed to deliver several lessons at Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN, the Brighton church of Christ, and the Bear Valley congregation. Currently I am teaching a class on Bible Geography and Archaeology, another on the Chronicles and the Kings, and I'm also teaching a Sunday morning class called "Helping those Who Hurt," (designed to help members know how to minister to the



We were so blessed to sit at our son Jordan's feet while he presented two lessons for Bear Valley's annual lectureship!



At PTP, we met Kayla Yates (in white) who was taught the gospel in prison by Jill Parham, using Searching for Truth.



One of our favorite activities this quarter, "Ministry Moments", where we interview different faculty members to help students know them better.

hurting). I have also continued to be involved in providing free counseling and Bible study sessions for two different struggling couples. Overall, God has blessed our work tremendously and has kept us extremely busy.

Brethren, we cannot thank you enough for all your love, support, and prayers on our behalf. Without you this work would not be possible. Thank you for sacrificing so that we can spend our lives helping to prepare men and women for ministry, and for helping us to defend the faith through our work at Bible Land Passages. Your partnership in our work means so, so much and we thank God for your generous contributions and acts of kindness.

In Him, *John*

We are so blessed to receive word from time to time about those who are baptizing others through the use of Searching For Truth. Here are some recent comments: "Just wanted to let you know that I used your work "searching for truth" for the first time as a personal bible study method. It was a fantastic tool and easily used. It does a good job of making plain the teachings of the Word of God and leaves room for the individual to add and develop needed points further from Scripture. The power of the Gospel, an open and honest heart and the use of "searching for truth" to guide our study resulted in a soul being added to the Body. I appreciate so much your dedicated and diligent work for the Kingdom. Thank you for helping others to help "seek and save the lost." (David).



*A young mom of four named Brittney was added to His body yesterday afternoon. The study tool used in the past months studies was "Searching for the Truth". I am so very thankful for all your work for His glory to make that tool possible and easily available. Love and appreciate your labors for Him." (Breann)

Our trip to Polishing the Pulpit is complete. I am so grateful to be part of the Lord's church. I got to meet some very special people. While in jail I watched and studied from a series of lessons by John Moore, called Searching for Truth. These lessons opened my eyes and started it all for me. I got to meet John and his wife Carla this morning at worship and it was a very emotional experience. I got to thank him for his dedication to the Lord and willingness to teach others about God's plan." (Kayla - see picture on first page)

Upcoming Schedule:

August-October
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Empower Workshop
Lubbock, TX
October 15-17
McCarty Homecoming
San Marcos, TX
Oct. 31-Nov. 12
Digging Deep Israel Study Tour
November-December
WVBS and BLP projects
January-March, 2023
Bear Valley Bible Institute
February 2023
Marriage Retreat
San Marcos, TX
February 2023
Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat
Gatlinburg, TN
March - July 2023
WVBS and other TX projects
March 25-April 6, 2023
Israel Study Tour
August-October 2023
Bear Valley Bible Institute
October 12-27, 2023
Discovering the Bible by Sea - Mediterranean Cruise/Study Tour
November-December 2023
WVBS and other TX projects

Carla's Comments

Dear friends,

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house." (Nathaniel Hawthorne) I know this is our July and August report, but it is late September as I write from my office at Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver. Having grown up in Texas, "autumn" is actually just "Summer Part 2", so I absolutely love the seasonal changes here in Colorado. You can somehow see fall in the air. The air is crisp and clean. We need a jacket in the evenings! The days are shorter and we need an extra blanket on the bed. Change can be good and refreshing.

One of the best things about July was having family around. During the first part of July, Jake and Lys and Turner came from Fort Worth, and Micah, Courtney and Alivia (we call her Livi) came from San Antonio to help us construct a little playscape for the grandkids. We treasure any bit of time we can spend with them! A week later, we picked up Jackson, Emmy and Clara and brought them home to spend a few days with us. We had a blast with them! Mid July, we hosted a fun event that we simply called "Date Night" at the "Moore Grub Cafe"! We invited all of the couples from the Dripping Springs congregation who had children 12 and under (they found babysitters) to come for supper. I set up individual tables for the six couples who came and decorated our deck to look like a restaurant. We had music, twinkle lights, and served appetizers, salad, lasagne and had an ice cream bar for dessert. John and Bill Hyde were the "waiters" and Tammy Hyde helped me in the kitchen. Though it was hot (Texas in July!) I think the couples had fun and enjoyed some quiet time to visit. We loved it and look forward to hosting another when we return home - this time for a different demographic.

We left Texas for Colorado at the end of July. Orientation was set for July 31, so we had to be here earlier than normal. We have a fantastic new group of students that we have been getting to know, and since the Bear Valley house that we stay in is right next to the building, it's very easy to invite students for meals and movie nights and studies. One of the events we have enjoyed the most is called "Ministry Moments". On Sunday nights after worship, we gather at our house for a meal and then John and Wayne Jones (by the way, we are so glad to have Wayne and Shana Kaye Jones join the Bear Valley family!) interview a different faculty member and their wife about their experiences in ministry. It has been so interesting to hear about the different events that have happened in the different ministries. So far, we've interviewed Michael and Lynn Hite, Denny and Kathy Petrillo, Donnie and Noma Bates, and we "Grilled the Burgers" (Wayne and Weezie Burger!) We were also thrilled to get to recharge and refill our cups at Polishing the Pulpit in August, after missing two years due to Covid. Seeing old friends, soaking in the word of God, and being in the Smoky Mountains is always a highlight.

Lord willing, we will return to Texas in about two weeks. I look forward to seeing my Mom, as well as taking care of duties at home and being closer to our kids. We are gearing up for another Israel tour at the end of October, which takes much time, prep and paperwork. But we look forward to it! As always, we love and appreciate each one of you so much, and pray God's richest blessings upon you! Love, *Carla*



(L-R): Before we left TX, we hosted a "date night" (more info in my letter)...preparing 240 pizza rolls for the Bear Valley students...Enjoying a (hot!) walk around Clement Lake with some of our Bear Valley women

