



Dear Supporters and Friends,

Nestled into the side of the lower mountains of Colorado lies the beautiful Deer Creek Christian Camp, where just a few days ago we were privileged to hear about the many ways the Bear Valley Bible Institute is helping to train preachers around the world. For two and one-half days we listened to the number of baptisms being reported, heard about how many had graduated from the extension schools and then heard reports about the overall state of the church where some 31 schools have been established throughout 18 countries. While each of the extension schools is under the oversight of a local congregation, the Bear Valley congregation is helping to provide the curriculum and many of the needed resources for educating both men and women in the work of evangelizing the world and edifying the church. Various coordinators and directors were present as they revealed the many ways brethren at home and abroad were helping to assist students and teachers in and out of the classroom. Over 600 students in the extension program are now using the Bear Valley curriculum and the educational resources of qualified faculty and staff. It was thrilling to hear about the many things God is doing in each of these countries around the world.

On Saturday night of the retreat I had the privilege of giving a devotional. I chose as my topic the work of a man of God, based on 1 Kings 17-19. Among the many things associated with the work of Elijah was his task of

Bear Valley Bible Institute International began its first quarter of the 2018-19 school year with students, staff, and faculty in prayer together.



charging Elisha to take up the mantle of proclaiming God's word and doing God's work. This is likewise commanded in 2 Timothy 2:2, where we learn that preachers must pass along the faith to faithful men who will teach others as well. It is an awesome and lofty responsibility which must be done with all diligence. Schools where men and women can be equipped for ministry, and where men can learn how to proclaim the gospel are absolutely critical to the salvation of souls and the future of the church (Romans 10:14-15); this is why I am so excited to be a part of a work that is focused on this task, not only here in the United States but also throughout the world.

The work of training others to share the gospel allows us to effectively multiply our efforts in reaching the lost all over the world. At the Denver campus alone, we are now in the process of educating 35 full-time students in the work of the Lord. My specific responsibilities for this quarter have included the task of teaching a class in Homiletics (the process of sermon development and delivery), and another class on the period of the Divided Kingdom (which includes the books of 2 Chronicles, 2 Kings, and several of the Minor Prophets). With lectures to prepare and deliver, exams to grade, meetings to attend, and time needed to meet and counsel with students, my plate continues to be very full, but so joyous. To see students become excited about something they have learned, and to watch their spiritual progress and development is extremely rewarding. It is likewise thrilling to know that in a short time they will soon be out in the field working to save souls.

In addition to our work at Bear Valley Bible Institute we have also been busy in other areas of the Lord's work. Earlier in August we conducted a weekend marriage seminar at the Mountain Creek church of Christ in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The following weekend we traveled to Sevierville, Tennessee for Polishing the Pulpit (PTP) where over a three day period Carla and I conducted 6 counseling sessions as a part of the PTP program. I also spoke five times delivering lessons on a variety of assigned topics. One last speaking engagement for the month involved my participation in the Bear Valley Summer Series on great sermons of the Bible. I was blessed with the opportunity to speak about Philip's Christ-centered sermon recorded in Acts 8.

Finally, as we look back over the month of August we continue to be greatly encouraged by the Lord's blessings and his continued care and watch over our work. We stand amazed at His marvelous grace as He works through individuals like you. You have been so kind to support us in our labors and we deeply appreciate your generosity, and above all your prayers. Our words of thanks are simply not adequate to express how we feel toward you. You continue to remain in our hearts and in our prayers. May God bless you richly, and may He bless the work of Bible Passages. In Him, *John W. Moore*

THANK YOU...

FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP...YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS...YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT...AND MOST OF ALL, FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER RECOMMENDING US TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR CONGREGATION WHO IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL WORKS TO SUPPORT? WE CONTINUE TO LACK THE FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET OUR BUDGET, BUT WE ALSO CONTINUE TO TRUST THAT THE LORD WILL PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS.



Clockwise from top left: We loved catching up with some of our 2017 Israel tour members and friends at PTP (Betsy & John Phillis, Pat & Will McDonald, Barbara Welder & LD Wasicek, Debbie Mitchell, and Ann & Therington Nunnally...Carla's sweet friend and mentor, Janie Craun with her husband Karl....at the Bear Valley extension retreat...campfire devotional at the Deer Creek Christian Camp....Wayne Burger speaking to us at the retreat...the church at Estes Park, CO on a Wednesday night visit... at the Mountain Creek church of Christ in Chattanooga for a marriage seminar; we love the Massey family!...(center) it was fun being with old friends Tim and Jamie Wright and April, Talen, Gunner and Titus Myers at PTP!



Carla's Comments

We spent this past weekend in the Colorado mountains with the Bear Valley staff and many of the extension school coordinators. I don't know the best words to describe how I felt as I listened to all of the reports coming in from places like Cambodia, Haiti, Trinidad, New Zealand, India, Fiji, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya, Cameroon, Tanzania, Ukraine, the Philippines, and places all over West Africa. I already knew there were so many good things going on - but I was blown away to see Bear Valley's slogan in action: "We Train Preachers"...who, in turn, train preachers, and they train preachers and all of these preachers are taking good news to souls all over the world.

Wes Autrey talked about Cambodia - where are we going? To God. To other cities. To orphanages. To influence the students' families. To seek and save the lost! We heard from "Healing Hands", helping on the ground to teach agriculture (composting, raised bed farming, poultry growing, etc) and drilling wells - strategies for helping people sustain themselves. While helping with these essential physical needs, we teach them about even more essential spiritual needs. David Ballard told us about one man in Cameroon who was wrongfully imprisoned but used his time there to convert 18 souls to Jesus, starting a congregation inside a prison. Keith Kasarjian told us about life in Zimbabwe and the extremely difficult living conditions they face, but one of the men there said, "Our life is hard, but our churches are full." Some of the extension schools are in dangerous areas. Donnie Bates said that we pray for peace and tranquility when bullets are flying. "But what if the Jerusalem Christians had asked for and received peace and tranquility - would they still have gone to Judea, Samaria, and remote parts of the world? When we pray, we need to ask for God's hand to be active even when conditions are less than peaceful." And in a devotional Saturday night, John talked about Elijah passing his mantle to Elisha, and said that we are symbolically doing that as we train new generations, in effect passing the baton. Denny said "we know what happens when we drop the baton..." - we lose the race. Then on Sunday, Lance Mosher said something that summed up a lot of what I've felt for the last couple of years: "Ministry is saying yes to things that push your faith a little bit farther." It was a wonderful, memorable, encouraging weekend, a reminder of why we feel so blessed to have a small part in the great work that God is doing through the Bear Valley Bible Institute.

August was a whirlwind month with new student activities and classes at Bear Valley, a marriage seminar in Chattanooga, Tennessee (where good friends Gary and Michelle Massey work with the Mountain Creek church of Christ,) five days at Polishing the Pulpit, a weekend visit from Dripping Springs friends (Tracy and Renee Frisinger,) and the retreat. We spent a little time in Estes Park looking for changing aspen leaves (which had barely begun to change) during a gorgeous seven mile hike into Rocky Mountain National Park, but the most beautiful part of Estes Park is the local church we met while there. This weekend I will head to the Come Fill Your Cup retreat in Oklahoma and John will head to Waxahachie, TX for a teaching seminar. The best news? Jackson and Emmy (and their parents!) will be here for a visit next week! This YAYA is super excited to see and squeeze them!



Dear friends and co-workers Teri Autrey and Lynn Hite



We had a special treat when Tracy and Renee Frisinger, one of our elders and his wife from Dripping Springs, visited for a weekend!

May God continue to bless each of you! We truly appreciate all that you do for Him, and the trust that you place in us. Love, *Carla*