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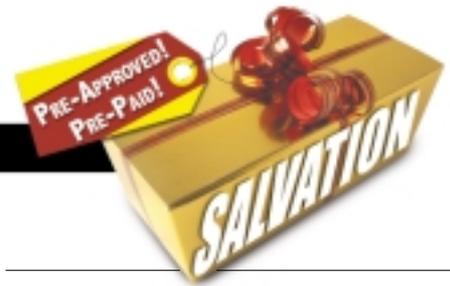
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BY  
SCOTT STEWARD

**"Selling"**  
the  
*Gift*



For many, "sales" is a dirty word. No one likes to be "sold something," especially inconveniently. It brings to mind mid-dinner phone calls from credit card companies or time-share resorts. For me, it's the guy in the plaid jacket and bright-green pants sporting an oversized grin and an unending handshake who says in one breath, "I've got just what you're looking for—power everything, stereo, drives like a dream; it's the right color and the right price . . . just for you. You'll look great in it!" *Yuck.*

When our editor, Anthony Lester, asked me to write this month's column, I thought I'd better write about something I know fairly well: marketing. It's the bridge between provider and consumer—a system of delivery for services and goods. Selling starts with the provider trying to move a product or service. Buying, on the other hand, starts with the consumer searching to fulfill a need. The marketing bridge is supported by pillars called advertising, public relations, merchandising, research, and yes, even sales.

**When you find a good restaurant, you tell others about it. Your personal endorsement carries a lot of weight. How much more so, then, should we tell people about our hope—the eternal Solution to our problems?**

In nearly 20 years of marketing, I've learned a few "must-dos" when selling products or services. Identify your potential consumers and their needs. Find out how to best reach them. Present your product's advantages so they clearly understand how it will meet their needs. Close the deal by asking them to buy. Following these steps, I could sell just about anything.

Now, let me tell you about the Master Marketer.

God is the Provider of salvation. The potential consumer is the sinner. Jesus is the bridge between Provider and consumer. The Holy Spirit is the best way to reach the consumer. The promised advantage is salvation by grace, through faith, and an eternal life free of problems and full of unimaginable benefits.

Jesus solves problems and offers hope. He knows His "customers" by experience, and His "products and services" meet their needs. Best of all, they're free! (Yet they cost Him everything.) All we have to do is put our foolish pride aside so that we can recognize our

desperate need and receive Him as our Solution. If you've never done that, I encourage you to try it and see for yourself how good He is.

It was a sales piece—a full-color flyer, actually—that got my wife's and my attention five years ago. It promised to explain prophecy and end-time events, even reveal the Antichrist. It was at a convenient location and time, and it promised to improve my life. God knew our needs and how to reach us, and He prepared our hearts to receive His message. Through the clear and moving presentations, He solved our problems and won us as friends. After attending nearly all of the 27 seminars, we bought. We were baptized into God's end-time church through God's use of an Amazing Facts evangelist!

Evangelism is marketing. We are all called to be "marketers" of the gospel—and Jesus gave us the ultimate product. Know it or not, you are a salesperson. Jesus says in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He promises in John 14:26 that through the Holy Spirit, we have a way to be successful gospel salespersons. As long as we gain "product knowledge," He will give the right words to make the right "sales pitch" to the right person at just the right time.

When you find a good restaurant, you tell others about it. Your personal endorsement carries a lot of weight. How much more so, then, should we tell people about our hope—the eternal Solution to our problems? You and I may not be the most eloquent presenters, but we do have our own testimonies. And it's that "word of mouth" advertising that really sells.

Amazing Facts is in the business of leading people to Jesus and equipping them to do likewise. When you pray for this ministry, you're helping to market the gospel. When you share our books and tapes, you touch lives for eternity with trustworthy materials that proclaim Jesus. When you sponsor our broadcasts or Bible School, you're making life-changing information available to searching souls. When you follow the Holy Spirit's leading to support us financially, you are an invested partner with God to reach the lost and the hurting with hope and healing.

And when you write to us to share your experiences, you encourage us to do more and better things for Jesus. Share the good news today, then write me to tell me your gospel marketing story.

*Scott Steward is Amazing Facts' marketing director.*

# Mail BAG



## A 'Neat Little Package' of Truth

The new *Panorama of Prophecy* CD is truly wonderful. I'm so excited to have a witnessing tool that I feel very comfortable using. It's like having a whole evangelistic series in a neat little package! This was truly an inspired idea. Thank you!  
TS, e-mail

## Teddy Bears for Jesus!

We just wanted to tell you how much we enjoy your videos, which we borrow from a friend. We wanted to share something with you for your help to us, so we cleaned our closets and sold the toys and teddy bears we had saved for years.  
MP, Ohio



## Just the Beginning

Your programs on Sky Angel (3ABN) have changed our lives. The Lord led us to understand that the Sabbath is Saturday, not Sunday. That was just the beginning. . . . Please pray that the Lord will direct us and show us how to use us for His work with what we have. May God bless you!  
CK, Kentucky

## Amazing Truth

It's pretty AMAZING to me that you are teaching Daniel 2 to the New York audiences! You should see the AMAZING looks on a lot of their faces. I have no doubt that GOD is using you to do His mighty works now!  
GB, Michigan

I watched your telecast for the first time last night, and to say I found it enlightening and informative would be an understatement. I have always been afraid to face the "end days," but your lesson was like hearing a history lesson mixed accurately with the Holy Bible. Thank you for this opportunity to learn more.  
PR, Arizona



## Stumbling Block Removed

I've watched your TV broadcast a couple of times. I enjoy your teaching. I've had a stumbling block in my seeking and studying, so I asked God for help. I think your ministry has a lot to offer; I was led to your broadcast in answer to my prayer.  
AM, California

## Back Into the Fold

You are doing a wonderful work, and we pray for you every day. I want you to know that your tapes are bringing my children back into the truth for which we are so thankful. Thanks so much. Keep up the good work.  
LM, Arkansas

I videotaped the Amazing Facts broadcast and sent it to my son. He watched it and gave his heart to God. The reason I am so thankful is that he gave up a bad lifestyle, and then he died. Had it not been for the videos, he probably wouldn't have turned his life around.  
VT, unknown

## Enlightening Teachings

I find Pastor Doug's sermons very enlightening. I've never heard anyone explain the Bible as he has. I believe God has given him the ability to open up the Bible and make it so real. I've never looked forward to hearing Bible teachings like I do now. I hope to hear many more of his sermons in the future.  
BD, Maryland

*A Note from Doug: I am so thankful for all the kind words in recent months about our ministry's influence in people's lives. Though I am thankful for these expressions of gratitude, I feel it is important to note that Jesus is the core of this ministry, and the aim of all my teachings is to bring Him front and center in people's lives. When someone acknowledges the ministry or me, they're actually acknowledging the Holy Spirit's work in their lives. We're just happy to be a part of His work, and I pray that Amazing Facts will always honor Him in everything we do. Thanks again!*

## From a 'Joyful Soul'

When your magazine arrives, I can't wait to see what you are going to teach and remind me of. I have used many of them for my classes in Bible prophecy. I am one of those "joyful souls" retired with a limited income from which to tithe at my church. The Lord takes care of my needs, so I can't include a check at this time.  
TS, South Carolina



## Praying and Believing

Thank you for your prayers. God has blessed us. We were about to lose our business, but we kept on praying and believing and left it up to Lord because of His promises. Then one day, we were getting more jobs than we could keep up with! God is good!  
MW, New Mexico

## Out of the Blue

The message "Out of the Blue" [November 2001] touched my spirit especially. I have always had a calling in me to study prophecy. I want to thank you for the great messages to the people of God!  
KS, New York



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# TO SEE GOD



BY DIRECTOR-SPEAKER  
Doug Batchelor

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord.” —*Isaiah 6:1*

## A New Point of View

When I was growing up in New York City, it was a “cool” thing to make fun of the police with my friends. We called them “pigs.” We took great pride in sharing stories of how we had insulted a cop without getting caught. One time while I was driving a stolen car, I pulled up next to an officer and asked him for directions just so that a friend and I could later mock his stupidity. Cops were the “enemy.”

But my whole attitude about the police changed one night when, flipping through the television channels, I happened to see a very graphic news story. A building was on fire. The camera captured all the drama of firefighters rushing in and out to save lives and spraying water on the building. People were trying to climb off the roof onto a ladder. Then another camera focused on the doomed building’s main entrance, which was engulfed in flames as smoke billowed out the windows and doors.

Suddenly, an officer rushed out from the door with a blanket in his arms. Smoke was coming off his singed clothes. A fireman hosed him off as he rushed through the

crowd to a clearing, where he laid the bundle on the grass and unwrapped it. Inside was a baby—unconscious. Ignoring the pain from his burns, the officer administered artificial respiration seeking to revive the unconscious infant.

My whole concept of policemen as the enemy radically changed when I saw the man willing to risk his life to save the people he served. I soon realized that maybe I was the bad guy and the police were the good guys.

That’s the way it is with God. For many years, I thought God was against me—a great big policeman up in the sky, watching and waiting to see me doing something wrong so He could thump me with His billy club! He was only there to restrict my happiness. But then I saw a new picture of Jesus dying to save me. John 10:10 says, “I have come that [you] may have life, and ... have it more abundantly,” and I realized that Jesus wants us to give up only the things that hurt us!

## It’s in the Eyes

Ninety percent of all the information that comes into our brains comes through our eyes. Most of us consider sight the most important of our five senses. Even Jesus compares our eyes to spiritual understanding and discernment, saying that if the blind lead the blind, they will both fall into the ditch (Matthew 15:14). One of Jesus’ frequent miracles was to open the eyes of the blind.

I think the reason so many people have trouble being Christians and staying Christians is that they don’t know where to begin. Wherever I go, I ask people what they think is the first step in salvation. Even people who have been church members for 50 years will usually say the steps are: repent, believe, accept, and confess

that you are a sinner.

But I don’t believe that any of these are step number one!

The first step in the process of salvation always begins with *seeing the Lord in His holiness and our Savior on the cross.*

## Seeing the Christ

John 1:29 tells us that one day, when John the Baptist saw Jesus walking by the Jordan River, he pointed to Him and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Later, two of John’s disciples say to Jesus, “Master, where are You staying?” (v. 38). And Jesus says to them, “Come and see.” In that same chapter of John, when Philip came to Nathaniel, he says, “We have found the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth” (paraphrased).

Nathaniel didn’t argue. Philip then beckoned, “Come and see” (v. 46). In fact, just in the first chapter of John, there are more than 26 references to light and sight! We are finding again and again that we need to see the Lord. Even when we go to the end of the Gospels and look at the thief who died on the cross next to Jesus, we find all the steps in salvation. He *saw* Jesus hanging on the cross. He probably *heard* Jesus say, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34–42).



### An Amazing Fact:

*The first “sunglasses” were developed in China about 1430 AD using smoke to tint lenses. Ironically, the primary function of these blackened glasses was not to reduce solar glare! Instead, Chinese judges routinely wore them to conceal their eye expressions in court—their evaluation of evidence was credible only if it remained a secret until a trial’s conclusion! Sunglasses are still worn by police to conceal their eyes from suspects while scrutinizing evidence. The Bible teaches that we have a heavenly Judge who sees everything, including the thoughts of our hearts. We need to see Him clearly too!*



### An Amazing Fact:

*To simulate one-hundredth of a second of the complete processing of even a single nerve cell from the human eye requires several minutes of processing time on a supercomputer. The human eye has 10 million or more such cells constantly interacting with each other in complex ways. This means it would take a minimum of 100 years of supercomputer processing to simulate what takes place in your eye many times every second. (Source: Missouri Association for Creation)*

The thief watched all these acts and deeds of kindness with no hostility or aggression, and seeing God's goodness helped him become aware of his own badness. You see, the Bible tells us it's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You," Job said. "Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5, 6). Even the apostle Paul was converted as a result of seeing Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9).

Now you might be thinking, "Didn't Jesus plainly say, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed?'" (John 20:29). Yes, He did. But He was speaking of people who keep demanding some physical sign or 3-D vision. But when I speak of seeing God here, I'm not suggesting that you fast and pray until you have some angelic visitation or a personal revelation of the Almighty in Technicolor. I'm talking about the eye of faith that sees Him in His Word.

Of course, when Jesus arose from the dead, the Bible says the disciples were overjoyed when they saw Him (see John 20:20). In the same way, as Christians, our greatest joy will come from seeing that the Lord is alive and with us always!

### Climbing a Tree

The Bible tells us that Zacchaeus wanted so much to see Jesus—who He was—that he climbed a tree (see Luke 19:1-10). When he saw Jesus' goodness, and when he saw that Jesus accepted him, he then saw his own sins. He repented, confessed, and was willing to pay back with interest. And Jesus said that salvation had come to him. All this happened very quickly *after he saw the Lord*. Yet I believe that even though Zacchaeus first saw the Lord after he climbed a tree, his clearest vision of the Lord came when Jesus climbed the tree and died for him! Incidentally, the name Zacchaeus means "pure," and didn't Jesus say, "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God"? (Matthew 5:8).

When we see God on the cross, when we see God in that year that our King died, then we are more willing to love Him and to serve Him. This is the first step—to see God!

### You Are What You See

I really worry about young people today. Throughout my childhood, I had what I consider normal American heroes. I always pictured myself being like Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett. (I will confess, though, there was a period in my life when I hoped I could be like Superman!)

Today, the heroes of the young are often diabolical or mutated cartoon characters. Or worse still, twitching and drug-crazed rock stars complete with metal studs and tattoos. The folk proverb, "You are what you eat," is also true of your mental intake.

There's a biblical principle in that we become like what we worship or behold. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image" (2 Corinthians 3:18). I think that's the main reason for all of the violent, unstable behavior in our young people.



They spend so much time watching violence, deception, and sex on television that it can't help but have some definite effect on their lives. You are what you see.

### To Be or Not to Be—Elvis?

Sometime ago, I was preaching in a small church in northern California. After the service, my wife and I were invited over to a member's home for dinner. Another guest, named Joe, was very interesting, and he soon related a tragic testimony.

When Elvis Presley was first beginning his career, Joe went to a concert and was overwhelmed with the way all the women responded—they fell down, took off their clothes, and swooned as Elvis gyrated his pelvis and sang. Something snapped in Joe's mind, and he thought, "I'd like to be just like Elvis Presley."

(When I was growing up, my mother used to write songs for Elvis Presley, so I saw him a couple of times in person. Thankfully, I was not as impressed!)

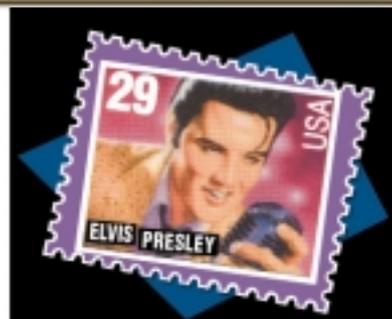
Not long after seeing Elvis, Joe went home and purchased all of his records. He wallpapered his room with Elvis posters. He dyed his hair black and bought a guitar. He stood in front of a mirror for hours and tried to look like and sing like Elvis. He listened to the records again and again, never tiring of hearing his idol croon.

Any time Elvis had a concert within 400 miles, Joe was there! He went to all of the singer's movies, filled his house with Elvis paraphernalia, and what's even more pathetic, he did this for 20 years. Think of it—20 years idolizing, imitating, and worshiping Elvis Presley!

By the time Elvis died, Joe had become so good at imitating him that he started working in nightclubs around the country. He began making thousands of dollars a week for his Elvis imitation. People who saw him said it was eerie, because Joe seemed just like Elvis. He sang and played the guitar just like Elvis, he walked like Elvis, and he looked like Elvis.

When I met Joe, he was nearing 50 years of age and Elvis had been dead for more than 10 years. Yet Joe was still making up to \$10,000 a concert in the Orient imitating Elvis Presley.

Joe had come to church in this small town for a little while hoping to break away from his old life. He had Christian roots as a child. He told me, "I don't even have my own identity. I have been living like someone else for so long that I don't know who I am." So after a short time trying to go to church, Joe felt he had nothing else to fall back on and returned to imitating Elvis.



**An Amazing Fact:** Born in a modest, two-bedroom house, Elvis Presley would become the most famous entertainer in the world. He sold so many albums that you could place each of them side by side at the equator and circle the globe four times.

With strong Christian roots, Elvis often quoted his favorite book, the Bible. His favorite verse was 1 Corinthians 13:1. But Elvis' meteoric rise to fame was far less remarkable than his ultimate plummet into darkness.

The once energetic, healthy Presley suffered a drug-related cardiac arrest at his home in Memphis, where overeating, drug-use, and other self-abuses were rampant. When he died, Elvis had earned nearly \$250 million, but his estate was valued at less than \$10 million. Another famous verse that supposedly haunted him later in life is Matthew 19:24.

His extravagant, idolized lifestyle is still celebrated today. Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. makes more than \$50 million a year from licensing "the King's" image alone.

I couldn't help but wonder what kind of church we would have if we all "idolized" Jesus Christ the way Joe idolized Elvis Presley. He's the only individual in the Bible we are encouraged to worship and emulate. If we spend all our time wistfully gazing at Hollywood idols or watching soap operas like "As the Stomach Turns" (or whatever it's called), we're going to be a mental mess. But if we spend our time looking at Jesus every day, we cannot help but become like Him!

We need to see God.

## Biological Burps

There are many ways to see God. His Word, of course, is the most reliable. But God also reveals Himself to us through other people and through the things He has made. Isaiah 6:3 tells us that angelic creatures in the presence of God called out, "The whole earth is full of His glory!"

But many people cannot see the Lord through the things He has made because their vision has been obscured by the cataracts of evolution.



One of the big struggles I had in accepting Christ, and the Bible in particular, was that I grew up believing in evolution. Virtually all the schools I attended taught that people are nothing more than a highly developed strain of monkey.

That doesn't offer much purpose for life, does it? If we just evolved from a primeval puddle of mud somewhere, and if, when people die, they just turn back into fertilizer, then there's really no purpose to life. I believe this false teaching of evolution is largely responsible for the high rate of suicide among teenagers. What can we expect if we tell them life is nothing more than a biological burp? I am convinced that everyone's philosophy is affected by our environment—by the things that surround us.

## Evidence of God

Growing up in a big city, I was continually enclosed by things man made. I heard the screeching of brakes and the roar of traffic. Wherever I looked, I saw concrete and glass, flashing lights, and more manmade things. I came to the place where I put my trust in people. And since people were telling me we just evolved, I believed it.

Then, as a teenager, I spent about a year living in a cave outside of Palm Springs, California, and there I began to get a whole different perspective on life. I was now surrounded by the things that God made, and it had a profound influence on me.

Whenever you look through a microscope at the things we humans make, you can see flaws and mistakes. But when you look through that same microscope at the things God made, you see infinite perfection. We have two choices. Even the scientists know this. We're either here by accident—by things blowing up—or we're here because of an intelligent design and a plan.

## Circular Reasoning and Then Some

When I went to school, I remember asking my science teacher one day, "Where did the world come from?" He told me, in essence, that the world came from the sun when it exploded and developed into our solar system.

"Well," I asked, "Where did the sun come from?"

He said the sun came from another galaxy. When the Milky Way was formed, there was an explosion out there from two gas masses that ran into each other and exploded.

But then I asked, "Where did the gas masses come from?"

I know it doesn't sound scientific to say that matter can create itself, but ultimately, even scientists have to acknowledge that something has always existed. We can look at all the organization and design that we see around us and believe that it all came from gas particles that always existed and started exploding, or we can believe that there is an intelligent God, a Creator, and He's always existed. I think it is more logical to believe that my roots go back to a loving heavenly Father—and not two gas masses and particles floating out there in the universe that accidentally collided one day and blew up.



## A Flower, Single Cells, and New York City

When you look at all the evidence in nature, even intelligent people need to agree that there is a Master Planner. A friend of mine, Dr. Lolita Simpson, walked up to me one day to show me a flower. She said,

"Doug, I want to show you something. See this flower?"

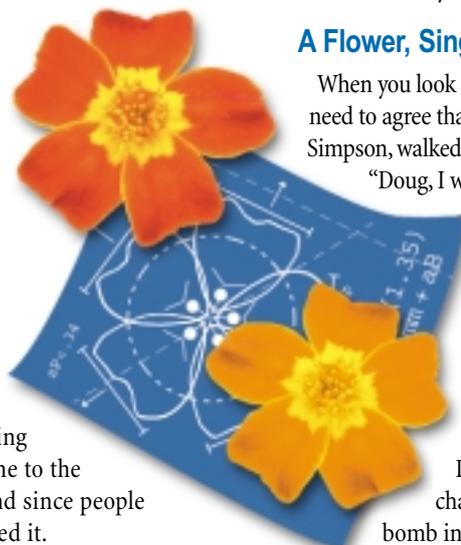
I thought, "Isn't this sweet, this dear old saint is going to show me a flower?"

But she showed it to me through the eyes of a scientist. She said, "Now here you see five petals, and they're surrounded by five leaves, and inside are five little stems, and it's all perfectly symmetrical. There's organization, there's design, and fragrance too. This could never happen by accident."

Design, organization, and plan do not come out of chaos. That would be like suggesting you could throw a bomb into a junkyard and get a space shuttle when the dust settled—or that you could throw a grenade into a print shop and get an *Encyclopedia Britannica!* The simplest form of single-cell life, when carefully studied, reveals more complexity than New York City at rush hour!

## God in the Family

Even if we could come to the place where we believe that everything evolved, and if micro-organisms did just start splitting, dividing, and growing into larger forms of life, then I wonder where did the need of male and female come in? When people get ready to start a family, why



don't they just start splitting and dividing? Isn't that how they say it all happened? Why would there ever be the need for two completely different genders, male and female, that could not reproduce without an act of love and cooperation?

And what about the birds? I'm a pilot, and I know a little about aerodynamic design. Back when I believed in evolution, I was somehow able to picture these sea creatures slowly developing arms and legs and crawling farther and farther out of the water for longer periods of time. But I always had a problem picturing lizards running off cliffs, trying to develop aerodynamic design with feathers and hollow bones before they hit the ground. And then, if they did hit the ground and survive, how could they pass it on to their offspring?

After they are hatched, many birds develop feathers and jump out of the nest. Then bingo, they know how to fly and play on the air currents with no lessons at all. The tiny little caterpillar spins a cocoon around itself, and within a few hours after it emerges, pumps blood into its new wings, fans them a few times, and takes off to play on the air. The suggestion that all these things happened by accident seems all the more ludicrous and outrageous.

### A Puddle of Oil

Two friends were walking in a parking lot together. One believed in creation and God, and the other believed in evolution. The evolutionist said to his creationist

friend, "Oh, I see you got a new car! Where did you get it?"

His Christian friend shrewdly responded, "Well, I went out into my garage one day and there was this puddle of oil. I left it alone. Over a

period of weeks, as I watched, gradually a skateboard oozed up out of the pavement—then it slowly evolved into a Volkswagen bug. I drove it for a while and pretty soon it turned into a Honda Accord, and ultimately it developed into this Ferrari!"

Of course, the evolutionist responded, "Cut it out! Where did you get your car?"

His creationist friend said, "Now wait a second. You don't believe that my car oozed up out of the pavement, because you know

that when you see a car with organization, design, planning, and working systems, somewhere there is a carmaker. Just because all the different cars and all the different road-traveling vehicles have tires, headlights, and windshield wipers doesn't mean that one evolved from the other."

Ford did not evolve from Chevy, and Chevy didn't evolve from Chrysler. They all share things in common because they operate in a common environment. In the same way, there may be similarities between men and monkeys and other creatures, but that doesn't mean we all evolved from each other. It means we all share the same environment, and so God gave us certain things in common.

### Taking Time to See God

When you see a car, you know right away that somewhere out there is a carmaker. The human being is a far more complex machine than any automobile; so likewise, we know that somewhere there is a "people maker." The Bible is where He reveals Himself to us.



In many of His parables, Jesus turns our attention to the things God made (Matthew 6:26). Even in this world tainted by sin, we can see abundant evidence of God's power, wisdom, and love through the things He created.

The whole earth is full of His glory, and we can see God through the things He made, but we need to take the time to look.

Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32 KJV).

When we see Jesus lifted up for our sins, the goodness of God will lead us to repentance, and we will love Him when we see how He first loved us (Romans 2:4; 1 John 4:19). 

*This article is adapted from To See the King by Doug Batchelor. Unless otherwise noted, Bible references have been quoted from the New King James.*



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# The Spark that Kindled a Fire

*"Decatur, Arkansas. Will Never Be the Same."*

*By Nita McMullan*



*Daniel and Nerida McKibben graduated from the very first AFCOE session in December 2000. They soon heard the need for trained and effective Bible workers in Arkansas and followed the call in February of the next year. Nita McMullan, a church worker in Decatur, submitted this AFCOE update.*

Daniel and Nerida McKibben, graduates of the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE), arrived in Decatur, Arkansas, to energize the members of the local church and get them involved in saving souls for the kingdom of God. It was a privilege for us to have this enthusiastic couple with us.

For the first few weeks, these special lay evangelists concentrated their energies on leading a very informative small group seminar on how to give Bible studies. They then set up the "Wellness Secrets" center, a place where members and non-members alike learned God's plan of total health. We watched in awe as the Lord used Nerida's talents as a medical missionary to bring about miracles of healing. One Sabbath, a man and his wife shared, with tears of joy, how he had been cured of cancer by following the wellness program. During this time, the McKibbens really impacted the community in many other ways with their genuineness, friendliness, and concern.

They also held an amazing seminar on prophecy five nights per week, even though this area of Arkansas has been a difficult place for evangelism in the past. However, God really used this young couple's dedication, talents, and love for people to bring about amazing results in our small church. I cannot remember another meeting in which visitation was so faithful—and where souls were so openly led by the Holy Spirit to make real changes in their lives.

Everyone witnessed as the Spirit led Daniel's study. Night after night, he presented each subject in the series very thoroughly, but he also expressed the truths from God's Word in a simple, uncomplicated style so that all could understand. He never withheld the "straight truth"; but at all times, he shared it in an inoffensive and highly acceptable manner. We received many new brothers and sisters into our church as a result of their work.

One of the many testimonies shared by our new brethren was from David and Chara Martinez. David and Chara came to every meeting they could, along with Chara's mother and father, Charles and Chris Keese. David said that he had no church upbringing as a child, so he knew nothing about a Father in heaven who loved him. His life was a ceaseless round of drugs and drinking. But then Chara's mother got sick, which started her questioning life; she believed that there was something more to life than just what she had lived. So Chris went to the Wellness Center, where Nerida and Daniel began helping her learn natural methods of healing.

Months later, Chris told David and Chara about Daniel's prophecy seminar and invited them to attend with her. Chara went to the first meeting and thoroughly enjoyed it, so David decided to attend the next meeting. He enjoyed that meeting and was very impressed by the love that flowed freely from the McKibbens when they spoke about their Savior Jesus. David said, "I wanted to get to know Jesus like Daniel and Nerida know Him." Soon, not only were David and Chara attending the Sabbath-keeping church, but so were the Keesees!

On October 13, 2001, David and Chara Martinez were baptized and Chara's parents were re-baptized in beautiful and heartwarming ceremonies officiated by Pastor Jim Landelius and Daniel.

Since the McKibbens arrived, 15 people have committed or recommitted their lives to Christ in baptism, and one has returned through a profession of faith. We know that more will follow before long. This series was truly blessed by the Lord. It was an awesome privilege to see the power of the Holy Spirit in the saving of these precious souls for the kingdom of God in this small town. 



Teresa was a long-time supporter of the ministry when she first learned about AFCOE. She thanks Pastor Doug and the Amazing Facts team for their help in bringing her to the truth though the ministry's television outreach and Bible School, which she completed in two days!

Though she longed to head west from her home in Florida to attend AFCOE, she never dreamed it would really be possible. But God began moving in big ways: Responsibilities at work and church began to ease, and her local church helped with tuition and fees. Then her biggest obstacle was lifted by God's grace, and she could follow her dream to know Him better.

Soon after, she hit the road with other students to learn more about the Bible and how to share it with others.

Her hopes for AFCOE were simple: to have a closer and more meaningful walk with Jesus by knowing and understanding the Bible better. Other than that, she didn't know what to expect.

For her, the biggest challenge was living with four other women in a two-room apartment. "God really put me to the test," she says. "I've learned as many spiritual lessons in that apartment as I have in the classroom." But the unity of spirit at AFCOE is unmatched with daily prayer, fellowship, and personal outreach in surrounding communities.

Her prayers for deeper understanding were soon answered: "The power-packed speakers were awesome." This increase in knowledge has, in turn, led to dramatic changes in her devotional and prayer life. "I've never prayed like this before. God has become so much more real to me."

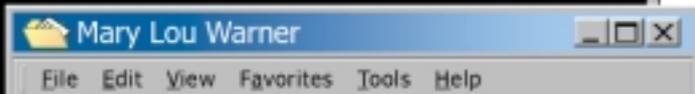
She says that what she once took on faith, she now takes on knowledge after extensive Bible study. "They break doctrine down into very understandable parts," she says.

One of her brightest memories is her AFCOE outreach to a woman whose life at home was full of pressure to stay away from Bible truth. "Under tremendous pressure," Teresa recounts of this woman who loves the Lord, "She's moving ahead with baptism." Of her four-month experience, Teresa simply adds, "It's been a blessing all the way around."

Though her goal of self-growth were answered abundantly, Teresa now seeks to be used as a Bible worker near her home. Please pray for her and the other graduates as they strive to help win souls for the Lord.



## ▼ New Employees



### Mary Lou Warner Joins AFCOE Team

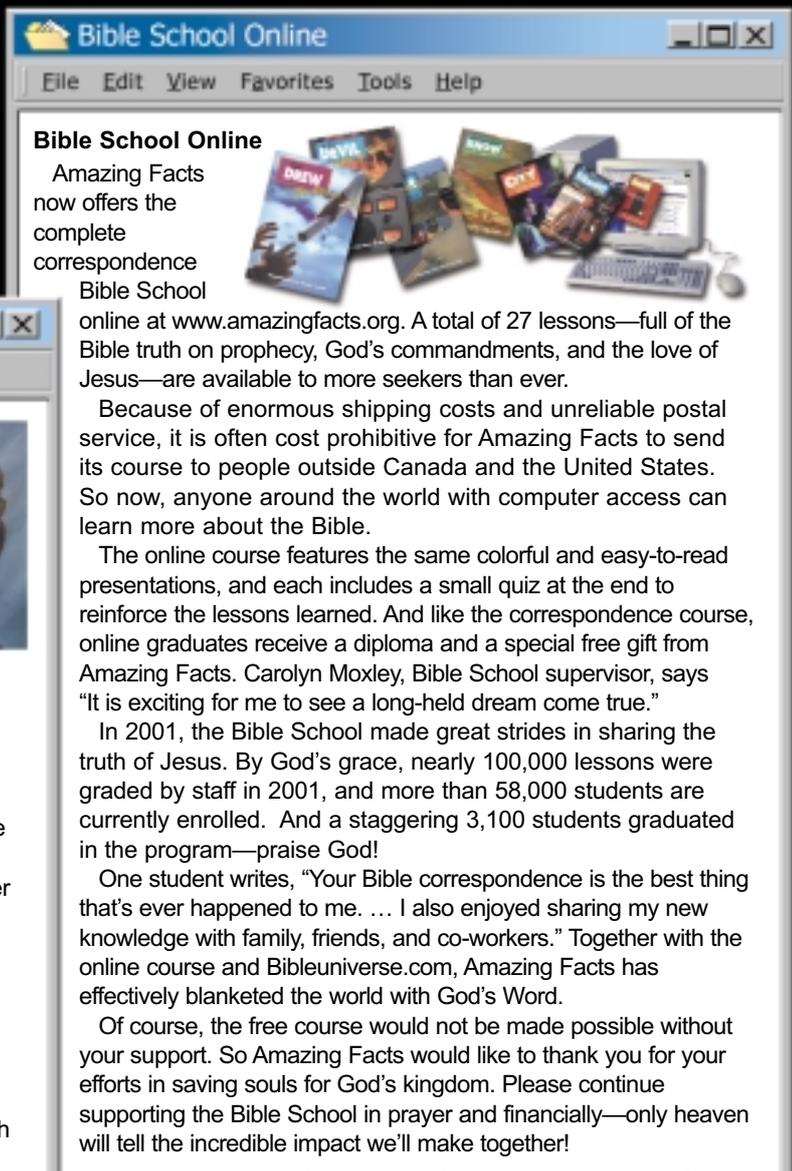
Amazing Facts happily welcomed Mary Lou Warner in September 2001. She is the new secretary/registrar of the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. Her duties include student enrollment, financial services, assisting teachers, answering inquires, student and applicant correspondence, and a multitude of other important functions. She has a bachelor's in home economics from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in education from the University of Arizona.



Before coming here, she worked as a teacher for 25 years, from kindergarten to college. Her last two years were spent in administrative and customer service positions.

Mary Lou has been married to Gary, a program manager for a large computer firm, for 34 years. They were both baptized into a Sabbath-keeping church in 1974. They have three children: their daughter Ann Hillyer and son Daniel Warner reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and their son Matthew lives in Orlando, Florida.

Mary Lou first learned of Amazing Facts through seminar advertisements and through close relationships with staff members who attend her church in Auburn, California. Though not looking for new work at the time of hire, Mary Lou put her faith in God to open doors and believes He called her to work for Amazing Facts. She is excited to be working for a Christian ministry and finds great blessings in helping students find their place in God's work.



### Bible School Online

Amazing Facts now offers the complete correspondence Bible School



online at [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org). A total of 27 lessons—full of the Bible truth on prophecy, God's commandments, and the love of Jesus—are available to more seekers than ever.

Because of enormous shipping costs and unreliable postal service, it is often cost prohibitive for Amazing Facts to send its course to people outside Canada and the United States. So now, anyone around the world with computer access can learn more about the Bible.

The online course features the same colorful and easy-to-read presentations, and each includes a small quiz at the end to reinforce the lessons learned. And like the correspondence course, online graduates receive a diploma and a special free gift from Amazing Facts. Carolyn Moxley, Bible School supervisor, says "It is exciting for me to see a long-held dream come true."

In 2001, the Bible School made great strides in sharing the truth of Jesus. By God's grace, nearly 100,000 lessons were graded by staff in 2001, and more than 58,000 students are currently enrolled. And a staggering 3,100 students graduated in the program—praise God!

One student writes, "Your Bible correspondence is the best thing that's ever happened to me. ... I also enjoyed sharing my new knowledge with family, friends, and co-workers." Together with the online course and Bibleuniverse.com, Amazing Facts has effectively blanketed the world with God's Word.

Of course, the free course would not be made possible without your support. So Amazing Facts would like to thank you for your efforts in saving souls for God's kingdom. Please continue supporting the Bible School in prayer and financially—only heaven will tell the incredible impact we'll make together!



### Amazing Facts Welcomes Jerry Anthony

Jerry Anthony began full-time as plant maintenance/shipping clerk at Amazing Facts in September 2001. His duties include overall maintenance of ministry facilities and assisting with shipping in the warehouse. Jerry also works as a camera operator for Pastor Doug's church television ministries.

From southern California, Jerry joined the Air Force when he was just 17. He met Cindy, his wife of 40 years, while serving his nation in communications at Travis air force base in California. They spent the years afterward working together and raising a family. They have three children: Scott lives in Colorado as a coroner; Keith, a print salesman, and Allison, a health-industry worker, both live in California. They

also have three grandchildren, ages 2 to 17!

Though educated in a Christian mission school, Jerry left the church for several years. Soon after leaving the Air Force, he finally joined a Sabbath-keeping church. There he learned of Amazing Facts through the Study Guides. In 1985, he moved to California after one-too-many Chicago winters and joined Central Church in Sacramento.

He recognizes the Lord's hand in his coming to Amazing Facts. During the state's energy crisis, Jerry's income fell sharply. He began working part-time at Amazing Facts to supplement his income. He was overjoyed when asked to join full-time and feels blessed to work for an organization dedicated to spreading the gospel.



# BACK INTO THE FOLD

*How God Used Amazing Facts to Call His Children Home*

*Recently, at the "One Night of Your Life" seminar in Spokane, Washington, Pastor Doug had the opportunity to meet Gayle and Rod Lasher, two faithful followers of the Lord. God used Amazing Facts, in part, to reach this once lost couple. This is their powerful testimony, as told by Gayle Lasher.*

from my family and roots; and more important, I moved away from my Savior.

The next 23 years were deeply troubling. Though I won't divulge much here, I've been through a divorce, but am extremely blessed to have two beautiful daughters by adoption. I was also lucky to be remarried to my husband Rod.

Rod and I had a very turbulent marriage in the past few years. In fact, things became so difficult that we were on the verge of separation. It was around this time that I began to feel an incredible need for something, as if I had an empty void to fill. And praise God, the Holy Spirit took advantage of this time and began a marvelous work!

A few months after burying my step-dad, I attended church for the first time in 23 years. The Lord worked in wonderful ways, as many people there were waiting for me with open and understanding arms. It just so happened that NET '99 with Doug Batchelor in New York was just beginning. The program intrigued me each time I saw it at church. That November, I required major surgery, so my mother came up to help take care of the family and me. While I was in surgery, my mother gave Rod *The Richest Caveman* to read, and he couldn't put it down. It captivated him. It was a spark that would lead to something deeper and more personal.

The next week, I went home from the hospital and we borrowed the NET '99 tapes from the church. Rod took a week off from work, and we spent that time watching Doug talk about the most amazing truths—and our lives changed forever! My husband was once religious, but he also left that church disappointed. One day as we watched the program, Rod stopped the tape and asked, "Why is it that I believe everything he is saying?"

On a Christmas Day we'll never forget, Rod attended church with me for the very first time. It was such a joyous occasion for us all. He wore some new clothes I bought for him; he called them his "funeral clothes." He said he was going to die and begin a new life that very day.

Soon after, we were invited to attend an

Amazing Facts Bible study. We joined right away and began to search the Scriptures like never before. During this time, I realized that I needed to be baptized right away. But Rod was having trouble with his decision, and we both felt that the lessons were going too slow! So we went online to Amazing Facts and started to do them there, finishing the entire series in just 10 days!

In April of the next year, on our wedding anniversary, Rod and I were baptized into the Sabbath-keeping church! We not only began our lives anew in one another, but also anew with Christ who would make our marriage stronger than ever through His grace! Seventeen members of our family were with us on that day; it was truly a time I will never forget. In fact, the only thing that could beat that day is when the Lord comes to take us home!

We are ever so thankful to the Lord for providing Amazing Facts materials to bring us into His loving arms. In His mercy, we found new life and now await His glorious return. Oh, to worship Him forever is something we both look forward to! We are so excited to see God work through your ministry!

May God continue to bless your work abundantly; our prayers for you will continue to the end. 



*Gayle and Rod Lasher continue to conduct Amazing Facts Bible studies in their home. Gayle works as the Personal Ministries Council Chairperson for her local church. Rod has been visiting the local jail with the glorious good news as well. He became a volunteer jail chaplain and now shows "A New Revelation" video for inmates once a week. We praise God for His mercy and grace!*

# Amazing Facts' EVANGELISM TEAM



**You are invited to meet the members of Amazing Facts' evangelism team at any one of the following locations. This schedule is subject to change without notice, so please call Amazing Facts to confirm appointments or get more information.**



Doug  
Batchelor



Gary  
Gibbs



John  
Bradshaw



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## John Bradshaw

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## Rich Cavaness

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January 18 – February 15  
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# BIBLE Answers

with Pastor Doug Batchelor



*The fear of wars and rumors of wars has plagued the world in recent years. Is this what Jesus is talking about when He speaks about wars and rumors of wars?*

One of the signs of Jesus' second coming is that there would be major wars (Matthew 24:6). There certainly have been wars and rumors of wars lately, most recently due to the 9/11 terrorist attacks and tensions in Israel and between India and Pakistan. And in this century alone, hundreds of wars have cost more human life than in all the other previous centuries combined! These are certainly signs of the nearness of Christ's coming; but beyond that, the Bible is a book that talks about more than just battles between nations.

I once typed the word "war" into my Bible computer program while researching for a broadcast. I was amazed that the search found the word more than 200 times—not including the plural form! I believe the reason the Bible talks about battles so much is that they also act as object lessons that teach us how to overcome our own internal wars. The Bible is loaded with this kind of terminology. We're all fighting the good fight of faith, as Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:12.

In 2 Timothy 2:3–4, he adds, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

Furthermore, 2 Corinthians 10:3–4 states, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

That all ties into what Peter says. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

There is a war going on between the spirit and the flesh, between the Lord and the devil. The battleground is our minds and hearts. Some people say they are not going to worry about that; they'll just let the battle rage. There is danger if we do not resist the enemy; we can reach a point of no return by not defending our bodies and minds. The war of all wars is the struggle over a man's soul between Satan and Jesus. There is a great controversy being played out, and they're not fighting over geographic dirt. They are fighting over the allegiance of intelligent creatures in this world.

The character of God is at stake here. Many people are putting off deciding on which side they are, and this battle has placed them in deadly peril.

*What about the people who eat unclean animals like pork, shrimp, lobster, etc? Will they go to heaven?*

This question addresses those people who eat some of the animals that God calls, in the Bible, unclean, and therefore unfit for human consumption. Is it a sin? Well, it depends on what the Lord has revealed to the person. If a person knows that God forbids these things, we know by example in the Bible that he or she should avoid eating them. For instance, in Daniel 1, the Babylonians offered Daniel a diet that included unclean foods. He said, "I cannot defile myself with a portion of the king's food." He would rather have died before he ate the Babylonian food because he knew better—it's really a question of loyalty; what will you do when you learn the truth? I believe there will most likely be an uncountable number of believers in the kingdom who probably ate things that the Bible calls forbidden, because they didn't know any better. This is why it tells us in Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at."

When we don't know, God shows us mercy.

Sin is knowing to do good and not doing it; that's one of the Bible definitions for sin (James 4:17). When we know God's will and don't do it, that's a sin. And so whether it's the Sabbath or your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, God wants us to live up to the light He gives us. If you know the truth but don't act on it, what does that tell God?

*The Bible says that if we pay tithe, "God will open up the windows of heaven and we will not have room to receive it." Does that apply to us today or was that done away with?*

The New Testament says comparatively little about tithe. But it does not condemn tithing or cancel it. Tithing is a system that God employed to support the ministry of His Word. When the Jews neglected tithing in the Old Testament, the people backslid because the priests were unable to teach—they were back on the farm again! Tithing was an important way to supply their needs so they could circulate throughout Israel and teach God's will. The need is still there for ministers to be sustained by the tithe so that they can focus on teaching.

I'm a pastor, and I work all through the week—comforting the ill, praying with people, and preaching to the lost. If I had to work full-time at another job, I could not minister as I do. So God also designed this system for today. Christ mentions tithing just

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once in reference to how the hypocrites pay their tithe, but omit weightier matters of the law and love. He says, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Do not leave tithing undone—that's a pretty clear statement from Jesus (Matthew 23:23).

Paul adds, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn" (1 Timothy 5:18). And he appeals to the Old Testament laws in connection with tithing, even though he doesn't explicitly call it tithing. He says, "Those that preach the gospel should be sustained by the gospel." That was an Old Testament principle. He never says that tithing is nothing, as he says with circumcision (1 Corinthians 7). We're to assume that it's still intact.

I believe that God still opens up the windows of heaven. When I first came to Jesus, everything I owned fit in a backpack. When I started paying tithe, even on my meager income, the Lord blessed my family! He's blessed me for honoring Him. I've seen

countless miracles in the lives of people who claim those promises of tithing, and they're still available today. "Prove me now," says the Lord. Claim that promise, and He'll bless you.

*Because of a certain medical condition, if I get water above my head, I'll die instantly. What happens if I hadn't been baptized yet?*

The Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). This is pretty powerful evidence that we all need to be baptized. But let me assure you that there are going to be a lot of people in heaven who couldn't be baptized.

I have visited a number of people on their deathbeds. I saw a gentleman dying from AIDS who gave his heart to the Lord; we

prayed together. However, there was no way in the world he could go through a baptism. I've also visited people on death row. Some gave their lives to Jesus, but they couldn't get baptized because of the circumstances in prison. I believe that when Jesus was baptized, He was not baptized to wash away His own sins. I believe those individuals can claim the credit of Christ's baptism. Think about the thief on the cross; he wasn't baptized, but Jesus guaranteed he would be in heaven after the resurrection.

If a person wants to be baptized but isn't able to, it isn't an obstacle to their salvation. The Lord is merciful. There are people out there who have physical challenges that make it very hard to be baptized. However, I've also baptized people in my church with a whole variety of challenges—we've had people we've actually carried into the baptistry because they wanted so desperately to be baptized. The Lord will find a way if we just have faith. 

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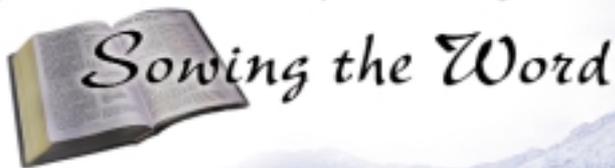
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BY

Anita Silvestri

## God Answers Prayers Through



### The Power of Prayer

We believe in answered prayer!

My husband, John, had knee-replacement surgery this past September. The surgery was a complete success—but a few days later, John's digestive system decided to go on strike.

It quit completely! He was a very sick man, and he felt miserable—physically and emotionally. And as you already know, it is very unusual to get him down! Specialists were called, and we believe God gave them His wisdom. It was his fifth day in the hospital, on the Sabbath, when several friends came by to have intercessory prayer for him. And many church families were also praying for his health.

The next morning, John felt like a new man when he woke up! And then just four days later, he was able to go home. Now the healing of his knee can really begin. We thank God for His kindness in extending John's life (Psalm 50:15).

John recently picked up "Freddie" (his pocket trumpet) the other day for the first time in several weeks, and it sounded good! He can still "Lift up the Trumpet" to the Lord!

### Sharing God's Goodness

We have had several Sowing the Word seminars that I want to share with you. In June, we had a great alumni assembly at the Southern Oregon Camp Meeting. The time flew by as our large group shared experiences and blessings together (Hebrews 10:24–25).

During July and August, we conducted a seminar at the Hazel Dell Church in Vancouver, Washington. One class member, Donna, secretly sent lessons each month to her daughter-in-law through their church's Bible School. As the months went by and Donna graded the lessons, she saw God's hand working in her daughter-in-law's life. Another class member, Eileen, plays gospel songs on the piano during lunchtime at work to demonstrate her love for Jesus. She's seen many tears as she plays those old familiar hymns (Psalm 40:3).



Also in August, we presented our seminar at a church in Albany, Oregon. We enjoyed Pastor Paul Cole as he came each evening; as a former Bible worker, he was very supportive of our work helping his church members. Here is one of his own recent amazing experiences: He was given the name of a lady who wanted him to visit—but he was so busy with his pastoral schedule, he was unable to visit her right away. Months went by, and one day as he, working with an intern, completed his to-do list and realized he was in the area where this lady lived. He soon found himself at her front door. When she answered the door, she told the pastor she had a speech prepared to send him away because he took so long to visit her. But trauma she experienced the evening before had changed her mind. She was out partying and her date turned violent, and she believed she almost lost her

life. As she prayed, she told God she would give her life over to Him and please send Pastor Paul by her house. God indeed answered her prayer! (Isaiah 65:24; Jeremiah 33:3).

Our series in Albany ended on my birthday—and Cheryl, a delightful lady we really began to love, gave us a delicious zucchini pie that evening. She didn't even know it was my birthday, but we really enjoyed the scrumptious present (Matthew 25:35).

Early September found us at the Gladstone Park Church in Vancouver, Washington. What a delightful class! Pastor Paul Johnson and Associate Pastor Ken Williams were present each evening with encouragement and praise on their lips. Two years ago, we were there teaching their members how to win souls. Though a class of only 15 members (a small but attentive and excited group), we know that several are already active soul winners! We all learned something new from each other. Here are some comments from our evaluation forms that we pass out after each seminar: "All sessions work toward my learning to do more"; "Never boring. Information flows"; "We sincerely appreciate you coming to our church to give us encouragement in the joys of soul winning!" (Proverbs 11:30).

Just a few days ago, Pastor Paul Johnson called and said many are giving Bible studies now and they are praying for a reaping meeting soon. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

### Finding Peace in a Troubled World

We will never forget the date September 11, 2001, when so many died in such a tragic way. Many of those who were lost perished in the line of duty. It brought back many memories of our youngest son, Gerald, a police officer who died more than a year ago. Let us remember at this time of earth's history, when "men's hearts are failing them for fear," that we can point them to Jesus and His wonderful Word (Luke 21:26). With Jesus, we can have peace (John 16:33; Ephesians 2:14).

We know that our God reigns! And soon we shall reign with Him in heaven! Keep looking up, for your redemption draws near. (Luke 21:27, 28). Very soon, we are going to see the King!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support, which makes all this possible. 



*Our friends at the Albany Church are anxious to begin sharing God's love after a successful Sowing the Word seminar.*



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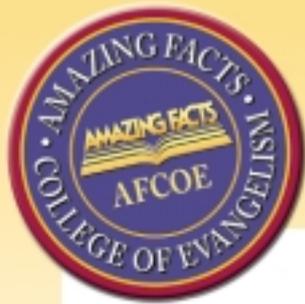
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