



bringing grace to life

# A WORD FROM CHARLIE

## was so appalled by the condition of the Burundi



pastors' Bibles, that I took pictures of them and showed them in this newsletter. When we return to Burundi this summer, we will give each pastor a new leather Bible in the Kirundi language (thanks to someone who responded to the need!).

What is impossible to catch in a photograph is the spiritual poverty of pastors and people who have had no or little theological training. Adding to the darkness is the absence of a coherent view of God's grace. My pastor friend who hosts our training says the churches of Burundi are living in the Old Testament and people are trying to work their way to heaven.

We will try to tackle spiritual needs in Burundi, Kenya, and Ghana on two different trips this summer. On both trips we will train pastors in our GraceLife Institute, as well as train women and children. We will also do evangelism in schools, households, and with government officials. Look inside for more information.

**Like a new Bible, grace gives a new start.** It removes fear and insecurity and replaces them with joy and confidence. Countless times in the USA and abroad I have seen that joy burst out in smiles, shouting, singing, and dancing. More than that, I have seen people find peace and share that peace. Yes, grace makes a difference!

I appreciate your prayers and support as I continue in the privilege of leading GraceLife and making known God's unfathomable and life-changing grace.



Until all hear,

*Charlie Bing*  
Charlie Bing

**P.S.** Stay in touch by joining Charlie's GraceLife Friends Group on Facebook!

### Grace Means Go!

- June 3 – Missionary Union Baptist Church, Chesapeake, OH
- June 10 – Living Vine Church, Charlotte, NC
- June 17 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- June 24 – New Braunfels Bible Church, TX
- July 6-20 – Ghana GraceLife Institute and team mission
- Aug. 9-19 – Burundi GraceLife Institute and team mission
- Aug. 20-24 – Kenya, Pastors' training and team mission
- Sep. 22-23 – Cornerstone Bible Church, Lubbock, TX
- Oct. 8-10 – Free Grace Alliance Conference, Irving, TX
- Nov. 2-4 – Communion Chapel, San Antonio, TX
- Nov. 10-11 – Lacy Bible Church, WA

### Grace Means Come!

**Free Grace Alliance Conference**

October 8-10  
Irving, TX

Visit [FreeGraceAlliance.com](http://FreeGraceAlliance.com) for more information.

*Making grace happen!*



# Up Close: Pray for the Africa Mission Teams!

## Ghana – July 6-20

**Mission:** Continue GraceLife Institute training for pastors and leaders. Teach women and do outreach in schools and communities to help plant a church in Accra.

**Host:** Fred Amoah Darko, Ambassadors for Christ International

**Locations:** Capital city of Accra, Inland city of Abetifi

**Team:** Charlie Bing, Roger Fankhauser, Carl Greene, Warren & Kayla Hudson, Amanda Sparks, Carly Wells

**Prayer:** For Pastor Cephus Tonugble's church plant to get a good start. Also, boldness for the team in evangelism.



## Burundi – August 9-19

**Mission:** Continue GraceLife Institute training for pastors and leaders. Teach women and children. Outreach in communities and among government officials. Distribute new Bibles.

**Host:** Anicet Ndikuriyo, Grace Bible Churches

**Locations:** Capital city of Bujumbura, Inland city of Karusi

**Team:** Charlie Bing, Richard Grubbs, Marvin Effa, Todd Mathis, Sara Stevenson, Tracy Hallak, Amy Effa.

**Prayer:** For an effective evangelistic dinner with government officials and God's protection on the road.

## Kenya – August 19-24

**Mission:** Begin GraceLife Institute training for pastors. Minister to widows, orphans, and blind students.

**Host:** Pastor Patrick Wekesa and Crossway International Ministries

**Locations:** Capital city of Nairobi

**Team:** Same as Burundi team

**Prayer:** For a fruitful time training pastors and sharing the gospel of grace in outreach.



## Keep in Touch!

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**\$75** – What it costs GraceLife to train one African pastor this summer. Thank you for your support and prayers!



# Ministry in Focus

Melrose Community Church,  
Roseburg, OR, Mar. 18 (right)



Shasta Bible College students,  
Redding, CA, Mar. 19-20 (below)



North Umpqua Bible Fellowship,  
Glide, OR, Mar. 25 (below)



East Swamp Church,  
Quakertown, PA, May 6 (below)



Washington Bible  
College President  
George Harton &  
Alumnus of the Year,  
Lanham, MD, May 12  
(right)



Greater Grace Church  
pastors, Vaasa, Finland,  
Apr. 2-9 (above)

## Encouraging Words

from FINLAND

Charlie,

*I want to reveal how thankful I am for you and your visitation in Vaasa. Our Church was so built up. Also our pastors were built up. They decided to send me to the Free Grace Alliance conference to represent Greater Grace Churches . . . I am looking forward to seeing you in Dallas in October. I am feeling very privileged. It is so precious to make friends with like-minded brothers.*

~ Pastor Tero Fredricksson, Finland ~



Dear Dr. Bing and Karen,

*Thank you so much for visiting Finland and ministering here in our Church in Jyväskylä . . . My wife and I feel that the Lord gave us not only good and clear teaching through you but also precious friendship with you. Looking forward to seeing you again.*

~ Pastor Risto Kraama, Finland ~



Other ministry not pictured:

Apr. 2-9, **Greater Grace Churches**, Vaasa & Jyväskylä, Finland

Apr. 29, **Victor Street Bible Chapel**, Dallas

May 7, **Greater Grace Worldwide Outreach Headquarters**

— Bible study and radio interview

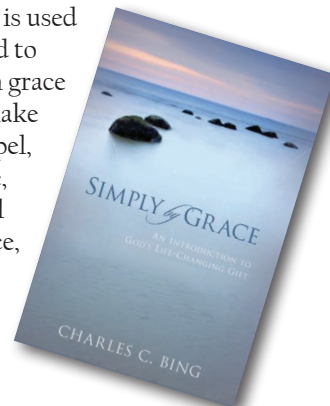
## Falling from Grace

According to "Answers from the Evidence Bible" on WayoftheMaster.com: "*With so many Scriptures speaking of the necessity of repentance for salvation, one can only suspect that those who preach salvation without repentance are strangers to repentance themselves, and thus strangers to true conversion.*" (Our apologies to the Apostle John, who's gospel was written to tell us how to have eternal life but never mentions repentance!)



## Stop the confusion!

*Simply by Grace* is used around the world to ground people in grace and help them make sense of the gospel, faith, repentance, salvation, eternal security, assurance, and more. Use it to lead a group or give them away!





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