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## A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Six months ago, I got a surprising and exciting email. It was from a woman named Jenny who was asking if she had contacted the Charlie Bing who did a sales call in her home with her and her parents 43 years ago (1978) when she was a teenager.

She went on to explain—or remind me—that as a result of that initial sales visit, her parents remembered my contact information and called me several months later to ask if I would visit her in the psychiatric ward of a hospital where she was because of depression and a suicide attempt. Besides the sales job, I had told them I was also a youth pastor and Bible college student. I agreed to visit her.

When I replied that she had found the right person, Jenny went on with her story. She recounted that on my first visit with her I started sharing the gospel. When I quoted the Bible, I remember how she interrupted and said, “Oh, I don’t believe that stuff; I don’t believe in God.” I remember saying, “Jenny, I don’t believe you don’t believe in God” and continued sharing the gospel. That much is a clear memory. She explained that I visited more times, but she was always rude to me.



In Oregon with GL’s webmaster, Rich Keller and wife, Shelly

Unbeknownst to me, Jenny believed in Christ in the hospital sometime after my last visit. In her words:

*After your visits and becoming a Christian, I became a different person that had hope for the first time since becoming depressed. I remember I couldn’t stop reading the Bible in my hospital room and I went to all of the chapel services. Charlie, I have never forgotten it and I am forever grateful. I have continued to be a Christian from that point forward and a short time later through some Christian counseling, no longer battled depression. I can’t thank you enough. I think about it a lot until I finally decided I was going to try to see if I can locate you. . . I remember when I had sessions with my psychiatrist in the hospital telling him how unhappy I was that you kept coming. I am forever grateful that you didn’t give up and endured my unkind spirit. I can’t believe I’m talking to you after all of these years. I tell people that I believe you were God’s angel sent to be in my life for that short period of time to open my heart to a relationship with God. There are no words to tell you how grateful I am Charlie. Who knows where I would have been if I continued in a downward spiral of depression? Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!*

Jenny said her parents came to know the Lord also. Well, you can imagine, that made my day, my year, and maybe my life! I wept with joy when I read her email 43 years later last December. We are keeping in touch.

But here’s what this story shows: 1) Sow the seed to everyone, 2) Always use Scripture, 3) Never give up on anyone, and 4) You may not hear about the results until 43 years from now!

GraceLife is sowing seeds through our preaching, teaching, website, literature resources, YouTube channel, and podcasts. Who knows where those seeds are landing and where they are taking root? I don’t think it will be another 43 years before I know.

I hope this encourages you to share the gospel and pray for people. By God’s grace, I’ll continue to do the same.

Until all hear,

*Charlie Bing*  
Charlie Bing

## INSIDE THIS EDITION

In the air again--GraceLife reboots!

See the latest GraceNotes about the meaning of the vice lists in 1 Corinthians 6, Galatians 5, and Ephesians 5.



## Grace Means Go!

- June/July - Chafer Theological Seminary, online
- June 19 - New Braunfels Bible Church, TX
- June 26 - Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- July 3 - St. Francis Protestant Fellowship, Fort Worth
- July 5-9 - Free Grace Alliance Regional, Ghana
- July 10-15 - Gracelife Institute, Ghana
- July 31 - Bayside Community Church, Tampa



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# UPCLOSE

GraceLife Institute is back!

Though the pandemic put a halt to in-person training in our GraceLife Institute, we are starting up again this summer. The purpose of GLI is to train pastors and church leaders to ground them in grace. We partner with a ministry in each country which hosts the training, keeps records, and follows up. We train in places where formal Bible teaching is not available, accessible, or affordable, especially teaching which is grace-oriented. We do not offer a full seminary load of courses, but primarily get the attendees grounded in a clear gospel of grace so that they understand what it means to be saved and secured by grace and can have full assurance of salvation. Some of the courses we teach are Grace and Romans, Bible Study Methods (using Galatians), Basic Bible Doctrines, The Christian Life, Old and New Testament Introductions, and Hebrews and James. We see fantastic results as attendees get saved, assured, and excited about the gospel and their ministries. They plead for more training and are faithful to attend when we return.



The training is led usually by three instructors who each teach one class for one week. That means three courses in a visit each year. After four years of faithful attendance, the pastors and leaders get a certificate. This means a lot to them.

**About the need in Ghana.** Though nominally a Christian country, Ghana, like many other places, suffers from a lack of Bible teaching and in-depth training. We partner with Ambassadors for Christ in Ghana led by Rev. Fred Amoah Darko who is also training pastors and leaders around the country. Though many have the right Bible verses memorized when it comes to salvation, not many preachers in Ghana understand the free and unconditional promise of salvation by grace through faith. Most churches will preach the necessity of works for salvation, which, of course, makes full assurance of salvation impossible. Prosperity preaching and an emphasis on miracles is also rampant although these are not biblical. The team also preaches in local churches as time allows.



**July mission.** This July we resume GLI training in-country with instructors Roger Fankhauser, Mark Haywood, Tim Hill, Ron Hoffman, and Charlie. They will teach both regular classes for 50 and a separate, smaller, advanced class for graduates. Training is July 8-15. Charlie will also team with Free Grace Alliance board member, Dr. Mark Haywood, and Ghanaian FGA member, Barimah Kofi Kyei-Asare Baffour, for an FGA conference July 5-7. Your prayers are needed for God's Provision, Protection, and Power on this mission.



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## Ministry in Focus



**March:** Online teaching for Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines; Speaking at Shasta Bible College in Redding, CA; Speaking for pastor Steve Hill, Grace Community Fellowship, Eugene, OR;  
**April:** Bear Creek Bible Church with pastor John Salvesen for an African Summit; Pinelands Community Church, Tuckerton, NJ, with pastor Jeff Seavey;  
**May:** A visit by Jonel Acedera from Word of Life Philippines with Roger Fankhauser.

## Encouraging Words

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DON'T JUDGE  
SOMEONE  
JUST BECAUSE  
THEY SIN  
DIFFERENTLY  
THAN YOU.

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From pastor Jeremy Edmondson, Grace Bible Church, Portage, WI, about their Wild Game Feed.

*Having Dr. Bing share the gospel of God's matchless grace at our wild game feed was such a huge blessing! He was really able to meet the men where they were and talk to them in a language that they easily understood. Not being a hunter, I could really appreciate this. As a result of his time with us, we had five men respond in faith to the gospel of Jesus Christ!*