

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Recently I had the opportunity to go fishing in Florida.

I had planned it for a free day later in my week, so earlier that week I drove down to the water to take a quick look around for good fishing spots. Florida is surrounded by *a lot* of water, but no signs said “Fish Here.” It all looked the same—miles and miles of water!

I decided I could never figure this out on my own, so I bit the bullet and hired a guide for my free day. Butch Rickey met me early in the morning and we launched our day in kayaks. At one of his favorite “spots” we anchored and he said “throw your lure right over there.” I caught a fish with my first cast! And it was non-stop action the rest of the day as we hit all his favorite spots, *which looked all the same to me*. The only way I could have fished that much water successfully was to have a guide who knew the way, and Butch has fished those waters since he was a boy.



Do you see some similarities here with biblical truth? How can an unbeliever ever know the true way without a guide? Every religion seems to boast a credible guide, but shouldn't we trust the only Guide who's been through death and knows the way back to life?

And when it comes to ministry, if you throw your net where your Guide tells you, get ready for a great catch. The Bible tells us He knows how and where to catch fish—and *men!*

I'm glad I trusted Jesus as the Way to eternal life when I was a young man. And now when I throw my ministry net where He tells me, it's always a great catch.

GraceLife is committed to telling others that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We are also committed to fishing where Jesus Christ tells us. He has taken us around the world and it has been great fishing! This newsletter will tell you where we've been and where we're going.

Where is Jesus telling you to cast your net?

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

Grace Means Go!

- March 17 – Burselon Bible Church, TX
- March 24 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- April 15-19 – New Tribes Bible Institute teaching, Jackson, MI
- April 20 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Corban University, Salem, OR
- April 21 – Melrose Community Church, Roseburg, OR
- April 28 – Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC
- May 5 – Stough Memorial Church, Pineville, NC
- May 18 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Tampa Community Church, Tampa FL
- June 22 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Charlotte, NC
- July 5-18 – GraceLife Institute training, Ghana
- August 9-22 – GraceLife Institute training, Burundi & Kenya

Overseas?

If you have been receiving this newsletter in another country, we will no longer send a paper version. Make sure we have your email address for a digital version. We want to keep in touch with you!

Up Close: GraceLife Institute Begins in India



GraceLife Institute in India March 1-9

Charlie, Dr. Roger Fankhauser (and Tom Van Wart; Burleson Bible Church, TX), and pastor Rodney Cripps (and wife, Sarah; Stough Memorial Church, NC) will train select pastors and leaders in Hyderabad in partnership with Crossworld Ministries International of India (Daniel Oswald). On this trip they will start the GraceLife Institute to ground and grow pastors and leaders in the grace perspective.

Then Back to Africa!

Ghana – July 5-19.

Mission: Teach GraceLife Institute courses to pastors and leaders, train evangelists, do church ministry and evangelism.

Team: Charlie Bing, Roger Fankhauser, Carl Greene, Ken Parlin

Burundi – August 9-23.

Mission: Teach GraceLife Institute courses to pastors and leaders, teach women and youth, evangelize and minister to the needs of the Batwa tribe. Have a second conference for Congolese and Rwandan pastors who will travel to us.

Team: Charlie Bing, Marvin Effa, Richard Grubbs, Sara Stevenson, Tracy Hallak, Amy Effa, Emily Fankhauser, Rachel Fogle, Rick Bartmas, Phil & Caitlin Ridlen.

Kenya – August 19-23.

Mission: Teach GraceLife Institute courses to pastors and leaders, teach women.

Team: Marvin Effa, Richard Grubbs, Amy Effa

These trips and training will cost GraceLife over \$40,000. You can help a church leader get grounded and grow in grace for just \$75 each. Mark your gift "GraceLife Institute." Thank you!



FREE GRACE ALLIANCE

...being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 3:24

Catch a Regional Free Grace Alliance Mini-Conference!

Great speakers will cover crucial issues about the difference grace makes in salvation and the Christian life. Get details and register at FreeGraceAlliance.com.

Salem, OR – April 20. Steve Hill (host), Dr. Ken Wilson, Dr. Gary Derickson, Dr. Charlie Bing

Tampa, FL – May 18. Dr. Yankee Arnold (host), Bob Tebow, Dr. Charlie Bing

Pineville, NC – June 22. Rodney Cripps (host), Dr. Norman Geisler, Donnie Preslar, Dr. Charlie Bing

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Ministry in Focus

Philippines, December 30-January 11

Word of Life Philippines hosted Charlie and GraceLife board member, pastor Phil Congdon (New Braunfels Bible Church, TX) to teach their annual staff conference and two courses at the WOL Bible Institute. It was a great time with eager students, many of whom understood the gospel and the Christian life in a new way.



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Richard A. Truman ► Charlie Bing
January 27 at 4:55 PM · Like

Hi Charlie: I just finished *Simply by Grace*. Thank you! It was excellent, and you were clear on the gospel, and I was greatly encouraged reading it! I'm an MK from Chile, and my Dad graduated from DTS. I'm looking forward to reading more of your writings. Jesus is coming soon!

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Charlie Bing
Thanks so much Richard! By God's grace! Blessings on you.
January 27 at 4:57 PM · Like

Matti Niemi
I just finished the same book in Finland! It is important and great message to all! Thank you God about Charlie Bing
January 26 at 2:26 PM · Like

Encouraging Words from the Philippines

Praise God that you came here in the Philippines and I met you personally. God has used you to change my view of what the gospel means. Simply believe for what Jesus Christ has done—amazing grace!



I am so guilty before God that I've been teaching and sharing a false gospel. Since God used you to present and share the great news clearly to us. Now I will teach this great news without guilt before God.

~ Jemuel Bernabe,
WOL Bible Institute student ~

It's a privilege to sit under the Galatians class of Dr. Charlie Bing. I am blessed that through this I can explain what the gospel is more clearly now. . . I pray that God would use me to reach more people. . . I

came to have a better understanding of God's rich grace and what it is for my life. I am saved by grace; I must also live by grace.



~ Dwight Moody Bernardo,
WOL Bible Institute student ~

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