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bringing grace to life

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

love springtime because it's the best season to fish.

Recently, I fished my favorite river with a friend and had a good morning. As we headed back downriver in our canoe, we passed the only people fishing that area, a husband and wife. The man asked how we did and we told him we did well. He asked what we caught them on and I showed him my simple, single-hook, 20¢ jig. I asked what he was using, and he held up his large, chrome-colored, \$6 lure with hooks dangling all over it. I thought to myself, this couple has hiked for 40 minutes way up here and they're not gonna catch much! I pulled out my box of jigs and tossed him a couple with my free advice: "Use these." We started back downriver and hadn't gone fifty yards when he yelled, "Hey! Got one on my first cast!"

I love to fish for men too, whether directly or by strategically training the pastors and leaders in other countries so that they can share the gospel clearly with their own people. These leaders work hard, but they don't have the right tools. They typically present a complicated or incorrect gospel that dangles conditions or works to earn eternal life. *That's not how to catch men!* When we teach them from the Bible that salvation is simply by grace through faith alone, they not only find new peace and freedom for themselves, but they testify that they return to their churches and communities to share the good news with everyone.

Through GraceLife, we have helped countless people in the U.S. and thousands of pastors and leaders in other countries fish for men with the right message (See page 2). Someday, we will see their catch! Meanwhile, I intend to continue helping others fish for men as long as the season is open. Thank you for your help in doing this.

And by the way, happy fishing to *you!*

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing
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FREE GRACE ALLIANCE

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

FGA Regional Conference, April 26, Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA

Free Salvation and Costly Discipleship

Speakers: Charlie Bing, Roger Fankhauser, Jack Lewis

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Grace Means Go!

- March 17-25 — New Tribes Mission Conference, Papua New Guinea
- April 10-12 — Mid-America Prophecy Conference, Tulsa, OK
- April 26 — Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA
- April 27 — Lacey Chapel Sunday Services, Lacey, WA
- April 30 — New Tribes Bible Institute, Waukesha, WI
- July 4-18 — GraceLife Institute Training, Ghana
- July 10-12 — Gulf Coast Bible Conference, Gulfport, MS
- August 8-22 — GraceLife Institute Training, Burundi

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Up Close: Fishing is Great in 2014



India — GraceLife Institute Training, February 1-7.

Charlie and a team of teachers from Stough Church in Pineville, NC (Pastor Rodney Cripps, John Hardin, Michael Stewart) trained select pastors and leaders in Hyderabad in partnership with Daniel Oswald of Crossworld Ministries International of India. Indian Pastor Samson said, “As soon as last year’s conference was over, I began to pray for this conference. What I learned last year I taught to at least 800 people during Christmas as I shared the gospel. God also gave me another opportunity to preach to 500 people and share this clear gospel message.”

Myanmar — Pastors’ Conference, February 8-12.

In Charlie’s first-time visit to this country, he met with a group of pastors for a conference to ground them in the grace message. They are insisting that he return and bring them more teaching. He also met with an editor for the Burmese translation of *Simply by Grace*, which should be published soon. Church leader Thawg Kham wrote: “Dr. Bing’s two-day conference encouraged me and made me clear about salvation by grace alone. Salvation is totally free but discipleship is costly.”



“Tomorrow is always the best day for fishing!”

These up-coming opportunities need your prayer and support:

Papua New Guinea — New Tribes Mission Staff Conference, March 25-30.

This is a first-time visit to PNG and an opportunity to strengthen these committed missionaries in this gospel-needy country. NTM is doing a great work spreading the gospel and planting churches and they really care about keeping the gospel free and clear. Expenses are mostly for travel costs, about \$3,500.

Ghana — GraceLife Institute & Evangelists Training, July 3-17.

Our team (Roger Fankhauser, Richard Grubbs, Ken Parlin, Tim Hill) will visit two cities to continue training pastors and evangelists. We will also graduate many of these pastors. These leaders take our teaching on the gospel and the Bible and share it enthusiastically in their churches and communities. These conferences will cost about \$10,000.

Burundi — GraceLife Institute Training, August 9-15.

In our first week, we will teach third-year courses to about 100 Burundian pastors and also minister to women and youth with our team (Charlie Bing, Richard Grubbs, Marvin Effa, Todd Mathis, Sara Stevenson, Tracy Hallak, Amy Effa, Jenny Wall). Our partner, Pastor Anicet Ndikuriyo, has planted over 50 grace-oriented churches. We train these pastors. Estimated cost is about \$19,000.

Democratic Republic of Congo & Rwanda — GraceLife Institute Training, August 18-20.

This conference will take place in our second week in Burundi as these pastors make the long trip across the border to attend. This is the most efficient way for us to reach them. They report a severe need for grace-oriented Bible teaching in their home countries. To train them will cost about \$9,000.



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Ministry in Focus



Please Pray . . .

- ... for these important U.S. conferences where Charlie is speaking about gospel issues: Mid-America Prophecy Conference in Tulsa, OK (April 10-12), Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference in Lacey, WA (April 26), Gulf Coast Bible Conference in Gulfport, MS (July 10-12).
- ... for the completion of translations of *Simply by Grace* into Burmese, Finnish, and Swedish, and the spread of our Spanish version.
- ... for completion of Charlie's new book on salvation and discipleship.

Keep in Touch!

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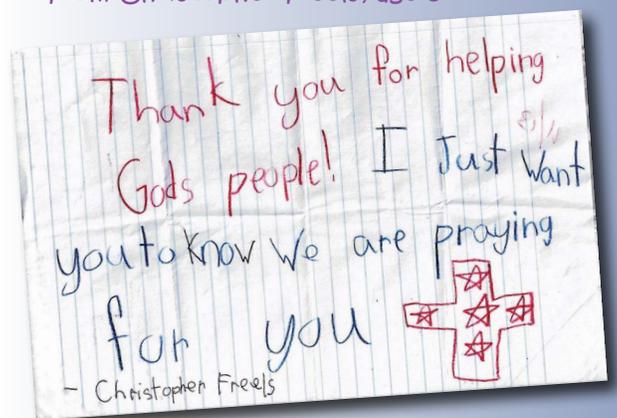
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Falling from Grace



Encouraging Words

from Christopher Freels, age 8:



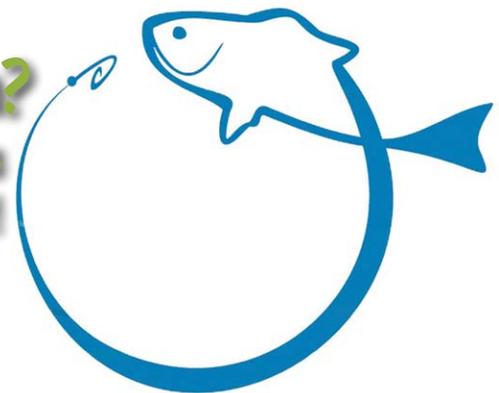


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