A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Another fruitful year is coming to a close and another New Year of blessing is on the way. It is an exciting time to be alive and to be involved in what God is doing around the world.

When I think of fruitfulness in 2019 it is like seeing a high-speed video of travel, GraceLife Institute training, graduating pastors and leaders, Bible Institute teaching, conference speaking, church preaching, gospel preaching, and literature resource writing, translating, and printing. It all kind of blurs together, especially when I am usually too busy planning the future to reflect on the past.

But as the year closes, I will be forced to list our accomplishments for my end-of-year donor letters and our annual board meeting in January. It is a task that blesses my heart.

Through all the activity, one thing remains at the center of this ministry: the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is why we do what we do.

Christmas and New Year is the perfect time to remind ourselves that in the midst of a chaotic world and maybe a chaotic life, there is a personal God who loves us infinitely, so much that He left the comfort of heaven, took on a body of flesh, voluntarily suffered the scorn and abuse of men, then gave His life on the cross—a divine price paid for the divine justice demanded by our sins. In His resurrection, Jesus conquered our enemy, death, and lives today to offer us eternal salvation in His presence. All He asks that we do is believe in Him for that free gift. There is no work, reformation, commitment, or self-improvement that can earn this salvation; it must be received as a free gift through faith. When we believe this, we can know for certain that we will be with the Lord when we die or when He returns.

God's Word in Ephesians 2:8-9 is written to believers as a reminder: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

This is the essence of our message to the world, and also our most sincere desire for you. Karen and I have been rejoicing in our salvation since our teenage years. We cannot imagine having lived without this knowledge of our secure eternity. Now our children have this relationship with God and are leading their children in the same way.

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support. Karen and I wish you the merriest Christmas in Christ and the happiest New Year walking in His blessings.

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

Contributions postmarked by December 31 are tax-deductible for 2019!



Grace Means Go!

January 3-16 - GraceLife Institute, Myanmar

February 1-16 - Word of Life Bible Institute and conference, Philippines

February 22-28 – GraceLife Institute, India

March 22 - Grace Life Church, Pineville, NC

March 29 – Faith Bible Church, Albuquerque

March 30-31 - IFCA Regional Meeting, Albuquerque



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DPCLOSEA Christmas Wish List

How you can be a blessing to others around the world through Grace Life's 2020 projects.

In January our team of GraceLife Institute instructors (Steve Hill, John Salvesen,

Rich Keller, Charlie) heads to Myanmar to train pastors in Yangon. At the same time, a group from Steve's church will build a boys dormitory for a children's home. Then John and Charlie will teach pastors in the north in a second conference. Needed: About \$8000 for pastors' and conference expenses.

Charlie teaches at the Word of Life Bible Institute in the Philippines in early February and will speak at a pastors' conference there also. He will give away over 130 books. Needed: About \$2500 for travel and book expenses.

GraceLife Institute Instructors John Hardin and Andy Stacy head to India in February to teach fifty pastors the grace message with our partner, Daniel Oswald of Crossworld Ministries, India.

Needed: About \$5000 for pastors' and conference expenses.

GraceLife's Scholarship Fund helps selected Burundian and other pastors who have graduated from GraceLife Institute get advanced formal training that will expand their ministry effectiveness. We have been able to get five Burundians discounted tuition, but the cost is still above what these pastors and workers are able to pay.

Needed for five students for 2020: About \$3300.

The translation of Charlie's book, *Grace, Salvation, and Discipleship*, has been completed in the Tidem Chin language which is a major language in Myanmar. When funds are available, we will print about 1000 books for the eagerly waiting pastors.

Needed: About \$3000 for printing costs.

FINANCIAL FACTS

God has been graciously providing for our general operating need. However, projects such as those listed above are funded with donations outside of our general budget. Undesignated gifts go toward the general budget, but those specifically designated for a special need are purposed for that project. We do not operate in debt and all donations are tax-deductible. We deeply appreciate every gift and try to be faithful stewards. In appreciation for regular giving, we'll send you one of Charlie's stories from his travels around the world every other month. You'll love them!



SIMPLY GRACE

CHARLES C. BING

Because many people enjoy giving Charlie's book, *Simply by Grace*, as a Christmas present, we have an amazing bulk price for 20 or more books until December 31. Just contact Julie@GraceLife.org for the special price. This special is available only at GraceLife.org, though the book is also available in print and Kindle versions on Amazon.com.



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(Left) October- With leadership at Free Grace Alliance National Conference, The Woodlands, TX (Right) November- With Andy Stacy and Roger Fankhauser at Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Olympia, WA (Below) GraceLife sponsored two training conferences for 60 people with Daniel Oswald in South India. (Not shown) November - With pastor Jeremy Mikkelsen at Lacey Bible Church, Lacey, WA



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Encouraging — Words

Your ministry has been a blessing for a number of years now. I have watched every video on youtube by Charlie Bing... the best Grace message ever... I really appreciate it and also your ministry in reaching the unsaved... thank you... - Helge E.

Thank you for writing "Londship Salvation: A Biblical Evaluation and Response". It has really helped me with what repentance means. Here in my church it is taught as turning away from all sin... After years of trying to surrender all and live sinless, I realized that it was not possible and finally gave up. Sometimes I go back to that far country, but I don't stay as long, and I always enjoy the Father welcoming me back. I know you probably get thanked a lot, but I really mean it from the bottom of my heart, thank you. - Todd G.

Thank you for your ministry! Through it, God is setting me free from years of doubt, fear, and confusion! - Michelle L.