Dear Friends,

The Bible teaches that we have already been blessed with every spiritual blessing. God has blessed us just because He loves us, no strings attached. But He also said, “Freely ye have received, freely give.” In other words, He has blessed us that we may experience the joy of being a blessing to others also.

Jamie and I are so thankful that you have joined hands with us to bless others. Millions have heard and millions more are waiting to hear the good news of God’s unconditional love and grace. And you are helping make it possible to reach them and affect their lives with your faithful support.

One of the best examples of what you are helping accomplish can be read on page 8 in a story called “Free Indeed.” There you will read about two of the greatest miracles of changed lives I have ever seen. If you feel like religion, or legalism, is holding you captive, this story is for you.

You are blessed,

Andrew and Jamie
LIVING IN THE BALANCE OF
Grace & Faith
The body of Christ as a whole is divided into two camps: those who emphasize the grace of God to the exclusion of faith and those who emphasize faith to the exclusion of grace. Emphasizing one without the other is like driving a car down a narrow road unaware there’s a ditch on each side. It doesn’t really matter which ditch you end up in; you still won’t reach your destination.

Ephesians 2:8 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith.” It’s the combination, or balance, of grace and faith that releases the power of God. By definition, the word grace means “unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor.” Therefore, the good news is, grace has nothing to do with you. Grace existed before you ever came to be. Another way of saying it is, grace is God’s part.

Faith is defined as being a positive response to what God has already provided by grace. In other words, faith is your positive response to God’s grace, or faith only appropriates what God has already provided for you by grace. Therefore, faith is your part. You must balance grace with faith to see the power of God operate in your life. If God has already provided something by grace, then you can respond in faith and receive that provision.

It’s important to understand that faith only appropriates what grace has provided. It can’t force God to do anything. Many wrongly believe that it can, because they misunderstand scriptures like Mark 11:23-24:

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

“What things soever ye desire” is the key. Desires must be in agreement with what God’s grace has provided and what His Word teaches. For example, you may desire to win the lottery, but God’s grace didn’t make
provision for gambling. He promised He would meet your needs according to His riches in glory, and He sealed the deal on the cross. However, the Word also says, “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 Thess. 3:10). God’s grace is always based on and in agreement with the Word.

Another misunderstood passage that leads people into error is found in Luke 11:5-9. It says,

“And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth."

This parable is often taught to encourage us to petition God again and again about our needs. In other words, we have to badger God, giving Him no rest until He finally gives us what we want. It’s the badgering that is being presented as an act of faith. But that is not what this parable is teaching.

This parable is not a comparison to God; it’s a contrast. Think of it this way: You, your spouse, and small children are on a dark road in the middle of the night, and your car has broken down. You call your best friend and ask for help. Would you expect your friend to say “Sorry, I’m too tired,” or do you think your friend would come help immediately? No real friend would leave you stranded.

This passage actually teaches just the opposite of the way it’s traditionally interpreted. It’s saying that if you expect that much mercy and kindness from a human being, then how much more should you expect God to answer your prayers. And that becomes even clearer when you read the verses that follow:

“And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”


How can we possibly think that the Almighty is less compassionate than a good friend or loving father? He loves us infinitely more than a friend or father ever could. We need to understand that God, by grace, has anticipated the needs of the entire human race as well as every one of ours individually. He anticipated every need you or I will ever have and provided for us in advance. We don’t have to beg God for anything. He wants to give more than we want to receive.

However, the fact that everything has already been provided does not guarantee you will receive it. You must have an appropriate response of faith when the bank account says you’re broke or the doctor says you’re going to die. You must rest and trust in what He has done. If you have the revelation that the need is already met—not just in general but for you specifically—it gives you confidence to receive. That’s faith.

There is nothing you can do to make God respond, because He already has. But you can’t be passive either—there’s a balance. This is an attitude that I think very few Christians have, because they have not understood that they were saved by grace through faith.

Some people are waiting passively on God to move, believing He is controlling everything, while others are trying to twist His arm, thinking their efforts in prayer and intercession will force Him to act. Either will put you in the ditch and you won’t receive. But grace does require a response of faith.

When you pray, speak to your body if it needs healing (1 Pet. 2:24), or speak to your circumstances if you are struggling financially (3 John 2). If the devil is tempting you with doubt and discouragement, then quote James 4:7, which says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” All of
this has been provided by grace, so you can speak with confidence and receive by faith, knowing that they are yours.

The key to resting in the grace of God and receiving what He has provided is faith (Heb. 4:2). The Bible says we have been given the measure of faith (Rom. 12:3), but we must learn to access it. Romans 10:17 says, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” And Jude 20 says, “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”

If you are struggling to receive what God has provided, then spend time in the Word and pray in tongues. As you do, you will be built up in the faith that God has already given you. You will be able to enter into the rest and receive all He has provided. It’s not reading the Word or praying that is causing God to act; it’s causing you to receive by faith.

There is so much more that needs to be said about the balance of grace and faith than what I can write in one article. I encourage you to get my book, Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith. It has just been released in paperback but is still available in hardback. Go to our website: www.awmi.net to order the book or to get it as an e-book for your Kindle or NOOK e-reader. You can also go there to get this teaching on CD or DVD, or download it free.

Grace and faith are often seen as opposing forces. Many who emphasize God’s grace believe that once you are saved, His blessings (healing, prosperity, etc.) are then distributed sovereignly as He wills. Many of those who emphasize faith believe that what you receive from God is up to you—your willingness to study the Word, pray and fast, attend church, and even pay your tithes all determine God’s blessing in your life. In this book, Andrew exposes many of the misconceptions that have led to these opposing views about grace and faith, and teaches how to receive from God by bringing them into balance.
Healing Journey
Imagine a world where you are completely controlled by those around you. A world where you cannot associate with neighbors, coworkers, or even family members if they do not belong to your church. A world without television, radio, newspapers, or outside influences of any kind. And, most devastating, a world where fear and the threat of divine punishment rule your every waking moment. For Virginia Croy and Caroline Yeager, this was their world.

Virginia and Caroline were born into a cultic church in Pennsylvania. For Virginia, whose father was one of the church’s pastors, and for Caroline, whose uncle oversaw all of the churches, the church’s doctrine was ingrained in them since they were babies. They knew no other way of life and never sought to imagine there was any other way.

“From the time we were kids,” explains Virginia, “we were constantly separated from everyone else and told that all other religions were wrong. We were taught that our church was the only one with the full truth, and therefore we were the only ones going to heaven.”

“I never questioned anything I was taught,” says Caroline. “I just wanted to please God and make sure I went to heaven.”

Virginia adds, “We were not allowed to listen to any viewpoints that opposed our pastors. This kept us from questioning anything and allowed the leaders to have total control. We weren’t even allowed to have our own Bible studies, because the leaders said it would bring confusion. We had to rely on our pastors to interpret the Bible for us.”

Rules, Rules, Rules

Being under the authority of such controlling leaders resulted in having plenty of rules to follow. Some of these rules were aimed at a person’s outward appearance. For women, this meant no jewelry or makeup, no pants or shorts, and no haircuts. Other rules were imposed in an effort to keep everyone’s trust in God and never in man. Making a mortgage payment to a bank or having any insurance, for example, was not allowed, because it indicated lack of fully trusting God.
It was also against church rules to go to the doctor or hospital—even for childbirth. This restriction cost both Virginia and Caroline the loss of family members or their babies while giving birth. Even if you got vaccinations or took medication of any kind, it meant you were defiling your body, which was sinful. “You couldn’t even drink tea with lemon if you had a sore throat or drink water if you had a cough. It would be considered idolatry because you are looking to something other than God to help you,” explains Caroline.

Even more damaging than the rules themselves was the threat imposed for breaking them: “Hell and the fear of Satan were always prevalent,” says Virginia. “We were taught that if you leave the church, you’ll go straight to hell. We also believed that if you got sick, it was because you did something wrong, and God was punishing you.”

“But at the same time, you’re always burdened, wondering if you were sinning if you tried to do anything to help heal yourself,” adds Caroline. “I always feared that something might happen to my kids if I did something wrong. It hung over my head all the time. I was constantly waiting for God to beat me down for disobeying the rules.”

“I read when I was young that Christ set you free, but I certainly wasn’t free,” continues Virginia. “The list of ‘don’ts’ was just way too long.”

For Virginia and Caroline, it would seem there was no way out of their bondage. Their quest to live perfect lives and please a God whom they were terrified of led to mental and emotional torment. But all the rules and constant pressure from the church, as well as their own husbands whom they also had to obey, were no match for God’s grace. In fact, He used the very restrictions placed upon them to start them on their path to freedom.

Virginia’s journey to grace came one day when her appendix burst. Obeying the rules of no doctors and no hospitals, Virginia remained at home and suffered the most excruciating pain of her life: “I was extremely sick with a high fever and a piercing, burning sensation inside my body. People from the church came over and propped me up on the couch. Then they took my kids from me because I was not able to care for them,” Virginia recalls.

Aside from her physical pain, she battled spiritual fear, believing that God had done this to her because of some sin she committed: “I couldn’t understand why God had made me sick. I thought I was doing everything possible to be a good Christian. I’d ask God every day, ‘Who are You and what do You want from me?’ I started to believe that maybe there really wasn’t a God after all.”

As Virginia sat, confined to her couch, she decided she may as well read her Bible. She was taught that the only reason to read your Bible for yourself was so bad things didn’t happen to you. She figured it couldn’t get much worse, so she pulled her Bible into her lap and began reading it as if for the very first time. But she discovered that all the years of false teaching had erected a wall between her and God’s Word. “I thought the devil was trying to deceive me, because I saw things in the Bible I’d never seen before. I immediately put the Bible down, feeling that I was opening myself up to sin.”

Virginia didn’t pick her Bible up for another three days. On that third day, she heard a voice deep in her heart. “I was asked, ‘Why aren’t you reading My Word?’ I asked back, ‘Who are you?’ The voice answered, ‘Read My Word.’ I responded that I couldn’t because I
knew the devil was trying to deceive me. But the voice said, ‘No, the devil doesn’t know My Word to deceive you, only to accuse you. Now, read My Word.’”

Virginia laid the Bible across her lap but was afraid to open it. Finally, she did and she couldn’t stop reading it: “Something absolutely exploded in my heart,” says Virginia. “I don’t know what happened. It was so strange and different. All I knew was that I couldn’t tell anyone, for fear they would think my high fever made me crazy.”

**Truth Revealed**

Caroline’s breakthrough came in a similar manner after a miscarriage forced her off her feet for an entire year. Looking back, Caroline sees this time as God’s opportunity to speak to her heart and break the confidence she had in her leaders: “We were always told that if you follow the rules, nothing can touch you. I found out that this wasn’t the case.” Despite Caroline’s record of impeccably following the rules, her daughter nearly died from sickness, and now Caroline had just lost a baby. She began to question in her heart all she was taught about God.

“God opened my eyes to the hypocrisy in the church and the many rules that made no sense at all.” One such rule was that while doctors weren’t allowed, dentists were. “I asked my father-in-law, whom I greatly respected, about going to the dentist. He said there are no scriptures about God healing teeth, so it would be okay to receive treatment from a dentist. That bothered me because I believed God could heal any part of my body.”

God allowed Caroline to start seeing her leaders as fallible humans and began to break the idolatry she had toward them: “I knew something wasn’t right,” says Caroline. “I decided they were either not hearing from God, or He wasn’t speaking to them anymore.” Either way, she was discovering that everything she had been taught was a lie, and she knew she had to get out of that church. “I didn’t know where to turn to get the truth. I asked God where to go and how I would know His voice.”

God answered her by leading her to His Word. “I had always struggled with reading the Bible because I never learned to read well. But this time, when I opened the Bible, it was like a pop-up book. Everything jumped out at me. With every verse, God was revealing Himself to me.”

**A Miraculous Discovery**

When Virginia began feeling better and had her children returned to her, she took them out one Saturday to shop at yard sales. She found a television marked “Free” because the owner said it was broken. She took it home—even though the church didn’t allow televisions—so her kids could watch children’s videos. But when she brought it home and plugged in the VCR, she discovered that the television worked perfectly. She also got another surprise.

“I always turned the VCR on first so I wouldn’t get the sound from the television,” she explains. “But one day, I turned the television on first. A man’s voice began filling my living room, and he was talking about God!” That man was Andrew Wommack.

“I knew I wasn’t supposed to listen to any other teachers, but something in my heart made me listen. I couldn’t get enough of what he was saying.” Virginia soon realized she was picking up the satellite feed of Gospel Truth from her neighbor’s satellite dish—even though she had no antennas. Oddly enough, no other programs would come on her television. The next day, Virginia began recording Gospel Truth programs over her kids’ videos. Then she hid them from her husband.
“Through Andrew’s teachings, I began learning about Jesus and the Holy Spirit,” Virginia says. “This was the first time I had ever heard about the Trinity. We were taught that the Holy Spirit was no more than your conscience, letting you know when you had done something wrong. And we were taught that Jesus had God-like power on earth, but it was blasphemy to say He was God.”

Because Virginia had no money to buy blank tapes to keep recording Andrew’s programs, she took advantage of his free CD offers. Through these, she began filling her heart with the truth of God’s grace and unconditional love for her.

The Devil Fights Back

The more Virginia listened to Andrew’s teachings, the more excited about Jesus she became—and the more she talked about Him to her husband. “My husband became verbally abusive and threatened to take our kids away if I ever spoke the name of Jesus again. So, I kept quiet and kept attending church even though I knew their teachings were wrong.” But after a couple of outbursts during church services to correct the pastor, Virginia was forbidden to go back to church until she changed her attitude.

That wasn’t a problem for her, but she didn’t want her kids sitting under that teaching any longer. She was especially concerned about her son, who had a knack for remembering every detail of what he learned at church. “I asked God to not let the kids remember anything they heard at church,” says Virginia. “After I prayed that way, my son came home from church and asked to go to the store to get a notepad and a pencil. When I asked him why, he said he couldn’t remember anything he heard. Holding his head, he said that something happened, and he just couldn’t remember anything. I knew then that I could totally trust God to protect my children.”

Virginia finally stopped attending the church altogether and began going to a different church after two years. “It was at this point that all my church friends and extended family completely cut me off. They felt I was listening to false doctrine, and they always warn their members to stay away from anyone who teaches that Jesus is God.” One of those friends was Caroline.

Caroline’s Turn

Virginia and Caroline had been friends for many years when they both lived in Philadelphia. Even after they moved away from each other, their friendship remained, mainly due to the common thread they shared in the church. But when Virginia left the church, Caroline no longer wanted her as a friend.

As Virginia embarked on her new relationship with God, Caroline was about to have her own encounter with the Jesus she never knew. “I went to visit my brother who had left the church several years ago, even though I wasn’t allowed to have any contact with him. Before I headed home, he handed me a CD Bible story about Ruth. I had to listen to it in secret, but I listened to it all day, over and over. It taught how the story of Ruth revealed Jesus, which was totally new to me because we never learned any connection between the Old Testament and Jesus.”

Caroline was so taken by the teaching, she mustered up the courage to share it with her husband. She knew she was taking a risk because if he listened to anyone’s teaching besides the church leaders, he’d be removed from all of his positions. But he did listen and even found the teaching interesting. He told Caroline, however, that he didn’t like the preacher, because he was too loud and dramatic.

Caroline relayed this message to her brother, who happened to be good friends with Virginia. “Virginia suggested that I listen to Andrew because he’s low-key, and she thought my husband might like him,” explains Caroline. “My brother gave me an entire bag of Andrew’s CDs and told me I could access his teachings online.” Her husband still wasn’t ready to listen to other preachers, so Caroline waited until he left for work and spent her days listening to Andrew online.
“I was absolutely shocked to discover that everything I had been taught was wrong. God used Andrew to unveil these lies and lead me to the truth. One truth that was very important to me was that Jesus could and would heal.

“I felt like a broken vessel, and God put all the pieces together. I was so hungry for God’s Word, and He satisfied me through Andrew’s ministry of free CDs and his teachings online.”

**Virginia and Caroline Reconciled**

At the same time that God was moving in the two women’s lives separately, He was also working on a plan to restore their friendship. Caroline recalls how it came together: “Once when I visited my brother, I called Virginia to reconnect with her. I told her how he had given me Andrew’s CDs and how much I was learning from them. Virginia mentioned that she was going to be seeing Andrew in North Carolina at a Gospel Truth Seminar. I said I would love to go but didn’t have the money to get there.”

Meanwhile, God had also been working on their husbands’ hearts. Virginia’s husband had bought Christian books for her for their anniversary and then paid for a surprise trip to North Carolina so she could see Andrew. He still wasn’t a Christian himself, but he so liked the changes he saw in his wife, he wanted to encourage her in her new faith. In addition to all that, he even offered to pay Caroline’s way to the conference!

Virginia called Caroline to tell her of her husband’s offer. “I was absolutely thrilled,” says Caroline. “I so wanted to meet Andrew and tell him how his teachings changed my life.” But first, Caroline had to clear it with her husband. “I knew God had been working on his heart, but he was still in the church, so I was afraid to even ask him.” To Caroline’s surprise, he was actually okay with her going. His biggest concern was what to tell his father, who was the pastor, when she didn’t show up in church.

Caroline got her wish and was able to attend the Gospel Truth Seminar and meet with the man she credits with changing her life. She and Virginia have reconciled, this time as friends in Christ. As they shared their stories with one another, they saw how God carried them along two different paths of healing, but the end result was the same—true freedom in Jesus.

That freedom has extended beyond Virginia and Caroline to their families. Both husbands and all of their children are now saved and serving God. They each still have extended family members who are part of their former church, but they are confident that God’s long arm of grace will one day reach them as well.

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“I believe that discipleship is God’s plan for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I believe that Uganda is positioned to cause great revival throughout the world. Charis Bible College of Uganda is going to effect a change in this nation that will flow like rivers of living water into the surrounding nations of East Africa.”

— Leland Shores

In February of 2005, Leland heard the Lord say, “I am preparing you to go to Africa.” Nine months later, he was living in Uganda, following a specific call and direction from the Lord to make disciples. The Lord had taken this successful businessman from the fast-paced, glamorous life of Dallas, Texas, to the obscure, remote villages of Uganda.

Leland’s journey began four years earlier when he nearly choked to death on a roast beef sandwich. As he lay dying, alone on the floor of a hotel convention center in Dallas, it all became so clear. He realized that his life of rampant materialism amounted to nothing. Miraculously, he recovered, but in that moment, he made the decision to change his life. He would dispose of his possessions and dedicate the rest of his life in service to God.

Leland’s mother had been watching the Gospel Truth on television. When she heard of his plans, she suggested he check out Charis Bible College. And that’s how he came to us in 2002. As a student, he listened for two years as Andrew and other teachers spoke about the unconditional love and grace of God. He was gradually being prepared by the Lord for the call that would soon come.

All second-year students are required to take part in a missions trip somewhere in the world. Leland’s trip took him to Uganda, where the seeds for a future call of God were planted in his heart. Perhaps it was on this trip that he first understood what Andrew was talking about when he said God has called us to make disciples, not converts.

After graduation, Leland worked in the Andrew Wommack Ministries (AWM) Television Department for a year before receiving the all-consuming call to return to Uganda. From that day forward, he never looked back. By the winter of 2005, he was living in Uganda and ministering to the people he would come to know as his brothers and sisters in Christ. He later said, “Uganda is my home. I intend to live out my life serving the wonderful people of this country.”

Leland began his work by teaching the Discipleship Evangelism program developed by Andrew Wommack and Don Krow. Every week, he would travel over pothole-riddled roads, sometimes by leaky boats, and often on foot to distant towns and villages, teaching pastors lessons from the Discipleship Evangelism course. They, in turn, would return to their villages and teach that message to their small congregations.

By the end of the second year, he was teaching hundreds of pastors on a weekly basis who were reaching
tens of thousands throughout the nation. Today third-
and-fourth-generation disciples are reaching hundreds
of thousands in Uganda. Discipleship was the method
the Lord directed His disciples to use in teaching the
Gospel to the known world at that time, and Leland
was applying that same method in Uganda.

In time, Leland knew he would have to centralize
the ministry and chose to do so in Kampala. There
he opened the doors of the AWM bookstore on the
busiest street corner of the city in 2009. People were
free to browse and read, but they were always greeted
by a friendly face, a person prepared to lead them to
Jesus or tell them more about the good news. Leland
launched Charis Bible College of Uganda in February
2010 with over 80 students, and in 2011, over 130
were in attendance.

In the midst of all these responsibilities, Leland
coordinated Gospel Truth Seminars, pastor events,
introductions to national officials, and trips to the outlying
villages with Andrew and his team from America.
Leland’s heart was linked to the people of Uganda
in an even deeper way when he married Carole, the
daughter of a prominent family from Entebbe. Together,
they planned to forge a great work in East Africa. But
who could have foreseen that he would finish his course
on June 23, 2011?

Nearing total exhaustion, he checked into a hospital
on Monday, June 21, 2011. Diagnosed with pneumonia,
he was placed in intensive care and ordered to take two
weeks of total rest. On Thursday of the same week, his
vital organs simply shut down, and he went home to be
with Jesus.

He leaves behind his lovely wife, Carole, and her
family; his mother, Drena; his father, Leland Shores, Jr.;
his younger brother, Buddy John; his sister, Gaytha; the
student body of Charis Bible College-Uganda; a host of
African pastors tutored in the Discipleship Evangelism
course…and countless changed lives.

Leland accomplished more for the kingdom of
God in that short time than most ever do in a lifetime.
His wife, Carole, and many others are determined to
carry on with the work he began just six short years ago.
The deposit of his life in the hearts and minds of the
Ugandan people will yield a harvest for years to come.

This story is just beginning…

Dear Friends,

Jamie and I are saddened by the loss of our friend and
co-laborer in the Gospel, Leland Shores. But what the Enemy
meant for evil, God will use for good. We are more determined
than ever to reach the people of Uganda and East Africa. The
good work that Leland began will not fade but continue to grow
and become a tribute to his sacrifice and selflessness.

Many other graduates of Charis Bible College are
serving around the world with the same kind of commitment,
determination, and sacrifice that Leland so obviously
demonstrated in Uganda. They are the true heroes of our day.
They lay their lives on the line every day so that others might
know the goodness of God. How can we do any less! If you
would like to help us continue the work in Uganda and other
parts of the world, then I encourage you to become a World
Outreach Partner.

We love you,
Andrew and Jamie
Leland Shores, the former director of Andrew Wommack Ministries (AWM) of Uganda, went home to be with Jesus on June 23, 2011. The impact Leland had on that nation will be felt for generations to come. God used Leland in a mighty way to open the doors to that nation, and we must now continue to expand the work that he began.

Moreso than ever, Andrew is determined to reach the people of Uganda and the surrounding nations. With that mandate in our hearts, it is our privilege to introduce the newest member of our ministry team there.

Reverend Gary Everett received his Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1992, and he is currently pursuing his Doctor of Divinity degree at this same seminary. He has taught in Bible college for ten years and served as a pastor for five. He has served as the station manager of Lighthouse Television in Kampala, Uganda, for thirteen years. The station is owned by Calvary Cathedral International in Ft.Worth, Texas, and the chairman of the board and president of Lighthouse Television is Dr. Bob Nichols. Pastor Bob also serves on the board of AWM. Gary was a founding member of the AWM-Uganda board and assisted us in the development of the ministry in Uganda upon Leland’s arrival in 2006.

On August 1, 2011, Gary began serving as the director of both Lighthouse Television and AWM-Uganda. He has assumed full responsibility for all AWM outreach to Uganda, which includes the Gospel Truth television program, the bookstore, and the administrative duties of Charis Bible College (CBC) of Uganda.

Gary has been married to his wife, Menchu, since 1996. They have three children who were all born and raised in Uganda.

A new administrator for CBC-Uganda has not yet been selected, but the process is underway. Dean Crooks, a graduate of CBC-Colorado Springs, and his wife, Linda, are serving temporarily in that capacity.

— Wendell Parr, Director of AWM World Outreach
Everything about distance learning at Charis Bible College (CBC) has changed. If you have a computer and internet connection, CBC will come to you wherever you are, 24/7 (first-year curriculum only).

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On special visitation days, students will be exposed to the inner workings of local ministries. These experiences will provide a valuable opportunity to meet knowledgeable staff and learn the intricacies of these ministries that are not accessible to the general public.

Workshops Offered by Special Guests Throughout the Year May Include:
- How to Start a Home Church
- Rural Church Ministry
- Website Building
- Newsletter Writing
- Fundraising
- Wise Investment Strategies
- Developing a Partnership Between the Marketplace and the Church
- Using Your Business as a Platform to Advance the Kingdom

Courses Include:
- Do Business God’s Way
- Start a Business from Scratch
- Write a Comprehensive Business Plan
- Set Up a Corporation
- Become a Leader Worth Following
- And more...

Third Trimester Lab
Students will have the opportunity to put their knowledge and skills into action during the third trimester lab. Participants will be divided into teams, develop a business concept, write a business plan, and then prepare a presentation to be given before a mock board.

Powerful Workshops:
- Wise Investment Strategies
- Developing a Partnership Between the Marketplace and the Church
- Using Your Business as a Platform to Advance the Kingdom

School of Business Students Will Gain a Thorough Understanding of:
- The Economy
- Information Systems and Technology
- Financial Stewardship
- Strategic Marketing Concepts
Bible College Training Program

(3 Available)

Ministry, the third-year program is for you! Called to the “five-fold” ministry.

The Curriculum:

- Biblical Foundations to Worship
- Music Theory and Ear Training
- Songwriting for Worship
- Worship Leadership
- How to Develop a Great Worship Team
- Private Voice Instruction
- Private Keyboard or Private Guitar Instruction
- Technical Training
- Mentoring and Life Coaching

Video

Ministers come to life when documented in video. From big-screen projection to web videos to worldwide broadcast television, you experience all audiences worldwide.

Workshops Include:

**Branding & Graphic Design**
Through marketing skills, learn how to build concepts that will push a ministry to the forefront, causing it to stand out from the crowd.

**Print Media**
Build exciting newsletters, fundraising letters, brochures, and PowerPoint presentations. Learn to shoot photographs that turn heads and tell a story, drawing readers into ministry material from cover to cover!

**Website**
Learn what it takes to build attractive, up-to-date websites that effectively communicate your vision and mission, turning visitors into supporters.

**And More**
Students also learn what it takes to set up A/V for live events, run a media business and deal with clients, graciously work on a team with other media ministers, and much, much more.
I am not sure where to start. I attended a non-denominational church for ten years. I thought I was free from religion. I heard many good teachings from that pastor, but one day, he started preaching that God controlled or allowed everything that happened. I understood what he was saying, but in my spirit, I knew something wasn’t right. That is when I heard Andrew on the radio teach his series “The True Nature of God.” He said the exact opposite of what I was hearing in church. It bore witness in me that this was right. I ordered the teaching and went to my pastor to see if he could help me find a balance between these two teachings. He basically said I needed to leave. So, I started spending many hours per day listening and learning. When I changed the way I believed, my whole world changed. I saw people healed right before my eyes. I started teaching about grace and faith in a different church, and they kicked me out too. So, I went and taught your series “Spirit, Soul & Body” in the jail and in a men’s group home. That was awesome.

C. W.  Fort Worth, TX

I have been a Christian for thirteen years but have struggled receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I recently was at a church service where you, Andrew, preached. My husband and I came for the Holy Spirit. We were prayed for and called “The New You & The Holy Spirit,” the benefits of being filled with the Holy Spirit. I received my prayer language! I really praise God and am so excited to start this new part of my life with the Lord. Thank you, Andrew, for helping me.

B. C.  WY

I wrote a few weeks ago to your ministry, requesting prayer for my Aunt Jenette’s healing. I would like to thank you for your prayers and believing with us that God truly is mighty to save. Just this Saturday, we received a text message from my aunt after she had gone to the doctor for one final surgery to remove the remaining lymph nodes on her breast. When she was diagnosed with cancer a few weeks ago, there were twenty-four lymph nodes on her breast that were found to be cancerous, and this type of breast cancer was aggressive. When my aunt texted us last Saturday, she told us that the doctors could not believe what they saw: None of the lymph nodes were cancerous! God healed my aunt of cancer. My entire family would like to express our warm gratitude for your prayers and messages of hope and grace that kept us believing that our God is a good God and that He withholds nothing good from His children. We are so blessed listening to your messages and are continuously praying that God would increase you, your family, and ministry in ways you have not yet imagined. May God bless you always! Grace and peace be multiplied to you and your family! Praise Christ Jesus!

R. J. B.  Taguig City, Philippines

I have been connected with your ministry for many years. I am truly thankful for you and your ministry for many years. I am writing with a praise report. I called your Helpline for prayer, and the prayer minister that prayed with me stood in agreement with me that I would receive the job I had been praying for. I received it far sooner than expected. Glory to God! After six months of being unemployed, I have received that job and am so excited to start this new part of my life with the Lord. Thank you, Andrew, for helping me.

J. S.  Bennettsville, SC
My wife and I live and work in a small town called George, which is on the southern tip of South Africa. I would just like to thank you for making your MP3 recordings free for downloading. Let me tell you why.

A few days ago, a friend from church brought us a CD with an MP3 on it with some of your teachings. We have listened to it in our shop while we work. My wife and I and our staff have been hungry for more. It was to my amazement when I found on your website that we could download more teachings for free! What a blessing! Just to give you an idea on how you are blessing us, I would like to tell you about our staff’s backgrounds. There is a single mother living with tuberculosis and battles to stay healthy. She lives in a wooden shack. We have another single mother who has problems with her teenage children and lost her job because of them. And finally, we have a married woman who left Zimbabwe with her husband with only the clothes on their backs! If we had to buy your teachings, none of us would have been able to hear them.

Since the first teaching that we heard a couple of days ago, we have been blessed. People have brought us food and given us money so that we could buy food and pay accounts. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

B. W. South Africa

I just wanted to write again to thank you for your teaching ministry. My cousin’s wife, Judy, introduced me to your ministry a few years ago, and the three of us (my cousin, his wife, and myself) have been studying the Word together in a new way ever since.

Last night, we were able to pray for my cousin’s newborn grandson. The doctor’s report was that he had one, possibly two, holes in his lungs, and he could go either way. Judy prayed for the baby and then called me. I prayed in agreement with her, and we saw the baby totally healed. The doctors are scratching their heads, trying to explain it away, but we know that healing was provided in the Atonement, and we reached out in faith and claimed that healing for that little boy. What Satan meant for evil, God is using for good! Hallelujah!

Today Judy told me that the doctors tried to put a breathing tube in, but the baby fought it and wouldn’t let them. I joked that at even a few hours old, he knew how to act on his faith, that he was already healed and didn’t need a breathing tube! He is out of the PICU, and we are praising God that His Word is true today. As Jesus is, so are we in this world! Amen!

Thank you, Andrew, for teaching us these things. There are at least two people alive in my family today because of it. Also, to Jamie and all the AWM staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and may God continue to pour out His blessings on your ministry.

L. J. Seattle, WA
On July 28, via live-streaming video on the internet, I broadcasted a special message about the status of The Sanctuary in Woodland Park, Colorado. That, as most of you know, is the future home of Charis Bible College (CBC) of Colorado Springs. To view that message, go to www.awmi.net/july2011_special.

In that broadcast, I said I had a decision to make and needed your help to make it. The reason I need your help is because in the spring of 2012, on March 23—the anniversary of the miraculous encounter I had with the Lord in 1968—we will be breaking ground for the new facility.

Thanks to all those who have already given, the infrastructure work is completely funded, and we will begin that stage immediately after the groundbreaking. It includes excavation and grading, roads, sewer and water, electrical, and communication and phone lines.

The decision I must make is whether to build the entire facility immediately or in stages, once the infrastructure is in place. And that will be determined by the commitment of friends and partners over the next several months.

If you have helped with this in the past or plan to help in the future, I believe it is important that you know how I feel and think about this huge project.

First, I know that God has led me to build this new facility. But for me, it is not about brick and mortar. My focus is on fulfilling 2 Timothy 2:2, which says, “And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

Second, I want you to know that I will not place this ministry at risk by going into debt, nor will I compromise my integrity or my ministry focus to raise money. The Lord has made it clear that I am to build debt free and that He called me to teach the Gospel truth first. I will not waver from that calling. However, He has also put a vision in my heart for this facility. But because it’s His idea, He is responsible for providing the resources.

I am also not concerned about my legacy or building an institution where I will be remembered long after I have left this earth. My heart’s desire is to teach the message of God’s unconditional love and grace to as many faithful men and women as possible. The Lord has shown me that the best way to do that is through Charis Bible College.

The Gospel Truth program is affecting millions of people around the world. For many, it may be their only exposure to this message. But long term, it’s the
people we train who will take the message to the world. What they need to learn to be able to communicate this message effectively cannot be taught through a daily thirty-minute television program.

At CBC, students are immersed in the Word of God for four hours a day, and they are being taught by some of the best Bible teachers in the world. In fact, one of the things that really blesses me is when I learn that a student’s favorite teacher isn’t me. God has used me to launch this college, but I am far from the only voice that students hear at CBC. God has brought together a tremendous team of experienced ministers and teachers to impart the truth of the Gospel into their lives.

CBC is experiencing rapid growth every year, and all indications are that this will continue exponentially. The necessity to plan for more space to facilitate an ever-growing student body became obvious to me almost as quickly as we completed our current building. So, I have been seeking God for years about how we should handle what He is bringing to pass.

That asking and seeking culminated with the purchase of a 157-acre property in Woodland Park, Colorado, only fifteen minutes west of Colorado Springs. Since then, building and engineering plans have been completed, and the city and county permit processes are nearly finished. When the project is finally completed, we will have a facility large enough to accommodate a student body of over 3,000.

Think about this: When the college is at full capacity, nearly 1,000 students will graduate each year with this message implanted deep in their hearts. They will leave the classroom ready to affect the lives of thousands around the world. And that’s just from the campus in Colorado Springs. Currently we have eighteen other smaller campuses, with more soon to open. And in addition to that, we offer correspondence courses and, most recently, an online school. Altogether, we now serve over 2,000 students.

I think you can see that this is about more than brick and mortar. Yet we must build to facilitate the students the Lord is bringing to our main campus in Colorado Springs. So, I ask you, please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do to help make this campus a reality.

One of the best ways to help is to become a Foundation Builder partner. That is a person who has committed to a regular monthly gift until the project is complete. Although all the gifts are important, knowing how many committed Foundation Builders we have helps me most in making the decision I must make. If you would like to become a partner, go to our website: www.awmi.net or call our Helpline: 719-635-1111.
To kick off Europe’s summer in early June, Andrew and Jamie and some of their staff traveled by train and plane throughout the region, bringing God’s grace to a land steeped in tradition and religion.

On the Road with Andrew

EUROPE – MAY

This year, Andrew and Jamie brought along their granddaughter Rhainon, David and Gayle Hardesty, and myself (Media Manager, Stephen Bransford) on another whirlwind European tour to share God’s message in as many places as possible. We began at Stoneleigh Park, England, where Andrew taught “The Power of Words” during the Grace and Faith Family Camp.

It was astounding to me that an entire year has gone by since our last Grace and Faith Family Camp in Stoneleigh Park, England. Our European director, Will Graham, and his staff, along with Charis Bible College (CBC) helpers, put together another top-notch event. Andrew and Jamie continued to express much gratitude for the
last year about the healing of her sons, Timothy and Jamie, from autism. Deborah shared her incredible testimony with me for an upcoming Healing Journeys DVD. With Deborah’s children as living proof of God’s power to heal autism, many other mothers have come to our meetings this week believing that the God who is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11) will heal their own children from autism as well.

On Sunday, Andrew spent a lot of time with the children at what’s known as the “Messy Church.” Sunday is the day when Andrew made his annual visit to Messy Church—a special area where the small children of the Grace and Faith Family Camp are entertained and ministered to by a dedicated group of Charis Bible College students. Andrew is always warmly received by these youngsters as he takes time to pray with them and minister to them however the Lord leads.

On the other side of the spectrum is the Youth Zone. Believe me when I say that the minute Andrew walked into the youth service, he knew he was in trouble! It was too dark, and decorated with a hodgepodge of party lunacy. The music was pounding with way more...
bass than his seasoned ears prefer. And then there was the young man with spiky hair who came rushing up to him with a clipboard and a plan for him to be on the receiving end of some good-natured teasing. Welcome to the Youth Zone!

It was all in good fun, but you could tell that Andrew was going to be taken places he had never been before—such as painting the spiky-haired guy’s face blindfolded, then riding piggyback on said spiky-haired guy. Or competing with David Hardesty to see who could quote the most scriptures with marshmallows in their mouths! Such silliness allowed the teens to feel like they had brought Andrew onto their turf.

But after the silliness, things turned serious as Andrew fielded questions from the youth on how to stand up to the persecution they were suffering from their peers. Andrew shared several stories from his life, including his time in military boot camp in the 1960s, where he was made a laughingstock by a pimp (a fellow soldier) who later inexplicably protected him during a race riot.

As the Grace and Faith Family Camp came to a close, we learned that 1,500 people had attended. Another peak crowd of more than 4,000 had followed on the live internet stream. Once again, lives were changed, and stories of God’s transforming power
were begun. Next year, the event moves to the Telford Convention Centre. Surely this location will evoke a proper solemnity to the Family Camp, and there will not be a repeat of the Youth Zone insanity (but I wouldn’t rule anything out).

Moving on from Stoneleigh Park, our next stop was CBC-Amsterdam. After only one year as the director of Holland’s extension school, Mark Becking has transformed his school into one of the most successful Charis Bible Colleges in the extension school system. He has supervised 20,000 hours of translations of first-year curriculum, recruited ninety full- and part-time students, and is now facing a projected enrollment that will push him beyond the walls of his current facility for next year.

Only a few short years ago, Mark was a successful psychologist who specialized in training leaders in Holland. After immersing himself in Andrew’s teaching, his life radically changed. As happens to so many, he felt a need to attend CBC for a complete baptism in the grace-and-faith teaching. He took a huge risk in putting his practice on hold and moving his family to Walsall, England. By the time he graduated, his leadership skills were well noted, and he was asked if he would return to Holland to start an extension school.

It was a daunting idea. There was no facility, no translated teaching materials, no student body, and no way to support his family while leading a school. A series of miracles and provisions accompanied his efforts, including a businessman who offered to pay his salary so he wouldn’t have to return to his private practice.

While at CBC-Amsterdam, Andrew held a special meeting with the student body that was still on campus over the summer months. Andrew, David, and Wendell Parr were extremely impressed with the students’ dedication and focus on the nearly-too-good-to-be-true Gospel: “I think the quality of the leader is reflected in the quality of these students,” Andrew concluded. “Mark Becking is bearing very good fruit.”

Andrew also conducted a series of meetings while in Holland. Heading into the meetings, we had wondered how the Dutch might respond to Andrew’s teachings on relying on God’s grace. There’s an old saying: “God created the earth, but the Dutch created Holland.” This idea contains a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing that Dutch engineers have learned to harness and control water so well, but it can also lead to the kind of pride that elevates human achievement to the status reserved only for God, and that kind of self-sufficiency is a spiritual curse.

Indeed, we noticed that Holland appeared more industrious and prosperous than its neighbors. So, we wondered how the message of dependency upon God—the ingredient for activating God’s life within us—would be received among these assiduous folks.
Our meetings answered the question. The power of the Gospel operating by the Spirit changes hearts, whether in America, the U.K., China, Africa, or Holland. Our crowds had already embraced Andrew’s teaching through television and books, and they came ready to receive even more. Dozens came forward to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Even more were released from religious bondage, experienced healings, and renewed their freedom in Christ.

The next morning, we said good bye to Amsterdam and headed to Paris by train. Our Paris hotel sat a scant half block from the Théâtre Déjazet, where Mark McCord, a local American pastor and partner of Andrew’s ministry, had booked our service on the night following our arrival. The Déjazet is one of the oldest theaters in Paris, its stage belonging to Mozart and other such renowned performers over its stately history.

But now, the stage belonged to God. The musty velour seats and curtains soon rustled with the sounds of a Bible-preaching Texan and Spirit-led praise and worship. We realized again that nothing could inhibit the Holy Spirit—not even musty, old, expensive, urbane, sophisticated Paris. Praise God!

From Paris, our itinerary indicated that we were flying to Nice on the Côte d’Azur (“Azure Coast”), named for the stunning color of the Mediterranean waters. English-speaking people call this area the French Riviera. It’s perhaps the world’s number-one playground for the extremely rich and famous. So, why was this place on our list of destinations? Incredibly, because the partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries (AWM) support an outreach in this land of spiritual need.

A long relationship between Marie-Hélène Moulin and Andrew and Jamie had brought us to Nice. We joked that Marie-Hélène is a modern-day circuit-riding preacher on the French Riviera because she shepherds four widely scattered congregations, visiting them...
“She’s like a circuit rider,” Andrew agreed, “but she’s also a bit like Annie Oakley.”

Andrew went on to tell the story of Marie-Hélène visiting his home in the Rocky Mountains and begging to shoot his .357 Magnum pistol. “Don’t underestimate her,” Andrew warned. “She really can shoot.”

Marie-Hélène began her ministry in Monaco, a tiny country that does not extend true religious freedom. Under the monarchy, this government remains staunchly Catholic. Much persecution was constantly leveled at Marie-Hélène for renting hotel ballrooms for her Charismatic meetings. After some tough years and a good measure of success, she felt she could reach more people outside of Monaco and now enjoys complete freedom in ministry.

The Gospel Truth Seminar that Marie-Hélène arranged for Andrew took place in a ballroom at the Boscolo Hotel Park on Avenue de Suède, Nice. There were two meetings, one in the evening and the other the following morning. In the evening meeting, as Andrew prayed for those who came forward, an elderly Jewish woman pulled up her sleeve to reveal the tattoo she received from the Nazis in a death camp. She had not only survived the Holocaust but now was reaching out for eternal life and the freedom that only comes from knowing God through Jesus Christ. Thank you, partners of AWM, for keeping a light shining on the Côte d’Azur.

Two days later, thanks again to the partners and friends of AWM, Andrew was able—after forty-three long years—to return to a place dear to his heart: Milan, Italy. Andrew was last in Milan as a teenager when his mother arranged the trip as a gift. Just a few months before, Andrew, after a dramatic encounter with the Lord, had dropped out of college against his mother’s wishes. He was soon to go into the military and be sent to Vietnam. This European trip was his mother’s attempt to connect her son to the larger context of human history seen in the art and architecture of the birthplace of Western civilization.

But Andrew was unimpressed with history, art, and architecture. The wonders he saw in Europe paled in comparison to the sense of God’s presence that he felt. As he traveled through Italy, his heart was not drawn to the buildings but to the people, and he was stirred with God’s heart of compassion for them. He prayed that one day, he would be able to return and share God’s unconditional love and grace with them.

As our team arrived in Milan for a series of meetings, Andrew suddenly realized that God had used his supporting partners to answer his teenage prayer. On the opening night, he encouraged his audience by telling the story of his first trip to their city: “God places godly desires in our hearts when we seek Him, even as young people,” he said. “He will fulfill those desires, even if it takes the better part of a lifetime to see it.”

After once again reviewing the splendor of Milan earlier that day, he said to the people, “You know, I wasn’t impressed with the art and architecture of Milan as a teenager, and I’m not impressed now. I’m much more excited about the purposes that God wants to fulfill in your hearts tonight.”

On his final day in the city, Andrew ministered an exhausting four times. Each time, he was accompanied by his Italian interpreter, as English is not comfortably spoken by the vast majority of Italians. Immediately following a morning Gospel Truth session, Andrew
challenged the preachers at a pastors’ luncheon to make disciples and not just converts. The pastors received this challenge with heartfelt agreement.

He was then rushed to the Italian Trinity Broadcasting Network television studios to do a program with the local host, which will be translated into Italian. Then, after only two hours to prepare for the final Gospel Truth session, he went on to minister late into the night. All that remained was to rise early the next morning and head for the airport and a long day of flying back to Colorado.

Before concluding this travel journal, Andrew Wommack Ministries would like to warmly thank Teun Groenendijk, Will Van den Broeke, and Jean Charles Tatiere. These three men joined us in Holland and videotaped Andrew’s messages, which were translated into Dutch for www.biblica.tv, a web television outreach for people around the world who speak the European languages. They chose to pay their own expenses on this trip in order to tape Andrew with Dutch, French, and Italian interpreters. To accomplish that, they followed us in a production van from Holland through France and Italy, recording all of Andrew’s messages for later webcasts.

The value of their efforts will be seen in the months and years ahead. People of other languages are being introduced to the nearly-too-good-to-be-true news through the interconnected networking of the World Wide Web. While our mainstream television and radio broadcasts reach, by far, the largest mass audience, these smaller, boutique networks cannot be ignored.

And, as always, a huge thank-you goes out to all of our AWM partners who make outreaches like this European trip possible. Never underestimate the impact you have on cultures and countries all over the world. GT
became just as excited about the prospect of going to Bible college as Greg was.

It wasn’t long before they were faced with the reality of what they would be sacrificing to attend college. Would they regret their decision? They soon concluded that the only real regret would be not going.

Citlalli, who had grown up in Mexico, was an experienced translator and interpreter. When she graduated in 2007, she was soon hired by Andrew Wommack Ministries (AWM) to translate Andrew’s materials into Spanish.

Greg graduated from CBC in 2008 and continued into the third-year program the following year. Before the completion of his third year, the staff recognized his engineering and computer expertise and asked him to help launch the online college. That soon turned into a full-time position, and he was hired as the director of Online Education in January 2009.

Greg and Citlalli will tell you, “We have never regretted our decision and consider ourselves fortunate to be a part of AWM. This is one of the best things we have ever done.”

“There is nothing you could do with your life that would be more valuable than helping Andrew get this message to the world.” Those are the words Greg Macy heard in his heart while attending Andrew Wommack’s men’s retreat.

The next words he heard from the Lord came at a Charis Bible College (CBC) informational meeting: “This is the next step for you.” Greg shared this with his wife, Citlalli, and after her initial surprise, she
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**Cornerstone TV (WPCB)**
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- M-F 7:00 a.m. (ET)

**CTL**
- G19, T14
- M-F 3:30 p.m. (ET)

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- Jackson: WTWZ 1120 AM at 11:15 p.m.

### MISSOURI
- Branson: KOZO 89.7 FM at 3:30 a.m.; KCNW 1380 AM at 11:00 a.m.
- Springfield: KOZO 95.7 FM at 3:30 a.m.; KXEN 1010 AM at 9:00 a.m.

### NEBRASKA
- Omaha: KCRO 660 AM at 5:45 a.m.

### NORTH CAROLINA
- Albemarle: WSPC 1010 AM Sat. 7:00 a.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.; WZKY 1580 AM Sun. 8:00 a.m.
- Cherryville: WCSL 1590 AM at 11:15 p.m.
- Winston-Salem: WBFJ 1560 AM at 12:15 p.m.

### OHIO
- Canton: WOFN 88.7 FM at 4:30 a.m.; WCNW 1560 AM at 9:00 a.m.
- Cincinnati: WCNW 1560 AM at 9:00 a.m.

### OKLAHOMA
- Enid: Translator 100.7 FM at 3:30 a.m.; Translator 96.3 FM at 3:30 a.m.; Translator 91.7 FM at 3:30 a.m.
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- McAllen: Translator 91.7 FM at 3:30 a.m.; Translator 91.9 FM at 3:30 a.m.

### OREGON
- Klamath Falls: KZZF 107.7 FM at 9:30 a.m.
- Portland: KKPZ 1330 AM at 9:30 a.m.

### PENNSYLVANIA
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### TENNESSEE
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- Brownwood: KBUB 90.3 FM at 11:15 a.m.
- Corpus Christi: KCTA 1030 AM at 11:00 a.m.
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### VIRGINIA
- Falls Church: WFXA 1220 AM at 9:00 a.m.
- Yorktown: WYCS 91.5 FM at 4:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.

### WEST VIRGINIA
- Charleston: WJYP 1300 AM at 9:30 a.m.

### INTERNET RADIO
- At the Feet of Jesus Ministries
  - www.atfjesus.org
- Available 24/7

### Fresh Start Broadcasting
- http://freshstartbroadcasting.com
- 5:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m. (ET)

### Global Gospel Beacon
- www.globalgospelbeacon.net
- Available 24/7

### Gospel Impact Radio
- www.gospelimpactradio.com
- 7:00 a.m. (ET)

### Prince of Peace Radio
- www.princeofpeaceradio.net
- 2:00 a.m. (ET), 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

### Wilderness Ministries
- www.wildernessradio.net
- 5:00 p.m. (ET)

### Word of Faith Broadcasting
- www.wofr.org
- 8:30 a.m. (ET)

### Sky Angel - IPTV
- Oasis Network, Ch. 214
- 4:30 a.m. (ET), 11:30 a.m. (ET)

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Kevin Dowling and his wife, Rachel, lay huddled together in a cardboard box to stay warm. It was a chilly spring night in New York, but not cold enough for nearby shelters to open their doors to overnight homeless guests. The Dowlings would have to remain in their box for the night, pushed up against a rundown alleyway building. Too tired, too cold, and too high on drugs to worry about it at the moment, they would resume their quest for food in the morning.

Kevin and Rachel first met in Grand Central Station in the heart of New York City. After a quick, casual conversation, Rachel boarded one train and Kevin another. But, as fate—or God—would have it, they met up again that same night in a different part of the city. They have been together ever since.

Kevin and Rachel soon married, but the honeymoon was short-lived. Trapped in the tentacles of drug addiction, the couple found themselves living on the streets without a dime to their name: “Every penny we were able to hustle, steal, or con someone out of went straight to the dope man,” recalls Kevin. “Drugs were absolutely an idol in our lives.”

“We wandered the streets hungry,” adds Rachel. “The first time we ate out of a dumpster was when we saw a pizza box sitting right on top of the garbage heap. Most of the pizza was still in the box, so that was our dinner.”

Aside from dumpster diving for their meals, the Dowlings also ate at soup kitchens, churches, or homeless shelters—anywhere they could scavenge free food. Then they heard about a Lutheran church that provided breakfast for the homeless on Sundays. “You didn’t have to go to the services,” explains Kevin. “They just let you come and eat. We started eating there every Sunday.”

Little did Kevin and Rachel know that their newfound breakfast spot would soon change their lives. After a while, the Dowlings began hanging around after breakfast to help the church staff clean and put tables and chairs away. They also took time to chat with some of the church people.

It wasn’t long before they began attending the services as well. “Although we were going to the church, we were also still living on the streets and getting high. We never told anyone what our lives were really like,”
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Their drug habit was so ingrained, they knew they wouldn’t be able to get free on their own. They checked themselves into a Christian rehab center that took in married couples. While Rachel was able to stay in the program, Kevin had to first clear up past issues with the courts due to his probation. After his year of probation was up, he informed his probation officer that his only hope of staying out of trouble was to get out of New York City.

God moved on his probation officer to stand in for Kevin before the judge so he wouldn’t have to appear in court and run the risk of having to stay in New York. She only made Kevin promise to call her as soon as he and Rachel arrived in Chicago. He did, and he and Rachel began with a clean and sober slate in the Windy City, where they lived for five years. Afterward, they decided to move to Pennsylvania. It was there that they heard God calling them into the next chapter of their lives:

“When we were in Pennsylvania, I stumbled across Gospel Truth on television. I was hooked,” says Kevin. “We started watching Andrew every day and ordering his books and CDs.”

Once, when Kevin was tuned in to the program, he heard about Charis Bible College (CBC). He mentioned CBC to Rachel, but neither gave it much thought initially. Meanwhile, the couple was trying to purchase a home in Pennsylvania, but every time they thought they had an open door for a place of their own, that door would slam shut.

Kevin recalls, “It was funny how every avenue we tried for a home suddenly became closed off to us. About this same time, God started bringing the thought of CBC alive in my heart. One night, I came home from work and woke Rachel up. I said, ‘Why don’t we just move to Colorado and go to the Bible college?’”

“I just looked at him and said, ‘I’ve been waiting for you to say that.’”

As soon as the Dowlings made their decision to attend Charis, they received a phone call informing them that they were owed money that they never even knew about! Although it wasn’t a large sum, it was enough to pay off their car

says Kevin. He and Rachel were certain that those at the church would not approve of their lifestyle.

But at least one lady in the church didn’t care. “We met a lady named Pat, and even though she knew we were homeless and had nothing to give back, she invited us into her home,” says Rachel, still amazed at her generosity.

Kevin continues the story: “Pat sat me down at her kitchen table, looked me right in the eyes, and with such compassion, she told me that God loved me no matter what I was like or what I was going through.” At that moment, Kevin felt something move deep within his heart—something he had never before experienced.

Pat continued sharing God’s love with Kevin and, when she felt he was ready, asked him if he wanted to give his life to the Lord. He did, and he received Jesus right there at Pat’s kitchen table!

“I was so excited…so joyful,” recalls Kevin. “I told Rachel that I had gotten saved, and I asked her to do the same.”

“I remember saying to Kevin, ‘But I’m not worthy. I don’t deserve Jesus,’” says Rachel.

The very next day, Rachel had her own conversation with Pat: “Pat told me, just like she told Kevin, that God loved me very much—no matter what. I’d never heard that before. I didn’t know God could love someone like me.” Rachel also gave her life to Jesus, and she and her husband experienced an immediate infilling of God’s unconditional love and grace.

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Kevin brings blessings to Charis Bible College students every week.

canned goods, and dry goods,” says Kevin. “Each Saturday, I pick up a trailer full of food, and people from all around come and take whatever they want. We had no idea it would turn into something this big.”

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But God hasn’t limited Himself to only meeting the Dowlings’ needs; He has also given them the desires of their hearts. Kevin explains, “For many years, I’ve always wanted a brand-new Harley. And, once I became a Christian, I wanted to be part of a Christian motorcycle group.”

Not only did God provide Kevin with his Harley and lead him to a Christian motorcycle group, but Kevin is now an assistant chaplain with one! The group is called Black Sheep because their goal is to be different. While a lot of motorcycle groups are on the streets looking for trouble, Black Sheep riders are out looking for ways to serve.

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“Sitting under the teachers at CBC has totally changed our lives,” says Kevin. “We’ve learned that we don’t have to earn anything from God; He just loves us and gives us His gift of salvation absolutely free.”

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One of the ministries the school offers was a perfect fit for the Dowlings: an outreach to the homeless. Kevin and Rachel jumped at the chance to be involved in this food ministry and led it throughout their entire second year at Charis. Now they’ve graduated, but they continue serving in the ministry by bringing food to CBC students at the school three times a week and providing ministries and churches within Colorado Springs and surrounding areas with all the food they need.

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Whether it’s feeding the homeless or ministering to the hopeless, Kevin and Rachel never want anyone to feel that they’re useless or worthless just because they’re going through hard times. They’ve been there themselves, and now they want to be able to see people through God’s eyes: “We want to treat people like kings and queens,” says Kevin, “because when you love God first, then love your neighbor as yourself, everything else falls into place.”
Did you know that the Chinese government believes Christianity is responsible for the success of the United States? It’s true!1 And while China is busy figuring out a way to take advantage of the economic power of Christian ethics, the United States government seems determined to forget its heritage and head in the opposite direction.

But what the Chinese don’t know, and what America seems to be forgetting, is that Christian ethics cannot exist without a relationship with Jesus. The humanist movement is trying to convince people that mankind is capable of goodness without God. But moral goodness and the prosperity that grows from it are only the fruit of a relationship with God.

Ethical standards alone will not bring freedom and prosperity. France attempted to become a democracy shortly after America did and they failed miserably. They tried to do it based only upon reason and secular principles. Their democratic revolution turned into a violent mess known as “The Reign of Terror.” They clearly demonstrated that people are not capable of goodness apart from God, and democracy depends upon goodness in society—a fact readily acknowledged by America’s Founding Fathers.

Every year on George Washington’s birthday, a member of Congress stands in the assembly and reads Washington’s farewell address written in 1796. The letter contains his warning, “And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion…reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

The question is not whether some degree of prosperity can be achieved in society by implementing ethical standards, as China wishes to do. The real issue is whether or not prosperity or ethical standards will persist by human effort alone. The obvious answer is no. The whole point of the Gospel message is that no one can be good on his or her own.

America was built upon the efforts of Christian men and women who acted on ideas from God and created a nation that is free and prosperous. The godly philosophy behind American government allowed people like James Cash Penney, H. J. Heinz, and R. G. LeTourneau to follow God’s leading and create wealth. Penney founded his “Golden Rule” stores on godly principles, and J. C. Penney became the second-largest retailer in the U.S. Heinz worked to pass laws that became the foundation for the safety in our food industry today, and his Christian principles drove a charitable management style that broke new ground in labor relations. R. G. LeTourneau is considered the father of the modern earthmoving industry. Later, the Caterpillar company would adopt his designs for earth moving. He gave away 90 percent of what he earned and founded LeTourneau Christian University to teach these principles to others. These are just three examples of thousands of people who provided jobs and created tremendous wealth in America’s economy, but they didn’t do it on their own. Their relationship with God gave them new ideas and guided them to success.

Godly leadership has always been an important part of America’s success. At every point of crisis, a godly leader has emerged to guide our nation. George Washington helped birth our democracy, and he knew America could not succeed without God. Abraham Lincoln said he couldn’t perform a single duty as president without God’s guidance, and he successfully
steered our nation through a civil war and the abolition of slavery. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist preacher who used the love of Jesus as a model to lead our nation through a peaceful civil rights revolution—a truly miraculous reform.

When the world was on the brink of disaster during the Cold War, Ronald Reagan steered us through. During a prayer breakfast in 1984, President Reagan said, “Without God, we’re mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure.”

God has always been behind America’s success because the people of this nation have sought God for His counsel and wisdom. Without that wisdom, they are left to their own devices that will, in time, certainly fail. And if China really wants the success of America, they will first have to accept the source of its success. It’s not the law that establishes ethical behavior, creativity, and prosperity in a nation; it’s the personal relationship with the Lord that its citizens have.

The history of the United States is a testament to God’s watchfulness and care. By the grace of God, we live in a country where we are free to follow His leading and fulfill His purpose for our lives. No matter what the natural circumstances look like, the key to future prosperity is cooperation with God. All we have to do is stay focused on the truths in God’s Word, magnify Him above all else, and be thankful for everything He has done for us. This is the same path to success that God advised for Joshua thousands of years ago (Josh. 1:8). The Lord is with us wherever we go, and when we focus on Him, it moves us into position to receive the blessings that He has already provided.

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