BIBLE Passages Journal

Jay Kelsey and Alec Estrada helped us with reenactments for Bible Land Passage #11: "The Power of Jesus in Galilee"

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Grace and peace be unto you and your family. We are hoping that this report finds you doing well and your soul prospering. All continues to go well in our work at Bible Passages, and we are indeed very thankful for God's wonderful blessings in our lives. He continues to give us many opportunities to serve along with some much needed time to reorganize. The first ten months of the year have been extremely busy, so being back in Dripping Springs for the months of November and December has allowed us some precious time to be with family, assist our parents, catchup on our correspondence, and to work on Bible Land Passages documentary 11.

In between some much needed personal Bible study time, our efforts have involved a concentrated effort to continue our work on the Bible Land Passages documentary series. Passage 11, The Power of Jesus in Galilee, is a documentary focusing upon the miracles Jesus at the Sea of Galilee and their purpose. This faith building and informative video is nearing its completion and is scheduled to be released near the first of the year. It includes numerous video clips of Capernaum and the surrounding area of the Sea of Galilee.

Working on this episode has involved several different elements including editing, research, and conference time with Mat Cain, the video editor and artist at World Video Bible School. Like all of our episodes we have worked to include reenactments of various Bible stories and modern day teaching events. Each of the reenactments involves a great deal of time to develop the video shoot list, acquire props, costumes, and the many volunteers needed for

each scene. While reenactments require a great deal of time, we have found them to be very effective in communicating the desired message and to likewise hold the viewers' attention during long periods of dialogue. BLP 11 has also presented some unique challenges in that we were forced to rerecord various elements of the A Roll footage taken in Israel, due to the excessive wind noise out on the Sea of Galilee. Our re-recording for dubbing purposes was a bit tricky, but with a lot of work and some great video editing by Mat, we were able to match the new audio recording with the video recording taken in Israel.

Each of the videos is receiving a good amount of traffic on YouTube, but is now available to watch on Amazon Prime and Vid Angel. Ten of the documentaries are on DVD and available for purchase throughout World Video Bible School. We continue to hear from various preachers and teachers regarding their use as teaching aids in their classrooms and Sunday night services. We continue to be greatly encouraged by their effectiveness and reception on the part of both the church and the denominational world. The series has also garnered a lot of interest among faith based film festivals and in 2017 was a finalist for best short documentary at the Christian World View Film Festival.

Finally, the month of November allowed us to be involved in our families lives' in a way we had not been able to throughout much of the year. With the thanksgiving holidays and the added flexibility of being back in Texas we were able to visit each of our sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. We've also been busy in making some personal visits to members of the church here and in making some needed repairs on our house. November was very different than the first ten months, but we are thankful for each new challenge, and likewise continue to ask for your prayers. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, love, and financial support. Without you our work would not be possible.

In Him, *John W. Moore*

"...the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

James 3:17-18

We truly need your help.

WE CONTINUE TO BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP...YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS...YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT...AND MOST OF ALL, FOR YOUR PRAYERS. WE KNOW THAT CONGREGATIONS ARE WORKING ON THEIR PLANS FOR 2019. BIBLE PASSAGES CONTINUES TO LACK THE FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET OUR BUDGET, BUT WE ALSO CONTINUE TO TRUST THAT THE LORD WILL PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER RECOMMENDING OUR WORK TO YOUR ELDERS OR BUDGET COMMITTEE? WE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH ANYONE INTERESTED.

L-R: Jordan working at World Video Bible School...Mom (Janice) with her sister, Jean...our "award-winning actors", Henry, Alec, Ryan, Lincoln, Easton, Jessica, and Jay with John...Mom also helped with reenactments...WVBS's annual holiday dinner...Courtney with Melissa Lovelace, who crafted a beautiful quilt for her and Micah...We loved having good conversation with Jake and Alyssa...Jackson loves books!... Jake: "when do you ever get to teach your Dad how to shave?" (John letting his beard grow between quarters)..."fun" house repairs...filming at the "Sea of Galilee" - a nearby tank.

Carla's Comments

Our soon-to-be daughter-in-law (love!), Courtney, is the answer to many prayers!

There's a photograph in the collage on the previous page, on the far right in the middle. It shows Courtney holding up a quilt alongside the woman who made it. Her name is Melissa Lovelace. Melissa came to the Dripping Springs congregation six or seven years ago with her husband, David, and their two sons, Matthew and Luke. (Incidentally, her son Matthew portrayed Goliath in the BLP video "Judah: David's Training Ground of Faith"...online report readers can link to it here!) Being with her the first few times, I may have thought her quirky, blunt, and a little bossy. As I grew to know her, I saw that her quirks are endearing, what seemed blunt is truth I've grown to value, and she just knows how to get things done! She became easily one of the most beautiful women I know, and it had nothing to do with her physical appearance. She is our Dorcas, a "woman abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did," (Acts 9:36). I know of many good deeds she has done (and I have personally been the recipient of plenty!) but I know there are *far* more that I know nothing about, because she doesn't do them to be recognized. She does good deeds because she loves people, and she loves the Lord. She has handed gasoline gift cards to poor college students, and Sonic gift cards to travelers, "because you might need a snack while you're driving!" She's made numerous hospital visits bearing HUGE baskets full of candy and toy pirate swords to entertain bored patients (like my father-in-law.) She and her husband purchase needed equipment for the church building. She crafts - and gives - gorgeous quilts. She holds babies to give their mothers a breather. She offers to babysit so that parents can have date nights and weekends at marriage retreats. She brings loads of delicious food to convalescents. She picks up my mom and takes her to ladies classes and to make visits. She sends homemade cards from her Bible class students to missionaries all over the world. Y'all, she regularly, voluntarily brings me bags of my favorite "Sonic" ice from her own ice maker. As I describe her, I think of more and more precious acts of kindness and I have tears rolling down my face because - in her servant's heart, I see Jesus. I want - *need* - to be more like Melissa, because she is like Him. The church, and the world, would be so much more beautiful if there were fewer complainers, criticizers, and self-pitiers, and more kind-hearted Melissas. I love her dearly.

November was a different kind of busy from the previous ten months. We've been able to spend much more time with family, and we needed it! It was wonderful to be able to visit Micah and Courtney in College Station, to see their preparation for life (in their studies and in their growing herd of cattle) and for marriage. We made a trip to see Jake and Alyssa in their home, too, and enjoyed some deep, meaningful conversation with them about God-centered marriages (and many other things!) And of course, we spent a good amount of time with Jordan and Erin and our precious grandbabies. Jackson's vocabulary is exploding, and there was no sweeter sound than hearing him (literally) scream "YAYA!" in the middle of Schlotzskys restaurant (although the rest of those present probably cringed and covered their ears...) But this time of year also carries ugly illness, and Emmy had a bout with RSV and pneumonia that landed her in the hospital for a couple of nights. She is much better now and we don't take for granted the benefits of modern medicine. Also in November, Mom and I traveled to Atlanta to see her sister. While I tried to finish some writing assignments, they loved their time together, reminiscing, visiting, laughing, crying and hugging on each other like loving sisters do.

Thanksgiving. Our hearts are always with these people!

Our family asks for your prayers, as transitions and health challenges are coming our way. These can be daunting, but fear is conquered through faith and trust in the One who rescued us, and faith and trust are in ample supply. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him! *Carla*