



Dear Supporters and Friends,

God has been so, so good to us in our work and just in life overall. We were so excited to have been present for the birth of our second grandchild, Emmalyn Grace, and thankful that she was born during the part of our work which kept Dripping Springs as our base of operations. During October, God has kept us busy with many endeavors in the Kingdom and has also allowed us to encounter a few challenges along the way.

The month began with a fire at our well-house and various repairs over the last few weeks. Thankfully, a Christian and friend of many years, Keith Siebert, came to our rescue the same day and worked all morning in the pouring rain to provide power to make the well operational again. In the weeks that followed, little by little I repaired the damaged pipes and we are almost back to normal. Later the same month my dad was hospitalized with several serious health issues and both he and my mother have had to face a number of setbacks with mom being confined to home for quite some time. We also have been concerned about our daughter-in-law (Alyssa) with the many surgeries she has endured on her eye when her retina became detached.

However, compared to so many, our challenges and worries are few and our blessings far and beyond what we could have ever imagined. We've been comforted and



Logan Elam, John, Luke Gibson, Ryan Smithey, and James Puckett: master chefs in the kitchen at the Texas Ladies in Christ retreat - preparing, serving, and cleaning up after meals so that the women could focus on study.

Would you help us share the good news and grow the Kingdom? Would you, or your congregation, consider a year-end contribution, or perhaps monthly support for Bible Passages in 2018? We have not yet met our budget this year, though we are confident that the Lord will provide! Please contact us with any questions: 512-695-5099.

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John happened to be at World Video Bible School on a day that Becky Blackmon was filming a new series for women.



We enjoyed being with Randy and Laura Robinson in Richwood, Texas!



Meet Emmalyn Grace, born to Jordan and Erin on October 11! We are wrapped around her little finger already!

encouraged with each step, especially when we hear from someone like sister Joyce Altizer of the Southwest congregation (Austin, TX) who said that “we pray for you all the time, especially when you are traveling abroad.” We did not even realize, as she had revealed, that they had been keeping up with every step along the way. On a recent visit to Southwest we were so encouraged to see the Altizers and many other dear brethren with whom we had worked for many years. They hold a special place in our hearts and to know they have been reading our reports and following along with us on Facebook was so very encouraging.

I have said all of this because we realize that you, our supporters and friends, have likewise been praying for us and are taking interest in what God is doing through the work of Bible Passages. Your prayers mean so, so much. Your words of encouragement have helped to motivate us more than you know and we thank you from the bottom of our heart. We absolutely love the mission of Bible Passages and are committed to whatever years in this work the Lord provides. The transition to a new schedule and calendar and all the startup elements of a new work (e.g. organization, web management, fund-raising, office management, etc.) have kept us extremely busy as we seek to complete our normal tasks and ministry objectives.

During the month of October I prepared and delivered 16 sermons beginning first in Andrews, Texas where it was my privilege to meet the pulpit minister Leslie Boone, the elders, and various members of the congregation. Their selected theme was “Turning the World Upside Down.” From there it was on to Richwood, Texas where I preached on the theme “Crucial Questions for Every Age.” Randy Robinson, a graduate of Southwest School of Bible Studies and long-time friend, is the preacher at Richwood. Getting to be with him and his wife Laura, and the Bakers was a wonderful blessing. Our next appointment was at the Family Legacy Camp at Quartz Mountain Christian camp in Oklahoma where both Carla and I were privileged to have participated. Brethren Steve Minor and Billy Clabaugh are the directors and are involved in a wonderful ministry to families. There were some 400 present for this four day program. We were also blessed to spend time talking with several families and preachers.

October kept us very busy with several other activities as well which included mentoring and encouraging other preachers, email correspondence, and work on the Bible Land Passages studies abroad program. During the month Carla spoke at the Texas Ladies in Christ retreat in Brady, Texas while I tagged

along to help cook and clean, and consequently came away with a newfound appreciation and

admiration for camp cooks everywhere. It was my privilege to serve under Ryan Smithey of Mt. Vernon who was the chief cook and bottle washer. Beyond the travel, retreats, and speaking engagements, the rest of our time was spent in working on the Bible Land Passages video project. With our work resuming in January at the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, we are making a concerted effort to complete the next segments of Volume II, which are *Jericho: City of Rahab*, and *Khirbet Qeiyafa: Witness to David's Kingdom*. I've also recently started working on the first documentary in Volume III which will be called *The Power of Jesus in Galilee*. Each of these segments demands editing video and scripts, writing, securing interviews, organizing and filming reenactments, and much, much more. Finally, when we are at home in Dripping Springs we try to stay involved as much as possible with the local congregation and participate when we can in their special men's and women's studies, Bible classes, and worship. May God bless you!

John W. Moore



Clockwise from top left: Carla at the Texas Ladies in Christ retreat... John with BJ Clarke, both spoke at the Legacy Family Camp near Lone Wolf, Oklahoma... The cutest little “farmer” and “cow”: Jackson and Emmalyn at the University congregation’s fall festival... John presenting a lesson at Legacy Family camp... where the Richwood church of Christ meets... John working on a voiceover for upcoming BLP video “The Power of Jesus in Galilee”... (center) the Mayfield family in Andrews, TX



Fun dress-up 50's night at Family Legacy Camp!

Carla's Comments

A friend asked me last night, "Do you really enjoy all of the traveling you guys are doing?" While I had to pause and think about the "traveling" part (because *being* places is great - but the *getting* there isn't quite as much fun!) what immediately came to mind is how blessed we are to be able to meet so many truly wonderful people. In some ways, I feel like we've been to a family reunion every week this month, discovering new brothers and sisters that instantly felt like family. I have loved being able to put faces and names together of people we've only "met" through social media.

The first weekend this month, John and I went to the TLC (Texas Ladies in Christ) retreat. It was fun for me to have him there but definitely felt like a role reversal - I'm almost always in the kitchen and he's speaking, but this time it was the opposite!

He enjoyed helping Ryan Smithey with cooking, serving, and cleaning up after 100 women, and I absolutely loved the fellowship and deep study of the book of James with my sisters. I learned so much!

I was given chapter one to study and present. So much jumped out at me that I usually just skim over. How can any of us truly consider it joyful when we are faced with a hardship? When we look at the text to search out what we can learn about God, we see that He allows these trials to strengthen us, and to complete and perfect us. And the older I grow, the more I can look back and see this - I see how I grew through difficulties. When we approach hard situations with the knowledge that He is only interested in our good, and knowing that there is something He wants me to learn, it makes trials so much more bearable. He is the giver of every good gift and every perfect gift, but He is not the giver of temptation. James is full of rich information about the character of our good Father.

A few days after we got home from TLC, it was Emmalyn Grace's birth day! On the evening of Wednesday, October 11, she made her appearance, and spent a few days in the NICU due to "Transient Tachypnea" - a respiratory ailment. It was hard to see her little body hooked up to so many wires and lines, but we were confident that the doctors knew what was best for her (and from this hardship, I think we all learned what parents need when their babies are hospitalized!) Jackson is slowly getting accustomed to this new little noisemaker, and Jordan and Erin are settling in to being parents of two under two!

I haven't been able to go with John to every speaking appointment this month since the baby was due, and I tried to help Erin a little more. But I did get to go with him to Richwood near Houston, and then to Oklahoma for the Family Legacy Camp. This camp is such a wonderful experience for families to "check out" of the world and spend a few days in fellowship and deep study. I wish every family could go!

I'm continuing to write for Christian Woman magazine, and the deadline seems to come around faster each time! This month, I wrote about how the "Stones Cry Out" with proof of the truth of scripture. If they could speak, what would the stones from His empty tomb tell us about those three days? Christian Woman and Gospel Advocate are always full of great material. I recommend a subscription to these good publications!

Due to a scheduling error, we ended up being at home this past weekend, and it has been a blessing. Last Thursday, Alyssa had her follow-up eye surgery and we were able to drive to Fort Worth and sit with Jake and the Beams (her parents) during the surgery. Also, John's dad has had another bout with pneumonia much like this time last year. John's mother has also been battling some health issues, so we were glad to be home to try to help them a little bit. I'm so thankful that my Mom's health is better than it was last year and now we are in the process of looking for a doggie companion for her (anyone have any mini Labradoodle breeder contacts?) We covet and appreciate your prayers on our family's behalf. We thank God for all of you! *God bless you, Carla*



Should we go this way, or that way?
Richwood/Lake Jackson, TX