



BIBLE Passages *Journal*

Dear Supporters and Friends,

We count it all joy to be part of the Kingdom, and that God has allowed us to be in the ministry. Each day brings new blessings and abundant opportunities to reach others with the gospel of Christ, and the month of September has been very rewarding. After our two-month work in Israel, it was thrilling to be back in the United States where there are so many who believe in Jesus, and to be working to further the borders of His kingdom. We have been so encouraged by those who are longing to hear the gospel and are continuing in faithful service to God, and we are likewise encouraged that you have joined with us in making this possible. We are so humbled by your support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Being back in Texas for the month of September has allowed us the opportunity to work on the next phase of our 2017 ministry plan. Part of our goals included the blessing of being able to preach and teach in various congregations. During this past month I was privileged to speak at the Riverside Summer Series in Kerrville, Texas on the subject of "Love One Another." There we renewed old friendships and were blessed to meet Kevin Kasperek, the preacher at Riverside. It was also great getting to see our friend Raoul Ferris with whom we have worked in previous years at Hensel Youth camp and Discipleship U.



Filming re-enactment scenes for a video on Jericho. L-r: Jackson, Erin, and Jordan Moore, Sabrina Rodriguez, Aubrie Deaver, Jessica, Jacob, Easton and Natalie Rutledge, Jim Bob Simmons, Lacey Deaver, Steven Akin, John, Carla, and Mat Cain

If you're anywhere near, join us!

Oct. 1-4 - Gospel Meeting in Andrews, Texas

Oct. 5-7 - TLC Retreat in Brady, Texas

Oct. 14-15 - Gospel Meeting in Richwood, Texas

Oct. 19-21 - Legacy Family Camp in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma

Oct. 27-29 - Marriage Seminar in Goldsboro, North Carolina

Nov. 3-5 - Marriage Seminar in Denver, Colorado

Nov. 10-12 - South Florida Lectures in West Palm



Mat using the “green screen” for an illustration in the Jericho video. There are bricks in the tractor’s bucket - can you guess which part of the story we’re



Jackson and Erin were part of “Rahab’s family” - cutest “extras” ever!



Our granddog Molly “helping” me study - we got to spend one night with Jacob and Alyssa on our way to the Cleburne marriage seminar

The following Sunday I began a gospel meeting in Marble Falls, Texas where Clay and Carlie Bond are laboring with the Lake Country congregation. We are always so encouraged when we spend time with the Bonds and their children. The congregation was encouraging and I loved preaching on the theme “The Gospel of the Kingdom.” At each service we utilized many of the old time “sheet sermons” which focus on the cross of Christ, how to become a Christian, how to live as a Christian, and God’s plan for the church.

On the Friday following the meeting in Marble Falls, we drove to Cleburne to conduct a marriage and family seminar at the Granbury Street congregation. We have known the preacher, Kevin Rhodes, and his family for many years and are so thankful for his books and articles that are being used to strengthen families, evangelize the lost, and edify the church. Kevin and Ryan Cowan (one of the deacons) worked so hard to organize and advertise this seminar, and we were excited to be part of this important work. We were thrilled to see the great number present on Friday and Saturday during a High School Football weekend in Texas. Between Carla and I, nine lessons were delivered on God’s design for the home. Then, after preaching on Sunday, we headed for home just in time for Carla to attend a baby shower for our soon-to-arrive granddaughter. That night we attended the services of the University church of Christ in San Marcos where our oldest son, Jordan, now serves as an evangelist and youth director, and we were blessed to hear him preach.

Following the marriage seminar, I left for a gospel meeting in Lovelady, Texas, where Jeff Rollo not only preaches full-time but also works in the local school district as a teacher and girls head basketball coach. Jeff and his family are very busy, but they are involved in a great work. Lovelady is a small community, but the church is thriving and well-known for its good works and love for the truth. For this meeting, the brethren had requested that I speak on the theme of “Bible Land Passages.” While a good portion of each lesson was dedicated to showcasing the evidences for the inspiration of the Bible from the fields of geography and archaeology, we also focused on the elements of personal faith and spiritual growth. Each lesson was designed to take listeners on a pictorial journey through the Bible Lands while at the same time challenging them to greater service in the Kingdom.

While September kept us on the road and busy with gospel meetings and speaking appointments, in the intervening days we worked on the Bible Lands documentary project. Editing scripts, organizing a film shoot for the reenactments, and then spending two days in filming kept us busy. The preparation alone for these two days of filming was time consuming, but worth the effort. Acquiring the props, costumes, and organizing the many extras/actors needed was quite an organizational endeavor. We are pleased with the work being done in these areas, though we know we have much more to do. While the reenactments were in preparation for

the release of the newest documentary called “Jericho: City of Rahab” we were simultaneously working on

the 10th documentary about the monarchy of the United Kingdom. Finally, we've also been working on producing some small videos of our own. Of course they are nowhere in the same league with what World Video Bible School is helping us to produce, but I'm nevertheless learning more about the process of filming, editing, and the power of video in encouraging and edifying others. We've been uploading our short videos to our YouTube channel (search for "Bible Passages".) Our newest film shows some behind-the-scenes work on the film "[Jericho: City of Rahab.](#)" (Online readers can click [here](#) to view.)

With the close of this month's report I want to once again say thank you for your support. Your financial support and especially your prayers are so deeply appreciated. We are privileged and honored that you are having fellowship with us in spreading the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Praise be to God for all that is happening in the work of Bible Passages. To Him be all glory and honor. *John W. Moore*



Clockwise from top left: green screen video of Steven Akin and Jordan in their Emmy winning performance (ha!) as Rahab's hidden spies...Micah and Courtney with "the girls"...Jackson loves books!...The "Israelites" that surrounded Jericho (l-r John, Branyon May, William Chen, Al Washington, Winslow Blow, Steven Akin, Trenton Motal, Luke Webb and Jordan)...John presenting Bible landmarks and faith lessons in Lovelady, TX...John, his father, Grady, and Norman Starling... Kevin, Hannah, Tracy, and Makaria Rhodes, Cleburne, TX.

Carla's Comments

"Great Bible study seeks to answer three questions: **What** does the text say? **So, what** does it mean? **Now, what** do I do with it?" I've seen this quote several times (attributed to Michael Hite, one of the many great instructors at Bear Valley) and it's stayed on my mind this month as I have been preparing for an upcoming lesson on James chapter one. I've loved the quiet preparation time looking at the observation, interpretation and application of this great book - especially because quiet preparation time is a little hard to come by, lately!

September, with it's shorter days and ever so slightly cooler temperatures (actually, in Texas we call September "Summer, Part 2") has seen us on the road quite a lot. The silly song "I've Been Everywhere" runs through my mind each time we jump back in the truck for another adventure. We began the month with a quick overnight trip over to College Station to see Micah and Courtney, and to finally meet our "grandcows" - the eight heifers that he purchased to begin his herd. It was fun to see his dream beginning, and we're so thankful for the instruction and mentoring that he's receiving from one of the elders at the BCS congregation, Dinc McDonald.

We were excited to be at the Southwest School of Bible Studies for John to give a chapel lesson one morning this month. We love the good faculty, and have many dear friends among the student body, many of whom we've known from their childhood through years of summer Bible camps and youth events. We are thrilled to see how they are growing in their faith and in their study of the Word.

We drove over to Kerrville, Texas one Wednesday evening for John to speak at the Riverside congregation's final night of their summer series, and as John mentioned, he's had several gospel meetings this month. Since one of them wasn't far from home, we drove back and forth for several days during the Lake Country congregation's meeting in Marble Falls. An extra benefit was being able to bring Mom one night (where she was able to see some old friends she knew way back in the 1970's!) and then Grady and Norman Starling the next night. We also loved spending time with Clay and Carlie Bond and their beautiful family.

In mid September, we had an opportunity to speak in Cleburne, TX for a marriage and family seminar. We drove just a bit farther a day earlier in order to see Jake and Alyssa in Fort Worth, and we were able to spend the night with them. We miss them, and it was especially good to see how Alyssa's eye is healing. Her retina is strengthening, and she got a good report from the doctor recently, but will have to go back in November to have some follow-up surgery to remove the oil that was placed in her eye to hold the retina in place while it healed. Please continue to pray for them, and for her eyes to be strong and for the surgery to continue to be a success. That weekend, while in Cleburne, we loved being with Kevin and Tracy Rhodes and their sweet daughters, Makaria and Hannah. We were hosted so comfortably by Tim and Melinda Norman in their adorable barn apartment, complete with a view of their "Belted Galloway" cattle (a breed I've never seen before and one that Micah was interested in hearing about!)

When John headed to Lovelady last week for a gospel meeting, I stayed behind to help Erin and Jordan a few extra days with Jackson. Emmalyn is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, October 11 (via induction, we're asking for prayers, please!) and keeping up with busy 13-month-old Jackson is more exhausting for Erin these days. And of course, I love being with the little guy!

October is shaping up to be a busy month. We have somewhere to be every weekend, but we are loving the opportunities that God has given us to meet new people and learn from their wisdom and experiences. And personally, I am so grateful for the occasions that have caused me to dig into the word of God and learn and grow - anytime one is asked to teach, it is the teacher who benefits the most. Teaching is humbling and convicting. And we are grateful for all of you who continually help us in our teaching - prayerfully, financially, emotionally and spiritually. God bless all of you!

With love, Carla



Braums has the best frozen yogurt, and it is a necessary stop anytime we are near the Dallas/Fort Worth area! Apparently John isn't as excited as I am.



Putting believable costumes together for the reenactments is challenging!