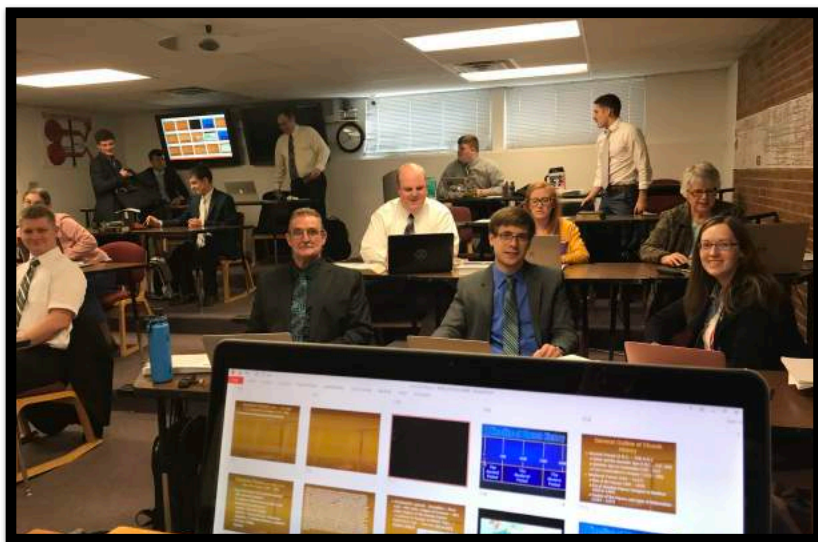




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Students primed and ready for another two-hour session of church history! This freshman and sophomore class includes students from Oklahoma, California, Kansas, Wisconsin, Colorado, Arizona and Texas.

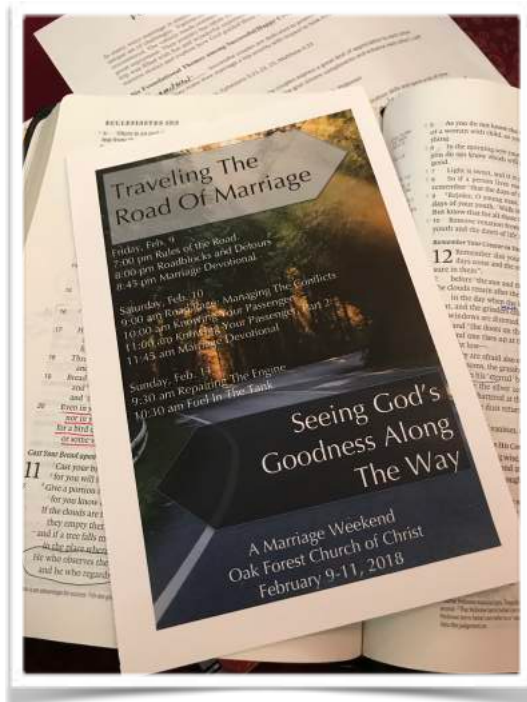
Dear Supporters and Friends,

There are many, many blessings associated with our full-time work in ministry. Some of these include the privilege of instructing others to become ministers of the Word, but it also involves the joy of working on a personal level with individuals who may be struggling in their walk of faith. This month while teaching at Bear Valley Bible Institute, we found ourselves wearing many different hats. At times we found ourselves ministering to a family in crisis, counseling students who have

experienced a number of painful experiences in their life, presenting a lesson to brethren in Cambodia via Skype, and studying the Bible with those were weak in faith and trying desperately to overcome the past while dealing with crises in the moment. This, along with our regular duties in preparing for classes, grading exams, and meeting with students has kept us very busy.

This past month also brought us some wonderful blessings of conducting two different seminars. The first was in Goldsboro, North Carolina where we presented a series of lessons for a weekend marriage seminar. Getting to know the preacher Lennie Reagan and his wife Caryn was an added blessing, and we were thrilled to see a good number of couples in attendance who were dedicated to being better husbands and wives. In the weekend that followed we traveled to the nearby community of Conifer where Wayne and Weezie Burger work with a fledgling congregation in the mountains of Colorado. While there I

Would you help us share the good news and grow the Kingdom? Would you or your congregation consider a one-time contribution, or perhaps monthly support for Bible Passages in 2018? We did not meet our 2017 budget, though we are confident that the Lord will provide! Please contact us with any questions: 512-695-5099.



Marriage Seminar in Goldsboro, NC

conducted a daylong seminar called “A Biblical Approach to Coping.” Several visitors from the community were present along with members of the local congregation. The Burgers are involved a great work and doing a lot of good in an area where many are not all that receptive to being “religious.”

Another blessing, which came in the form of a major challenge, was the request for me to fill-in for the Greek Instructor during his extended absence. Teaching Greek again was enjoyable but it certainly placed a lot of pressure on me as I had to spend some extra time dusting off the cobwebs and getting back into the flow of things. All in all, it went well and I was excited to encounter students who saw the value and importance of knowing Greek for use in their sermon and lesson development. This extra class along with my responsibilities of teaching the Wednesday night class on “Faith Lessons in the Land of the Bible” kept me extra busy.

Additionally, over the course of this past month Carla and I spent a lot of extra time in the evenings and early morning hours working on developing the Bible Land Studies

Program for the faculty and staff of the Bear Valley Bible Institute. The development of the Passage Guidebook, itinerary, answering emails, and coordinating all the logistics and elements will all be worth the effort as we observe and help to guide students through the process of learning more about the Bible, its historical settings, and the spiritual insights that will be gleaned and used in their teaching and preaching of the gospel. Please keep us in your prayers as we will be working with two different groups (for 3 1/2 weeks in March) who are going to Israel to participate in the Bible Lands Studies program.

Finally, as we look back on the past month’s work we are so excited to see the growth and the development of the students as they prepare themselves for ministry. We’ve also been so blessed to see marriages strengthened and individuals who have learned to cope with life’s problems through God’s source of strength. We’ve also been privileged to see the fruits of the labor from World Video Bible School, and to know that God has allowed us to have a small part in that work. It has been very edifying, to see the numbers and progress they are making (you will see those numbers within the confines of this report).

Brethren, we thank you for your support, for without you these blessings would not be possible. We thank God for you and pray His blessings to continue with you. Please continue to pray for us, and do not hesitate to give us a call if we can answer any question you may have.

In Him,

John W. Moore

Report from World Video Bible School

Our new work with Bible Passages allows us to spend more time working as an ambassador for World Video Bible School, as well as continuing to be involved in various video and photography projects. We have no way of knowing how many souls have been reached via the video "Searching for Truth", but we have been blessed to hear from time to time of those who obeyed the gospel through its use. WVBS continues to reach souls with many of their projects in places including Cameroon, Ghana, India, Australia, Cuba, Ecuador, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and in the United States. For more information about WVBS's teaching resources, Online Bible School, visit www.wvbs.org.

Baptisms and restorations reported (unsolicited) to WVBS-

2017 Baptisms: 3859
Restorations: 511

2016 Baptisms: 3752
Restorations: 664



Clockwise from top left: John and Wes Autrey skyping in on chapel with the Bear Valley extension school in Cambodia... several of the BV students attended the "Coping" seminar that John presented in Conifer, CO... Lots of work putting our Israel tour guidebook together!... A fun day trip up to Rocky Mountain National Park ended with this: Micah and Courtney are engaged!... so blessed by these women: Lynn Hite, Kathy Pollard and Teri Autrey... John's "posse" (Carl Pollard, Parker LaGrange, Clayton Westbrook and Adam Warnes) while I was away for the weekend... and we loved being with Lennie and Caryn Reagan and the Oak Forest church of Christ in Goldsboro, NC for a marriage seminar!



Carla's Comments

Whirlwind. That word encapsulates February! Family visits, a seminar, meetings, flights, a marriage seminar, a ladies retreat, class/lesson development and delivery, travel guide layouts, and major tour prep all demanded our attention. I think we underestimated the amount of time that preparing for the March Israel tours would add to our quarter at Bear Valley, but it has been exciting to see plans unfold. We leave this Monday, March 5 for two tours – the first with many of the staff and students of Bear Valley; the second with several BV alumni along with Christians coming from AK, TX and CO. We can't wait to be back in the land of the Bible, and to share the experience with friends is the icing on the cake!



She's going to be our daughter (in-law)!!!

Our month began with a quick weekend visit from Micah and Courtney. We loved being able to introduce them to our Bear Valley family, and on that Saturday we drove up to Rocky Mountain National Park. Courtney didn't know it (well, she probably suspected...) but Micah had a ring in his pocket, and dropping to his knee in the middle of a frozen lake, he popped the question! We couldn't be happier with his choice in Courtney (and thankful for her choice in him!) Courtney will be my third precious "daughter" – I never could have imagined the blessing that my girls have been – though our nest has emptied, our love has been multiplied over and over.

We were blessed to make a quick trip to Goldsboro, North Carolina for a marriage seminar. I've thought many times how wonderful it is to walk into a room full of women that you have never met, and have an instant connection and sisterhood because of the bond we have in Christ. Being with Lennie and Caryn Reagan and the beautiful people in Goldsboro was uplifting and encouraging. One woman, Gloria (below), was a child magnet – she had children sitting with her and coming to hug her. She told me she had quite a number of children with her first husband, and after his death she married a man whose wife had abandoned him and their children. She said "I got her kids, too!" She volunteers five days a week at one of the elementary schools, and while we were presenting lessons at the marriage seminar, she was caring for the children of the attendees. I love meeting inspiring women like her, and so many others I was privileged to meet this month!

I made a trip to Texas in February to take part in a ladies retreat with the women of the Katy church of Christ. I spoke to them about places in the land of the Bible, and how the "Stones Cry Out" with lessons we can still learn today. I love the topic – seeing these places where Jesus walked is convicting and life-changing, and I hope I can help others see that they are not just places with facts, but that they still contain faith-building messages for us in 2018.



Couldn't help thinking what a truly beautiful woman Gloria is!

While in Texas for the retreat, I made a quick stop to see family, including, of course, the grandbabies. Love and miss them all so much! Our parents are doing fairly well. Mom threw a little surprise 50th 30th :) birthday party for me – where has the time gone? I thought I could escape attention on my 50th by going out of the country (we'll be in Israel on my birthday), but Mom foiled that plan! Also: Alyssa has a tiny bit of scar tissue forming again – please pray that this will GO AWAY and that her eye will completely heal.

As always, we are so thankful for each of you and for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. God bless each of you! *Carla*