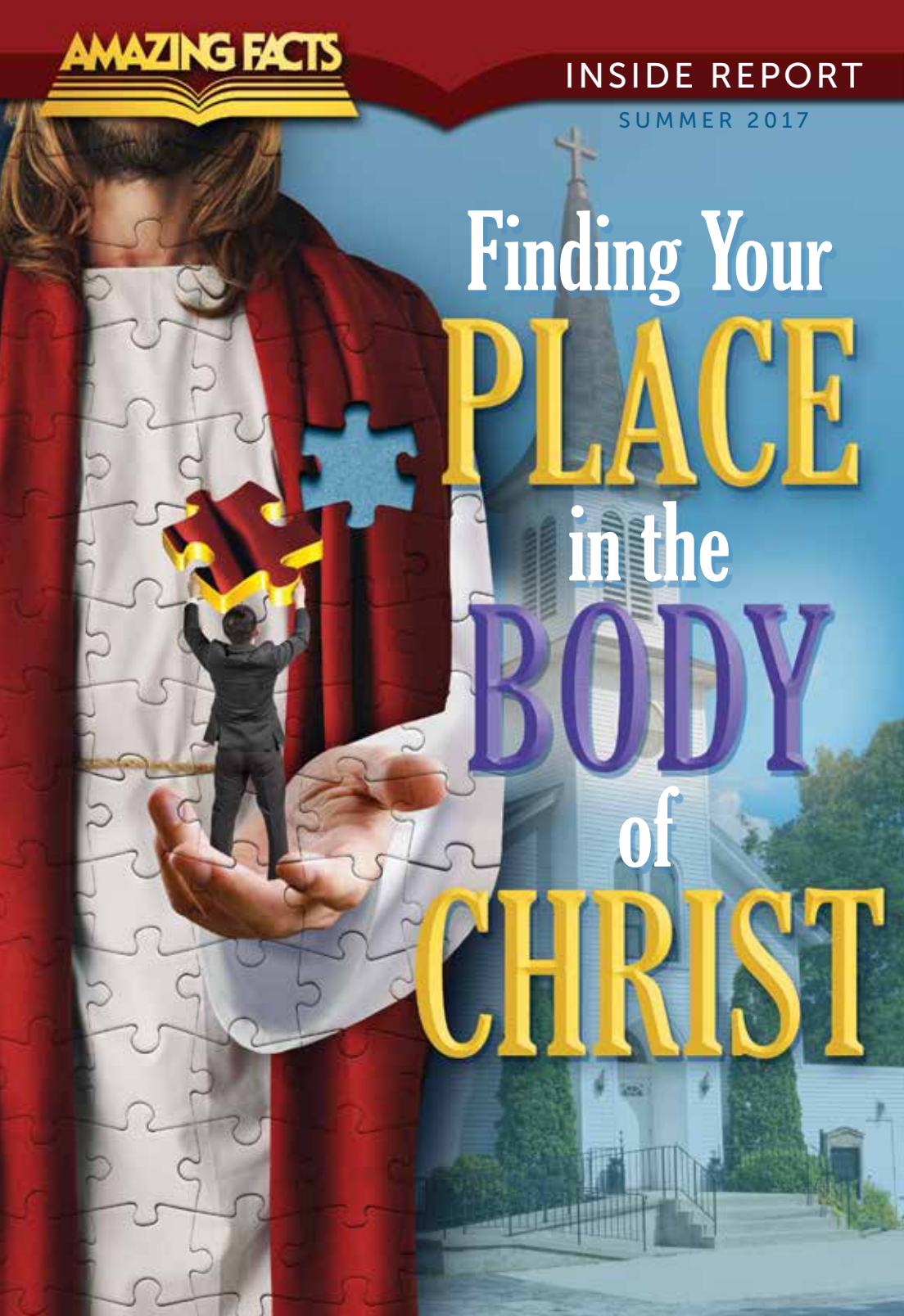


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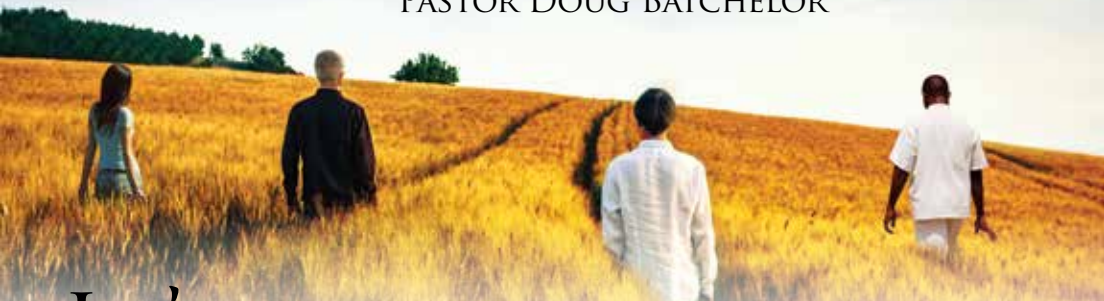
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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR



IT'S the law of supply and demand. Due to a continuing healthcare labor shortage expected to persist well beyond 2020, nurses across America are being enticed with huge signing bonuses to fill vacancies—up to \$10,000 or more in some cases. Why? Without more nurses, tens of thousands of patients will be neglected and die prematurely.

But there is another labor shortage that, if not filled quickly, could risk tens of thousands of souls for eternity. Jesus said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2). From what I see, this is truer today than ever. The biggest need in God’s church is mobilizing members to become dedicated, Spirit-filled, and trained lay evangelists who are prepared to take the full gospel to the ends of the earth.


Is the rescue of thousands of souls for the kingdom enough to entice you to join in the gospel work? What about just one soul? What’s keeping you from

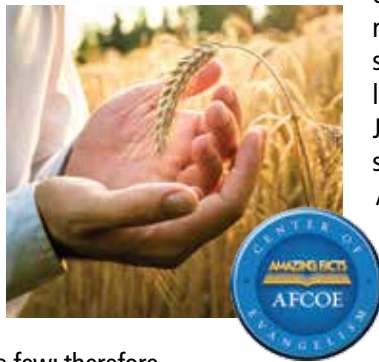
embracing God’s call? While I appreciate the work of pastors and professional evangelists—after all, I’m one of them—if we’re waiting for them to finish the work, it’s not going to happen.

That’s why the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) exists, to train thousands of church members as missionaries and

evangelists every year to reach their friends, family, strangers—the sin-sick and lonely—with the message of Jesus. And in this issue, you’ll see how your investment in Amazing Facts is making a worldwide impact through AFCOE, and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I also ask you to please encourage people in your church, young and old, to consider preparing their hearts now for the last-day work by attending an evangelism training school like AFCOE, which will help them grow in Bible knowledge and their relationship with Jesus.

Maybe Jesus is calling you now. Please don’t delay! After all, we have the promise that the “gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). Amen! 



Finding Your PLACE in the BODY of CHRIST

by Chuck Holtry, AFCOE Director

An Amazing Fact: One of the most intriguing symbiotic relationships in nature is that between the yucca moth and the yucca plant. Every species of yucca plant has a corresponding species of yucca moth that is the pollinator of that particular species. Without the yucca moth, the yucca plant wouldn't produce seeds. And without the yucca plant, yucca moth larvae wouldn't have yucca seeds to eat—their only food.



This interdependence between the yucca moth and the yucca plant means the survival of both. Yucca moths emerge from their earth cocoons precisely when the yucca plant is flowering. If for some reason the yucca plant doesn't flower, such as weather, there are always yucca moth pupae that remain dormant until the next spring when the yucca plant is flowering.¹

Accidental? Not at all. Throughout the natural world, we observe interdependent relationships that could not come by chance or natural selection but only by the hand of the Creator. One Bible commentator put it this way:

No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves upon the ground, but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest, or lowly blade of grass, but has its ministry. Every tree and shrub and leaf pours forth that element of life without which neither man nor animal could live; and man and animal, in turn, minister to the life of tree and shrub and leaf. The flowers breathe fragrance and unfold their beauty in blessing to the world. The sun sheds its light to gladden a thousand worlds. The ocean, itself the source of all our springs and fountains, receives the streams from every land, but takes to give.²

Hair and Kidneys

As in the natural world, so it is in the human body.

Our body parts are interdependent. The heart needs the lungs, the lungs need the windpipe, and the windpipe needs the mouth and nose. The stomach couldn't operate without the throat, liver, kidneys, intestines, and colon. While one could look at many more examples, the point is that each part of the body depends on another part of the body to function properly.

The apostle Paul said, "God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.

And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no



¹ https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/pollinator-of-the-month/yucca_moths.shtml

² *The Desire of Ages*, p. 20.

need of you' " (1 Corinthians 12:18–21). Put simply, God used many body parts to create one body. One body part would never be enough. Each body part, no matter how simple or complex, is needed to make a body.

And as it is in the human body, so it is in the church. In the same letter to the Corinthians, Paul compared the church to a body. (See 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13.) All the members are part of one body. It only stands to reason that we aren't all fingers or all legs or all lungs. The different members of God's church make up the different body parts of the body of Christ.

Have you noticed major differences in the personalities in your church? Has it bothered you? Why didn't God make everyone alike? We were not

all made alike for the same reason that our physical bodies are not all made of fingers. Can you imagine a skeleton consisting only of finger bones? Why, if finger bones made up our legs, they would quickly break under the stress of bearing the body's weight, whether we're standing, walking, or pushing.

Our Creator built the body in such a way that each part is perfectly suited for its designated work. It is not able to function as well—or at all—in another role, but it works perfectly in the role for which it was intended. "As we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another ... [with] gifts differing according to the grace that is given to



us" (Romans 12:4–6). Different gifts among God's people mean different roles in the church for every member. Not all members carry out the same role. God never intended for us to be mirror robots of each other. He created humankind with the immense variety we see around us.

You may say, "I can see the variety in the body of Christ. But isn't it possible that there is *too much* variety?" We all can think of someone in our church who says or does things that we would never say or do. And we all can think of church leaders who are loved or loathed because of that. However, as we look back on those leaders of ours, we realize that many of them accomplished a God-given task that someone with a different personality would never have accomplished. Just because we don't perfectly mesh with someone else's personality doesn't mean that God isn't using him.

Let's look at it this way: The hair on our head is much more visible than our kidneys, yet our kidneys are much more important to keeping the body healthy. Eliminating waste isn't something that we typically appreciate; yet we can't live without our kidneys. They may not smell great—because they are constantly dealing with waste—but we need our kidneys. It is much the same with the body of Christ. Paul was pretty clear when he wrote, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; nor



again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary" (1 Corinthians 12:21, 22).

Another point Paul made in his letter to the Corinthians is that no one should feel his involvement in God's work is worthless, no matter how the rest of our culture views that kind of work.

Consider phytoplankton. These tiny microorganisms can't be seen with the naked eye, yet they are the primary source of food for zooplankton. Zooplankton, small marine creatures such as krill, are food for fish, birds, seals, and even whales. If there were no phytoplankton, there would be no zooplankton, and without zooplankton there would be almost



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School of Hope



Sam felt it was important to win souls for Christ, but he became discouraged when he found it difficult to implement in his daily life. A night shift worker at a hospital in California, he shares his faith through social media on his nights off. He has made contact with people all over the world "because they happen to be awake when I am."

One night, Sam ran across a photo of a young woman in the Philippines who was reading a Christian book that was familiar to him. Contacting her, he learned that she was a physical therapy student. As Sam and Jean corresponded, Jean tearfully shared that her father had become ill and had lost his job, making it impossible for her to continue her medical training. Sam tried to console her by suggesting that "perhaps God has another plan for your life."

That's when Sam remembered reading about the Philippines Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (PAFCOE) and suggested that Jean attend. She was interested but couldn't afford the fees. "I told her that if she wanted to go, money was not a problem. I would send her," he shares. She cried again, but this time they were tears of gratitude.

On-the-Job Training

PAFCOE's final month is dedicated to on-the-job training, and students of its ninth and most recent class spread out across the Philippines to conduct *Prophecies of Hope* evangelistic meetings.

One student was about to present the 2,300-day prophecy when the power went out. He was planning to show many slides, but everyone sat transfixed as he used the small light from his phone to see his notes as he shared God's Word.

At another location, rain had come in torrents and lightning had lit up the sky the night before. But as students knelt and prayed the next night, not one drop of rain fell.

Mr. Dreu attended at another location, lost in remorse for how he had treated his



wife and children and wondering how God could ever forgive him. Because of what he heard at the meetings, he was converted and, against his family's wishes, was baptized. He exclaimed, "God has been changing me, and His words have given me the courage to believe my situation is not hopeless."

A Catholic young man named Eliroll would stand in the back at another series and argue about the presentations. However, when the PAFCOE student presented the topic of Babylon, a change came over Eliroll. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he told the presenter, "Thank you. This is the explanation to a dream God gave me when He called me to leave my old ways. I want to join the remnant church where the truth is obeyed."

PAFCOE's ninth class presented thirteen seminars leading to 156 precious souls being baptized, illustrating what PAFCOE is doing with your prayerful and financial support, and illustrating the type of experience Jean had at PAFCOE.

Lasting Results

Jean's PAFCOE training has led her to many experiences sharing God's love with others. After graduating, she was walking through a dangerous part of town to visit one of her Bible study interests. After studying the Bible with the young woman, their singing was interrupted by persistent knocking at the



front door. The young man outside said he had heard their singing and wanted the joy that Jean had. Leaving his old life of drug dealing and murders, he has been studying with them and will soon be baptized!

Jean has also conducted many evangelistic meetings, beginning with children and later working with adults. She has also contracted with a local radio station to produce a two-hour weekly program sharing the three angels' messages. The response has been very positive. Her work has resulted in so many baptisms that Sam has lost count.

Not only did God give Sam an opportunity to share his faith, but through Jean and PAFCOE, He has taken it far beyond what Sam could have done on his own! "My prayers were answered in a way I would have never thought possible."

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"I was brushing my hair when God spoke to my heart and said, 'You must go to AFCOE!'"



Alexandra tried to blend in with the crowd at the nightclub. Since turning away from the church, she had turned to partying, smoking, and drinking.

One night another girl at the club turned to her and bluntly said, "You don't belong here." Alexandra could tell the Holy Spirit was speaking through this person.

Ever since becoming bitter toward the church of her childhood, she had felt God calling her back. Alexandra's baptism at a young age gave her a sense of purpose, but when she was a teenager, her family moved to a new church. She tried to make a difference there, but her friends left the church one by one until Alexandra and her sister were the only teens left.

That's when Alexandra rebelled. She moved out of her parents' home and turned to a life of partying. But God didn't let her go. One night she just couldn't bring herself to drink. That same night, as her parents were going out to eat with friends, her mother felt strongly impressed to pray for her daughter. Her parents and some friends were in a restaurant parking lot when they stopped and knelt on the pavement to pray for Alexandra. That was the last night Alexandra attended the club.

Alexandra came back to church, grew in her relationship with Jesus, got married, and had children. During this time, the calling of God on her life only grew stronger. Along with her husband, her parents, and her sister, she fervently studied and became convicted to share the gospel with others. "Someone has to tell them!" she recalls thinking.

God Speaks

One day, while brushing her hair, the Holy Spirit impressed Alexandra that she and her husband should attend the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE). "We have always been supporters of Amazing Facts," she explains, "and watch Pastor Doug's sermons."

God spoke to Alexandra's heart so clearly that she stopped brushing. "I was frozen and couldn't move," she remembers. Her husband could tell something was going on and asked, "Are you OK?" She told him, "God wants us to go to AFCOE!"

Alexandra shared her experience with her family and they all agreed it was God's plan. But how could they afford to attend? Because of a health condition, her husband was not working at the time. Then her sister offered to dedicate her income from a part-time job



to supply the needed funds. "I saw Jesus' love through my sister," Alexandra says.

Yet after planning out all the details, Alexandra's sister was in a terrible car accident. When she heard about what happened, Alexandra cried out to God to save her sister. "Faith took on a new meaning for me after that day," she shares.



However, God was with her family every step of the way. Her sister was so badly injured that she ended up in a wheelchair for several months, but today you would never know she was in a bad accident.


While the devil was working to keep Alexandra and her husband from AFCOE, they persisted in raising funds by conducting music concerts in churches and saving money here and there. They finally reached their goal!

The Best Teachers Ever

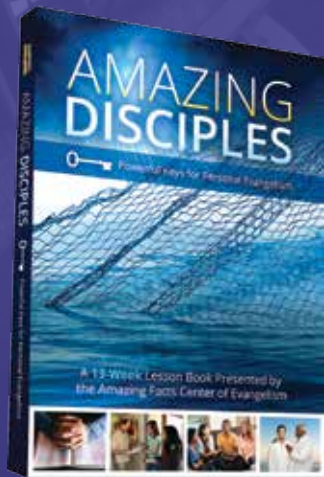
"From the moment my husband and I stepped into the classroom and met our teachers, we knew God had sent us," she shares. "It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life." Alexandra feels that AFCOE has been blessed with the best teachers. "The instructors and the students are my family. This place has made an unforgettable impact on my life."

Alexandra explains, "The teachers teach with their heart every single day." She can also see that the staff care deeply about their students. "I have seen at AFCOE the genuine love of Jesus in a way I had never seen before."

After graduation, Alexandra and her husband have "a huge desire to teach God's Word and train others for the spreading of the gospel." They hope to create a similar program for Spanish-speaking people and perhaps work overseas. "All I know is that I see how members of the church need to be trained for this incredible work. Jesus is coming soon," Alexandra concludes, "and many people die every day never knowing Him. Someone has to do something! I want to be that someone."

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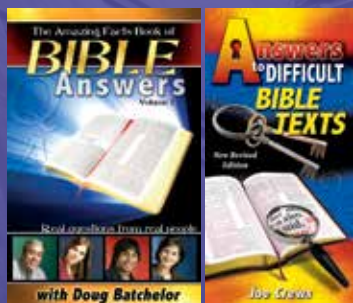
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Building Up the Work in Africa



It was the beginning of summer in sub-Saharan Africa when AFCOE Africa conducted its second graduation with nearly fifty students completing either the full course or the iSHARE weekend-only training program. Hearing of the reports of changed lives is a thrilling climax to months of training and soul-winning outreach.

One group of students decided to conduct their Bible study practicum in a women's prison, and soon well over a hundred women were attending the study. When the program concluded, thirty inmates decided to be baptized!

A full-course student from Uganda returned to his country for his on-the-job training practicum. This dentist found himself in a small town with a church

that had a membership of ten, with seven attending. With some helpers, he brought timber from the forest and put up a pavilion for his meetings. The attendance was small, averaging only fifteen per meeting. But at the end of his one-month evangelistic series—the first he had ever conducted—ten people were baptized, doubling the membership of the little village church!

A Miracle Gift

Another full-course student, Moses, conducted an evangelistic effort in one of the slums in Nairobi and has an amazing story to share. Cecilia was an older woman who came early every night to Moses' meetings. He thought at first that she was a local member from one of the area churches, so the second Sabbath evening of the series he asked her where she had attended church that day. "Oh," she said, "I was just at home today."

Sensing that she was probably a visitor rather than a member, he asked how she was enjoying the meetings. She said, "If these meetings were meant for anyone, it is me. I think it is for me that God brought these meetings here."





That week, Moses went to visit Cecilia in her home. As they talked, she said, "I have always wanted to understand prophecy. As early as the 1980s I've had this desire to understand the books of Daniel and Revelation. I told God not to let me read the Bible as a simple storybook. I knew there was much more to it, especially if I could understand the symbols of prophecy."

Then one day her three-year-old granddaughter brought her a flyer



advertising Moses' meetings. Cecilia asked her granddaughter, "Where did you get this flyer?"

The granddaughter replied, "Grandma, this is my gift for you." How the little girl got the flyer is a miracle, because flyers were not distributed in that area of the slum.

As Cecilia looked at the flyer she said in her heart, "Lord, this is what I


have been waiting for. I must attend these meetings."

Despite her poor health, Cecilia came the first night and never missed a meeting. She was always the first to arrive—usually two hours before the meetings began—and she was always one of the last to leave.

Because Cecilia decided to be baptized as a Sabbath keeper, she immediately lost the financial support of her previous church. "Since I have been coming to these meetings," she told Moses, "many times I don't even have food to eat."

Moses could see that Cecilia was struggling to hold back tears. He sat there unsure how to comfort and bring her hope. But she gathered courage and continued, "But pastor, the Bible says, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' " Such is the faith of an elderly woman from the slums of Nairobi!

Moses made arrangements for Cecilia to be provided with lunch and dinner that day, and also for her support in the future. Later, Cecilia told Moses, "When God wants to fish for you, He'll find you even if you are at the bottom of the sea!"

We praise God that Cecilia was one of the group baptized at the conclusion of the AFCOE Africa evangelism training. Your gifts enable Amazing Facts' ongoing work in Africa to expand exponentially, reaching new places and new seekers with the gospel of Jesus Christ. 

Through the Waters

AFCOE students press forward in Puerto Rico to present the gospel



Whether it was a sinking boat or pounding rain on a tin roof, AFCOE graduates would not be deterred from sharing Christ with hungry souls in Puerto Rico. After completing their four-month training course in Sacramento, twenty AFCOE students headed south to the beautiful city of Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city.

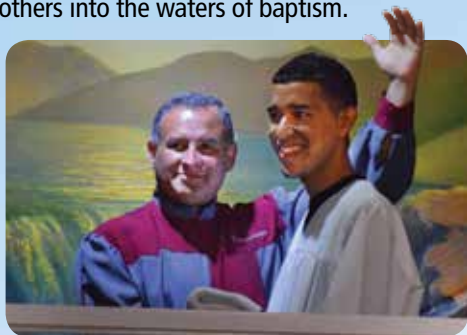
Kicking off the *Prophecy Speaks Hope* seminar hosted by students at nine locations around the city, Pastor Doug Batchelor spoke at an opening rally to inspire church members to participate in the meetings. Each site had AFCOE graduates presenting last-day prophecy every night for two weeks.

Local church leaders and members were very supportive, saying the AFCOE students were dedicated, hard-working, and spiritual. Besides conducting meetings, students also assisted in church and school building projects, health classes, and children's programs.

Sink or Swim

One afternoon, the AFCOE team took a break from their busy schedule to visit an island for fellowship and rest. On the return trip, however, the boat took

on water. Only two were in the boat at the time—the boat owner and a student—and both were able to swim to shore. The stranded group called the police, who sent a boat to the rescue. It was a firsthand experience of how God would be with each of them in their work as they passed waters of tribulation and led others into the waters of baptism.



Early in the series, a young man heard the message of salvation for the first time. Afterward, his girlfriend approached Kiera, one of the speakers, with a request. "My boyfriend's father is in the hospital dying. He's wondering if you'd visit him." Kiera and other graduates joined a local pastor and gladly went to see Arvin, who was only in his late 40s.

Four family members were present as the AFCOE group gathered around Arvin's hospital



bed to sing and pray. At one point the pastor shared the gospel and asked Arvin and his family to accept Christ. The entire family responded positively and there were many tears and hugs. The wife repeatedly thanked the students for coming to visit her husband, who only had a few days to live.

On another evening a woman named Ponce came to Kiera's seminar with a church member named Nancy. Ponce's husband had passed away ten years earlier and she was struggling to know what happened to him after he died. Was he in heaven, in hell, or was he a spirit floating around somewhere?

When Kiera presented the Bible's teaching on the state of the dead, she also shared her own testimony of losing her father in a car accident when she was just a young girl. Her story deeply touched Ponce and brought her freedom and peace. She even decided to be baptized!



Above the Storm


On the night Gil, another AFCOE student, was to speak on baptism, everything that could go wrong went wrong. Just as he began to make the altar call, it started raining. It poured down on the metal roof of their building and was so loud that people could not hear him speak. Gil prayed for guidance and then asked people who wanted to be baptized to stand. People heard his voice above the

storm and pressed forward, some with tears streaming down their cheeks.

That same night, a woman in her fifties approached Gil. She had not been to a Sabbath-keeping church in eight years because someone had deeply hurt her. But when she heard about the prophecy seminar she felt led to attend the meetings. Though it was her first night, when she heard the presentation on baptism, she gave her heart back to Jesus and asked to be re-baptized.

Carissa McSherry, AFCOE assistant director, coordinated the Puerto Rico meetings. She was excited for the students to put into practice what they had learned after teaching them for four months. Carissa gathered the group each morning to worship, pray, and review their talks and attended many of the meetings and gave personal support to each student.

On the last Sabbath, all the speakers, members, and guests from each of the nine sites gathered together for a large worship and baptismal service. Amazing Facts evangelist Carlos Muñoz gave an inspiring message calling each person to be a light for Jesus Christ in these last days. In all, fifty-seven precious souls were led into the waters of baptism. Dozens of others will soon pass through the waters and join them in accepting Christ.

Thank you for making AFCOE training and mission work possible through your gifts, which are hastening the last-day work of evangelism. 

CONNECTING PEOPLE

to Jesus

Prophecy Encounter Touches Florida—and Beyond!

Prophecy Encounter, a ten-part Amazing Facts evangelistic series hosted by the Spring Meadows church in Sanford, Florida, drew hundreds locally, along with a massive global audience watching by satellite. Pastor Doug Batchelor presented each program, all of which were designed to connect people to Jesus while explaining today's events in the light of Bible prophecy.

More than 1,450 people registered for the local meetings, and attendance soared to nearly 2,000 each Sabbath. By the end of the meetings, at least thirty-seven people in the Sanford area—which is near Orlando—committed to baptism, and many more are expected to follow suit soon.

A Transforming Experience

The meetings were advertised as “a transforming Bible study experience,” and that is exactly what they became for Ken of Chuluota, Florida, and his wife. Coming from a nominal Christian background, Ken said the meetings

awakened a desire in him to more closely follow the Lord.

“Pastor Doug laid out extremely compelling facts and truth about many things using a combination of the Bible and his own testimony,” Ken said after the event. “His approach was very

nonjudgmental and self-effacing. He laid out how



we should live and what we should believe when we call ourselves Christ's followers.”

The change was more than realigning his church membership, although he planned on baptism as a sign of his recommitment to faith. Having before



Ken



thought that either a continued business career or retirement living “on a beach somewhere” were his chief options, Ken has left the corporate world to serve at a nonprofit. He and his wife have put their 5,000-square foot home on the market “to commit our lives to ministry.”

Ken affirms, “The Holy Spirit is my permanent guest. I need to be ready to reflect the healing love of Christ always because you never know exactly where the Spirit will lead you next. I am looking forward to the exciting adventures ahead.”

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Eight-year-old Melinda of Altamonte Springs, Florida, is being raised in a Christian home, where she first started watching the *Amazing Adventure* series with Pastor Doug when she was just three years old. “I became the program’s biggest fan as I learned the truth about Jesus and the Bible,” she says. “I still watch the programs frequently—I have learned so much!”

Her youth didn’t prevent Melinda from deciding for Jesus, and during *Prophecy Encounter*, she said she came to know “that the Ten Commandments are not rules that limit me, but God made them to help and protect me.”

When the *Prophecy Encounter* series came to a close, Melinda says, “On the final evening, when Pastor Doug asked



people to make a decision for Jesus, I thought, *This is my chance*. . . Although I was a little scared to stand up all by myself, I did, and I was so glad.” She was baptized a few weeks later—praise the Lord!

Melinda now says she is looking forward to the future and says, “I want to

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Doug Batchelor

June 9, 10

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Honolulu, Hawaii

August 4 – 26

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Ryan Day

August 4 – 26

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September 8 – 23

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be a missionary when I grow up, as long as I can also be a mom!"

Broken Life Redeemed

Nothing in Raina Sims' life soothed the pain of the broken home of her childhood—not the relationships that followed, nor the marijuana she used almost daily.

About the only certainty in Raina's life was her job at a Christian school, and a co-worker who helped her through the roughest patch.

It was at this time, she explains, "I poured out my heart to the Lord and gave Him all that I was, deciding to hold nothing back for the first time in my life. He began healing me so quickly, piece by piece."




Raina had been attending the Spring Meadows church before the *Prophecy Encounter* meetings. She shares that "toward the end of the series, we were discussing baptism. I knew God was calling me to finally make that choice, and my heart truly wanted to be His once and for all. Finally, on March 11, I was baptized! It was the best decision I've ever made."

Today, there's a noticeable change in her life. Raina says, "I truly can't believe how surrendered I am every day. I'm amazed, and

my close family and friends are as well! It's been a 180-degree turnaround; I've never been where I am now in my whole life."

Thank you for your loving support and prayers for *Prophecy Encounter*, which shows us that God still uses live evangelism events to reach and change thousands of hearts.

Says Pastor Doug, "It's thrilling to see how God worked in this series. We had guests from as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania attend in person. I even met a gentleman from Belgium who happened to be lecturing about global terrorism at a local university. A few years ago, he purchased *Final Events* in a used bookstore and it awakened his interest in prophecy. When he received our *Prophecy Encounter* flyer in the mail, he was thrilled. This is just one example of how God is using *Amazing Facts*' live prophecy presentations to grow His kingdom. People are still open to these events. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this vital outreach mission." 

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no life in our oceans.³ And from their lowly station at the bottom of the ocean's food chain, phytoplankton provide 50 to 85 percent of the oxygen that you and I breathe.⁴

Even as phytoplankton is often not recognized for its important role, so many Christians are often passed by as being insignificant to the mission of the church. However, someday we will see that many of the seemingly unimportant ministry roles in our church were the most honored in the courts of heaven.

You Are Needed!

It is time for the church of God to act as a body. It is time for Christians to recognize their place within the body and to honor the place of fellow Christians there. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."⁵


It is also time for us to recognize the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the mechanic and the minister, the doctor and the doorman, the teacher and the technician. Could it be that God is waiting once again for His people to be "all with one accord in one place"? (Acts 2:1).

So what does this mean for you? Where do you fit into this body of Christ?

It means that you have an important ministry! Just as each body part is designed to carry out its function, each member is gifted in such a way so as to carry out his or her ministry. Being part of a body means that you are gifted in some way. Just as the yucca plant needs the yucca moth and the zooplankton needs the phytoplankton, so the body of Christ *needs* you. A ministry is waiting for you. It doesn't belong to your pastor or your parents or your friends; it is *yours*. "Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of



souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."⁶

May we rise up and inhabit that "special place designated" for us. May we realize the ministry that God has placed in our hands! 

³ <http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/diagram/5137/marine-food-chain>

⁶ *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 326.

⁴ <http://earthsky.org/earth/how-much-do-oceans-add-to-worlds-oxygen>

⁵ *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 221.

NEWS to NOTE

AMAZING FACTS

Building for Eternity: The W.O.R.D. Center

Amazing Facts is preparing to break ground at the future site of its new ministry headquarters in Rocklin, California, just north of Sacramento. On April 29, friends of Amazing Facts joined Doug Batchelor at a special dedication ceremony, where he acknowledged, "God has opened new doors for Amazing Facts to reach even more people for Christ than we are today, in every facet of ministry—from broadcasting to publishing to the Internet. But we are at capacity in our current facilities. There is no more room to grow."

So we come to an intersection of need and opportunity that can lead to more impact for the Lord—to more redeemed lives. Amazing Facts has embarked on a bold plan, a 96,000-square-foot vision to build the W.O.R.D. Center—a new home for Amazing Facts—adequately sized and equipped to grow our global ministry and increase our impact for God's kingdom. Called the World Outreach, Revival, and Discipleship Center, it will be a facility large enough for the people and resources required to answer God's call to international ministry.

It will also be the home of a thriving Sabbath-keeping congregation where Amazing Facts can record and broadcast preaching and seminars at a higher level of quality and in far more quantity than is currently possible. Moreover, it will be a center of missionary training for thousands of men and women who will travel to foreign lands and home churches equipped to evangelize and minister.

The need for Amazing Facts to expand its ministry to reach the lost is clear. But we simply cannot do it in the limited facilities we have now. For half a century, God has been Amazing Facts' partner. Now, partnered with you, let's embrace a larger plan. Let's build the W.O.R.D. Center together.

While time remains, let's do all we can and make a sacrificial commitment to send the everlasting gospel into all the world—and watch the power of the Word change lives for Christ. Learn more about the W.O.R.D. Center at amazingfacts.org.



Special Recognition



In Memory

Carmen Abear by Bernie Quinn

George Abers by Elder and Mrs. Arden Mote

Douglas Ackermann by June Ackermann, his wife; by Shirley Beers, his mother

Marlin Allen by Udene Allen

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Barbara Brizendine by Edward and Janice Adams; by Norma Kaeslin

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Zane Burke by Sherrie Williamson, his mother

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Larry Collier by Laura Moore

Amanda Contreras by Ruth Swoboda; by Joseph and Teresa Wright

Everett Dickerson by Arnold Glidden

Myron Durham by Anita Lowe, his sister

Warren and Edith Durham by Anita Lowe, their daughter

Fred and Eva Flemmer by Olga Rodin, their daughter

Ona Glidden by Arnold Glidden, her husband; by Connie Ross, her mother

Todd Harrison by Glenda Burgess, his mother

Stacy Havelka by Al Wiggins

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Alvina Hertzmann by Olga Rodin

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William Lowe by Anita Lowe, his wife

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Donald Stowe by Doris Thomas

James and Evelyn Thomas by Mary Ann Jimenez

William Weaver by Dr. and Mrs. Eng

Albert Wick by Palmer Wick, his brother

Happy Birthday

Makayla Nguyen by Hussein Mohamed, her daughter

In Honor

Dell Gray by Calvin Pearce

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Turn Property into
Souls for the Kingdom...

Al Wiggins and his wife found an old orchard and built a beautiful home for their retirement years—and both were committed to providing for the Lord's end-time work through this property by establishing an estate plan with Amazing Facts. After his wife passed away, Al continued to be a faithful steward, and the Lord continued to bless him financially. But as the years went by, Al knew it was time to downsize, and the Lord led him to make an amazing decision ...



"My wife and I had already included our home in an estate plan with Amazing Facts, but I have decided to gift it to the ministry now, while I'm still around, so I can see the work

the Lord will do through it. My prayer is that this honors throughout eternity my wife's faithfulness. I'm so thankful I made this decision, and I feel very blessed I can do this for the Lord."

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BIBLE ANSWERS

WITH DOUG BATCHELOR




Q. What's the best way to share Bible truths with my friends?

A. The Bible says, "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17). Let's first discuss what we shouldn't do when sharing our faith: argue. People don't respond well to argument. When hearts are proud or stubborn, we are tempted to dig in and fight—no matter what creative, logical arguments are presented. So don't preach and don't be arrogant. Remember, you were once in their position (Ephesians 2:13).

There are some specific things we can do when sharing with those we care about. First, be a true friend and *listen*. Second, if they are open to it, share information. The Bible says, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6). It's a good idea to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you know *when* to speak up, *what* to say, and *how* to say it. Be sure to add what God has done for you personally to what you're sharing. How has this changed your relationship with Him and your life for the better? That can make a real impact in someone's thinking. Sometimes sharing a book or a DVD works well, especially with people who are argumentative.

Third, be a good example. You don't want to be un-Christlike and get angry with your friends simply because they disagree with you. That's not the way Jesus would win them over. But you can set an example in the way that you live. If love is your motivation, people will notice. Read Titus 2:6–8!

Fourth, pray for your friends, consistently and patiently. Remember, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). We can't see things the way God does, and sometimes it takes months or years for Him to transform seed we've planted into beautiful new flowers. Trust that He wants to save your friends even more than you do. Don't give up. Keep praying!

Finally, along with the theme of this magazine, I encourage you to attend one of our AFCE sessions or AFCE to Go weekend sessions. You will get in-depth and practical information that we simply don't have space to share with you here. Visit afce.org today to learn more. 

Tune in to ***Bible Answers Live***, Amazing Facts' live, nationwide call-in radio program, and listen to Pastor Doug give biblical, straightforward answers to difficult Bible questions. To get times and stations in your area, or to listen to answers online, visit www.amazingfacts.org.

A Gospel

Thunderbolt in the South Pacific



Amazing Facts and Pastor Doug, in association with Amazing Facts Oceania, completed a whirlwind speaking tour this past April that included stops in Australia and Papua New Guinea, where thousands of lives were changed for the Lord.

During the contemporary *What's Right? Global Change & the Individual* weekend series on the Gold Coast of Australia, more than 3,500 people attended from many different denominations. One guest even said that his church group was planning to join a local Sabbath-keeping congregation as a result.



the airport—and over 200,000 attended the Sabbath meetings alone.

One day, the team traveled to an isolated location to record a new *Amazing Facts of Faith* episode. After they found an ideal spot to film, they approached a grass hut to seek permission to film. When an elderly woman came out to greet them, she screamed in delight. She had been watching Amazing Facts programs for years and never expected to see Pastor Doug at her

home. This shows the impact your support is having even in remote locations around the world!

We saw a hunger for the last-day message

Then, when the team arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG), they simply weren't prepared for what God had in store. While PNG is one of the world's most culturally diverse countries, only 18 percent have electricity—still, the Word of God is moving there brightly like a thunderbolt.

Through extensive distribution of Amazing Facts DVDs, such as *Final Events*—often shown using projectors running on diesel-powered generators in small churches—and Pastor Doug's sermons on television, we knew he had become a well-known preacher. But we simply could not have anticipated the stunning turnout! More than 60,000 souls greeted Amazing Facts at

as nothing we've seen before. Hundreds of thousands stood in torrential rain almost every night simply to have the opportunity to hear the Word of God. As a result, more than 5,000 were baptized. All glory to God!

What Is Amazing Facts Oceania?

This report was made possible by Amazing Facts Oceania, a partner ministry in Australia run entirely by a group of dedicated volunteers who distribute our Christian resources and ensure our programs are being seen across Australia and in the South Pacific. Amazing Facts programs can be seen weekly on Channel 7TWO, Sunday mornings at 6:30. Visit amazingfacts.com.au to learn more.

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