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Changes by Anthony Lester

If you have been a friend of Amazing Facts for more than a few years, you've watched with us as God has blessed the ministry's growth and success. From Baltimore, Maryland, to Sacramento, California, and all the way to Accra, Ghana, the impact we're making has been especially potent in the last few years—a fast-growing Bible School, a burgeoning College of Evangelism, and an expanding worldwide media program just to name a few.

Obviously, we are merely conduits of the Holy Spirit as we follow the will of the Father and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. We're absolutely nothing without His power, and with gratitude we praise Him for the opportunity to be a part of it.

When I arrived at Amazing Facts, I had the pleasure of looking back at the ministry via the *Inside Report*. Paging through the piles of issues, I realized that God had given me an important task. Under the graceful guidance of Debra Hicks, the periodical became a flagship of ministry progress and eventually a powerful vehicle for evangelism.

Naturally, the magazine has had many fine editors who have left their indelible imprint; I am simply the latest attempting to do the same, and I am certainly not the last. I hope what I've done thus far has touched you in some way, and I always appreciate the feedback you provide.

Of course, as a writer and editor, I've come to know how important the look and feel of a publication is to its message. God has blessed this facet with the talented artist Haley Trimmer. If you've noticed only one change in the magazine lately, it's probably her lively influence. Her intuitive style draws out each idea—it's more than eye pleasing; it's solid direction. (Just check out the next edition's "Peace" cover!)

Yet it's been more than editors and artists that have altered the course of the magazine since it was first published in 1976. Circumstances like budget, style, and content have shaped it perhaps more than any editor could. We've changed its name, introduced color, and cut its size in half while doubling its pages—all in an effort to meet your needs better. Its change has mirrored a transforming ministry.

When editors start writing about these things, it's a good clue that something's about to change. I'm sure you've caught on that the *Inside Report* is again stepping out to do something different. Indeed, this is the May/June issue,



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signaling that we've just gone bimonthly. We're soon to double the number of pages, so you're getting the same material ... but more all at once. You'll still see Pastor Doug's insightful articles, and the Bible Answers and Behind the Scenes sections, but you'll also see some new features. I think you'll like it a lot—I'm looking forward to the challenge.

The primary reason is stewardship. As a ministry, we'll save more than \$100,000 a year in postage alone. There are even more savings on the comparative per-piece printing cost. And the leaders of this organization believe that we need to enhance our presence in the media and public—to share the true message of Jesus better. When every dollar counts, Amazing Facts is an awesome evangelistic value for reaching souls, enhancing believers' walks, and equipping the laity. For instance, our *Hope for a Hemisphere* project is an important but expensive step in reaching the lost in Africa. Going every other month will make it possible to move forward boldly and will channel more of your contributions into direct evangelism. (I'd also like you to consider sending a special gift for this project; we're moving forward faithfully, but we need your continued support.)

In a recent letter, Pastor Doug wrote about his vision to be a one-stop ministry resource for you—health being a particular area he'd like to address. He also mentioned the financial aspect of such a burden. The ministry believes that by moving this way with the magazine, we'll do more for you and for those searching for truth. Perhaps at a later time, the *Inside Report* will change again; it probably will and should. But for now, we're following the Spirit's guidance as we've always tried to do and walking through the doors God has opened.

Keep the faith.

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Right on Time

Your program was right on time for me because the subject of the Ten Commandments was discussed the night before in my small group Bible study.

I cannot wait to share this information with my group because it confirms what some of us already believe to be true. *JS, Michigan*



Millennium Blessings

My wife and I have received many wonderful blessings from your Millennium of Prophecy series. I thank our Lord for Pastor Doug, who has reached my wife especially with his kind manner. I was an atheist and my wife was practicing Santeria. We have seen the truth of God's Word. We are going to be baptized soon, praise the Lord, and due in no small part to your ministry as well. *T&JM, Maine*

A Real Sacrifice

I just listened to your *A Real Sacrifice* today. It was awesome! It taught me how selfish I can be. I was saving this money up for a new snowboard, but I don't really need it because the one I've got works fine. I know it's not much, but I thought you could use it anyway. *AH*, *Washington*

Gideon Guard Miracle

Recently we read in one of your letters about a couple who decided to give the "trithe" and the Lord blessed them so abundantly that they were able to clear off several debts. That made an impression on us, and so we decided to do the trithe also. Even before we sent you the first check, we were blessed with an unexpected gift of \$1,000. So the Lord is good, and He is blessing us! Amazing Facts is amazing! And our God is amazing! *EH, North Carolina*

Whooo Hoooo!

I finally witnessed a completed graduate in



the United Kingdom from my mass e-mailing! The Holy Spirit gets all the credit! And Amazing Facts gets the rest. Whooo Hoooo! *CS, e-mail*

Thanks for Staying True

Thank you for your honesty and your ministry. As a Christian, I find it challenging to stand up for what I believe in. Even in my own community of believers, many have taken a very liberal view of God's Word. However, I have heard and read your ministry's resources, and it has strengthened me to know that I am not alone. The Lord has truly blessed your ministry, and my prayers will be that the Lord's ministry strives and continues to use strong, godly men to proclaim the everlasting gospel. *BR*, *e-mail*

All Glory to God

You have done a great job giving the glory to God. I have been so saddened by teachings that leave God's Word open to human interpretations, and the glory going to individuals and organizations. *MW*, *Missouri*

Cadillac Evangelism

We had been praying to sell our old Cadillac, but it sat in the driveway for months. One day, I was impressed by the Holy Spirit to donate any money from it to Amazing Facts, and it was just a short amount of time before we sold it. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the truth of God's Word. *P&DH*, *Tennessee*



Invaluable Lessons

I once was part of the unbelieving rockand-roll world, but then through the Holy Spirit (and some good earthly leaders) I learned to trust the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Your programs, both radio and TV, have been invaluable. God bless your ministry! *Anonymous*

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Illuminating the Dark Contintent

By Gary Gibbs

An Amazing Fact:

When the European colonial powers embarked on conquering Africa, they labeled it the Dark Continent. They saw it as a vast and dangerous place full of savage people. This could not have been further from the truth, as Africa and her multihued people have spawned some of the world's most advanced, colorful, and exotic civilizations—it is well established that African cultures were among the earliest to employ iron, build cities, and develop trade routes. However, in the 7th century, Islam replaced Christianity as the dominant religion, steeping the continent into a Christ-less darkness.

Cope for a Hemisphere, Amazing Facts' evangelistic outreach to Africa, has officially begun. In March, graduates from our College of Evangelism and I arrived in Accra, the capital of Ghana in West Africa, to conduct 27 evangelistic meetings. We praise God for the 2,000 newly baptized members, but this is only the humble first fruit of a more far-reaching work God will do later this year through Pastor Doug Batchelor's satellite evangelistic meetings in Africa.

From November 8 to 30, Pastor Doug will preach in Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, in West Africa. From this location, his meetings will be up-linked by satellite to all of the Eastern Hemisphere! Even viewers in North and South America will be able to participate in this stirring overseas mission trip by watching it on Three Angel's Broadcasting Network. Judging from the response of our groundwork meetings, we anticipate that God will do extraordinary things through this series.

Africa has long been known as the Dark Continent. But the plethora of unsatisfying religions and crushing poverty have prepared the African people to be exceptionally receptive to the bright beams of truth. Amazing Facts has sensed God telling us that now is the time to shine light into the darkness. Already, 500,000 sets of the Storacles of Prophecy lessons are being used



in 31 African nations in preparation for Pastor Doug's meetings. This literature is quickly being devoured by truth-starved souls.

As with most of our ministry's projects, we don't have any wealthy donors financing this mission. Instead, we depend on the sacrificial gifts of many donors. So we have stepped out in faith, believing God will move the hearts of His people to partner with us in reaching these children of God. If you feel led to participate, please let us hear from you. Write Pastor Doug to assure him that you are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If God impresses you to help financially, you can simply mark your gift "Africa."

Africa urgently needs the gospel. Islam has a powerful grip, especially in the north, and is seeking to extend its stronghold. Paganism also has millennia-old roots that run deep. While our fellow African brothers and sisters know Bible truth, they are still very much dependent on the assistance of western churches to advance the gospel. Often in America, we find it difficult to capture the attention of the secularized; however, Africans come in droves to hear the Word of God. As you will see in the following report, now is the time for us to aim the spotlight of truth into the Dark Continent.

E-Postcards from Africa

I sent the following e-mails to our office as our evangelistic meetings were in progress. In this inside look at our mission there, you'll read about a demon-possessed lady, electrical failures, Sunday-keeping pastors converting, and miracles performed by God. In a companion article by Annie Kjaer, you will thrill with the exciting adventures of our College of Evangelism graduates.

E-Postcard #1: Not Ready Minutes Before We Start

Our meetings are held outside in a dusty park near the Salvation Army Church. This is the exact location where Amazing Facts' founder Joe Crews first preached the gospel in Africa 15 years ago. Providentially, our African coordinator is a convert from Joe's meetings! Formerly a pastor of a Sunday church, he is now a leader in the Sabbath-keeping conference. We drive to the meeting site through an area of extreme poverty, where naked children bathe in the streets, women cook over open fires, and ramshackle huts lean on each other like falling dominoes.

On opening night, I arrived at the site at 5:00 P.M. The word "surprise" doesn't adequately describe my feelings at what I saw. The stage was still being assembled. Our office was under construction. The sound system wasn't set up. There was no screen. And chairs were being placed. The meeting was scheduled to begin with a song service at 6:30. A flurry of activity continued up to 7:15 to get everything ready. But through all this, and even though I worked and sweated along with everyone else during the frantic set up, the Lord blessed me with a heavenly calm when I finally stood to speak.

It is interesting to preach here. Two translators simultaneously interpret my sermon into the Ga and Twi languages. I animatedly speak with few pauses, and they translate without much delay. They are only adding about 15 minutes to a 45-minute sermon. The audience is arranged according to languages, so all of those on one side hear their language and those on the other side hear the other language. All of them can hear me preach in English.

My meeting is hosting 2,500 people. Many of those coming saw our advertisements but had no previous contact with our sponsoring churches. The people here are starving for truth! One young man told me that he made a first-time commitment to Christ during the appeal tonight.

On Sabbath morning, we graduated several hundred people who took the *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons in preparation for the meetings. One of these graduates is a Presbyterian pastor. He said he is now keeping the Sabbath. I also led a 21-year-old man to Christ. His father is a foreign diplomat and has threatened to disown his son if he follows his convictions on the Sabbath. Please pray for him.

E-Postcard #2: A Taste of Pentecost!

It is so hot here! After preaching, my dress shirt, and tie are soaked with sweat! Tonight, we had a reprieve from the heat when it rained during the first 30 minutes of the program. Those in the front seats are not protected by canopies, but they didn't move to shelter during the rain they wanted to keep their choice seats!

I'm thankful for our team. Pastor Alan and Nicole Parker, a talented and dedicated young couple, are assisting my work here. Alan works hard and is a gifted organizer. He is joining our college faculty and will begin teaching this fall. Annie Kjaer is doing an excellent job coordinating all of the college graduates in their meetings.

It is exciting to preach here, because the people like dynamic presentations and much interaction. It is very unlike America, where preaching often seems tame and lifeless. Ghanaians also welcome the gospel appeals. Every night, I ask attendees to give their lives completely to God and accept His salvation and truth—and each night we have people responding.

On Monday, we saw evidence that our crowd is growing—to nearly 3,000! Another Sunday pastor visited with me to say he wants to join our Sabbath churches. He's resigning his current pastoral position because his beliefs are not in harmony with those of his members. I also prayed with a young lady who is convicted on the Sabbath. There are so many like her—they've learned what the Bible teaches and want to walk in the light of truth.

E-Postcard #3: Torrents of Rain

Last night, 10 meetings were rained out. When I stood to speak, the heavens opened with a torrential downpour. People scrambled to get under the canopies, only to find that these were merely sun canopies that didn't hold out the rain.

We waited for the shower to stop, but when it did, all the chairs were wet and were imbedded in mud. So we were forced



to cancel the meeting. The topic was baptism fitting, considering the rain. During the night, the enemy also caused fierce winds to blow our stage apart. The backdrop was damaged, the screen blew over, and the canopy was toppled. It took our crew most of the next day to get

everything back in place in time for the evening program. God helped us overcome in a mighty way.

Tonight, we returned to the topic of baptism since it was rained out last night. More than 200 seekers came forward for the altar call and then stayed for the baptismal class.

Sabbath morning, 5,000 people attended! Before the worship



service, 1,000 who wanted prayer for healing joined us at the altar. Many of their medical problems could probably be solved with proper medical treatment, but this is not readily available to them. So they are truly dependent on God's miraculous interventions. It really tugs

at my heart as I pray with them. One lady brought her threeyear-old daughter, who has never spoken. We prayed and then also helped her find proper medical aid.

God also powerfully blessed the sermon on how to conquer personal sin. During the altar call, 2,000 people came forward to claim victory over specific sins and bad habits that Satan has used to enslave and discourage them.

E-Postcard #4: New Light on the Sabbath

The meeting on the Sabbath topic went very well despite the devil's opposition. An electrical blackout struck the neighborhood 15 minutes before the program was to begin. Alan Parker and our team scrambled in the pitch-black to get the wires connected to a generator. Praise God, they were able to get everything arranged, and we proceeded with the meeting.

It is a joy to preach about the Sabbath here in Ghana. Their word for Saturday is Memenada and literally means



"I AM THAT I AM's Day." (See Exodus 3:14.) Their word for children born on Saturday is Kwame and means "God's Day." However, children born on Sunday are named Kwasi, meaning "White Man's Day."

The people of Ghana have had the Sabbath truth for thousands of years. The true gospel was probably carried to them by the Ethiopian Eunuch and Simon the Cyrenian (Acts 8:27; Matthew 27:32). It wasn't until the missionaries from Europe arrived in Africa that they were taught to keep Sunday instead of the Bible Sabbath. The connection of the counterfeit Sabbath with the confused white missionaries is even immortalized in their language. In fact, to this day, every white person is called Kwasi. I've relished the opportunity to show how the language vindicates which day is God's true Sabbath.

E-Postcard #5: Demon Possession, Harassment, and the True Church

Tonight's topic was on the true church. We fought more with Satan tonight than in any other meeting thus far. Since most of our guests have not completed our studies, this sermon was especially crucial.

The electricity went out again just as we began, and the entire region was blanketed in black. Now ready for these attacks, we started the generator and electricity returned. But as I stood to speak, a fuse in the extension cord tripped! We repaired it, but it continued to trip every few minutes. Yet during this annoying routine, 2,500 hungry seekers waited patiently. I remarked that the night's message threatened Satan and he didn't want them to hear it. Together, we all prayed for God to overrule and allow us to continue with electricity. He then performed a miracle and gave us reliable power! (More on this in a moment.)

> The devil then launched his next salvo! A demonpossessed woman seated on the front row began singing in a piercing tone. I had spoken with her many times and noticed something unusual about her. Demon possession is a common occurrence in Africa, and it often manifests itself at religious revivals. Soon her singing was so disturbing that I had to stop the sermon and call for help. With ushers firmly holding her, the woman was removed from the meeting as she cried and dragged her heels in the dust.

> By this time, I had completely lost the attention of the audience. Again I explained how the devil was trying to attack the sermon. With this commotion and my simple explanation, the people were even more interested in hearing the presentation. What the enemy intended to cause defeat, God turned into an opportunity to bring victory.

But our troubles weren't over! Soon, I discovered that one of my regular translators had lost his voice. The translator

who replaced him strained to understand my English and often missed translating what I was saying. (Preaching with a struggling translator is like driving a boat with the anchor down!) Tonight, I really needed someone who could present the message in a clear and convincing manner. However, all through the sermon I found myself waiting for the translator to catch up with me. It was unnerving!

With all the interruptions, distractions, and now poor communication, I wondered how anyone could get anything out of the message. But I kept preaching in faith and with conviction. By the end of the sermon, I made the altar call in faith. I didn't even finish my call when the people started flooding down to the front. The first man down was one who had been hesitating to make a decision. The second was a Sunday-church pastor. And soon, more than 300 people stood at the front, desiring to join God's remnant church.

This spontaneous response was extremely reassuring. This was clearly a time when I knew that God had directly given us victory over the enemy! One excited church leader exclaimed, "That was powerful! God spoke in a mighty way!" It was obvious to me that the Holy Spirit is the One who made the meeting so dynamic.

As we examined the equipment after the meeting, we discovered how God had performed a miracle to provide electricity. Because the fuses in all of the electrical lines kept blowing, we had to run all of our equipment—a sound system, lights, a 2,200-lumen projector, and a computer—running through one cord! According to all laws of electricity, its small fuse should have blown with this much power

surging through it. But it didn't praise God! If it had, we would have been out of commission for the evening. The plug got so hot that it actually melted; but the Lord kept us going.



Our melted miracle plug.

E-Postcard #6: Sunday Pastors and Baptism Surprises

We've just completed our evangelistic series! It has been thrilling to see God work exceedingly in the lives of so many. This morning, participants in our 27 meetings and sponsoring churches converged at a river for the baptism. There were 10,000 people present for this extraordinary service. One of the baptismal candidates remarked, "I never imagined there were so many Sabbath-keepers living here!"

The pastors baptized a steady stream of people for two hours. Even though they had been in the blistering-hot sun for hours, they later praised God with laughing and happy faces! This was the most people baptized in Accra in a single day and for any evangelistic effort!

Today, I was blessed with several inspiring conversion stories. A courageous lady was baptized even though her husband evicted her and their children. She is now homeless and is living with one of the church families that had never met her. I also

met the wife of one of my translators and learned she was not a member of the church. She and a friend came to each of the meetings, and today they were both baptized.

Pastor Addis Rembrandt-Addo, a Sunday pastor that was baptized, told me he was most captivated by our



focus on Bible prophecy. He had been unable to find a satisfactory explanation of prophecy, so he decided to attend our meetings in his quest for truth. Several times during the series, he greeted me after the sermon by saying, "Pastor, I am very pleased with what I am learning here! This is the truth. I want you to know that I intend to join this church."

I met another Sunday pastor who has been attending. I didn't realize he was in the audience each night, but today he took his stand and was baptized. Both of these men will lose their jobs as a result of their stand, so please pray for them. Addo has another occupation with which he can support himself, but the other gentleman has only pastored. I know God will help him find something.

The last three weeks have been extremely intense. I feel like we have just completed a spectacular marathon. We have held meetings every night of the week and two on each Sabbath. Now that we have crossed this first finish line in our *Hope*



for a Hemisphere outreach, we have seen unmistakeable evidence of God's work in changed lives.

I leave Ghana tomorrow to go to Yaounde, Cameroon, where Pastor Doug will hold his meetings this November. I am organizing the churches there to prepare for the series. I know that what we have seen in Ghana is just a microsample of what God has in store for us across Africa. Please

tell everyone thank you for their prayers and support. And encourage them to continue praying for the work that has just begun.

And tell everyone that the Light is bursting forth on the Dark Continent!









Doug Batchelor



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You are invited to meet the members of Amazing Facts' evangelism team at any one of the following locations. This schedule is subject to change without notice, so please call Amazing Facts to confirm appointments or get more information.

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"Hope for 2002" Rally Yaounde, Cameroon

June 7-8 Kansas-Nebraska Camp Meeting Lincoln, Nebraska

Iune 28-29 Southern New England Camp Meeting South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Gary Gibbs

May 13-21 "Hope for 2002" Rally Yaounde, Cameroon

John Bradshaw

April 5 – May 18 Sacramento Central Church 6045 Camellia Ave. Sacramento, California

Rich Cavaness

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Eric Flickinger

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May 31 - June 29 R.P. Ulrich Elementary School 9124 Catalpa Rd. California City, California

Lowell Hargreaves

April 12 – May 18 Westwood Hills Elementary School 548 Rosser Ave. Waynesboro, Virginia

Brian McMahon

April 19 – May 25 Sonora Church 40 North Forest Road Sonora, California

Jason Morgan

April 14 – May 11 Svlvan Hills Church N. Little Rock, Arkansas Call 501.771.1767 for details

June 15 – July 13 Central Middle School 901 Cedar St. Muscatine, Iowa

Jack Pefley

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Dennis Priebe

May 11-14 DeBary Church, Tennessee May 15-18 Plymouth-Sorrento Church, Florida Tavares Church, May 25 Florida May 31-June 1 Stanardsville Amicus Church, Virginia June 7-8 Baltimore Turner Station Commandment Church, Maryland Iune 14-15 Hempstead Church, New York June 21-22 Uniondale Church, New York June 28-29 Blythedale Church, New York

Verne Snow

April 19 – May 25 Waterloo Church Waterloo, Iowa Call 319.233.2926 for details

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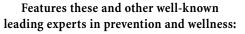
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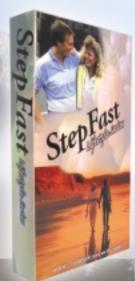
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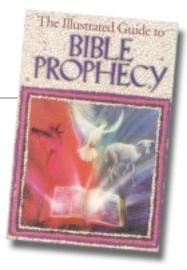
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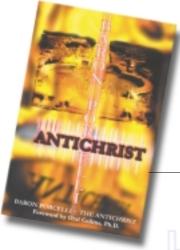


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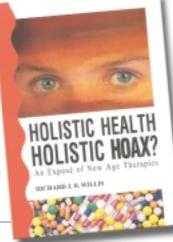




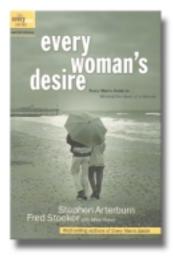
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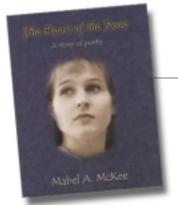
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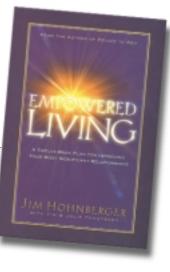


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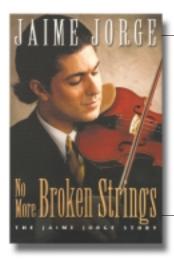
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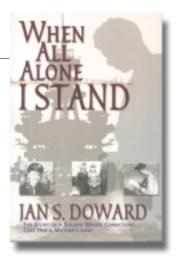
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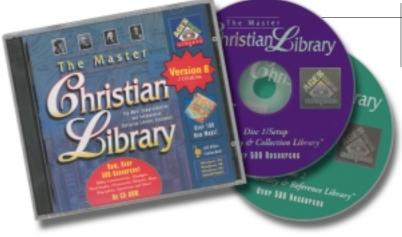
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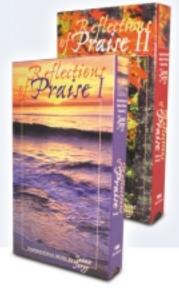
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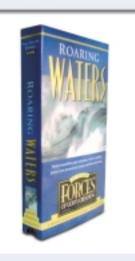


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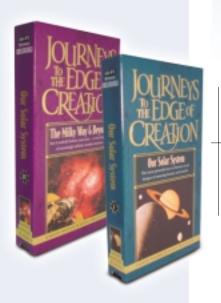
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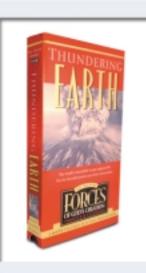


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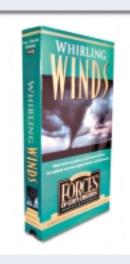
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Does the Bible say anything about the type of music we play or instruments we use in church?

This is a good and a big question because it addresses a very sensitive issue—where to draw the line in church music. In this short section, I can only touch on it. First, I've worshiped with conservative brethren who don't use any instruments in church. They have beautiful voices because they sing and harmonize without instruments. That's fine, and I believe the Lord has no problem with this. But I don't agree that it's wrong for Christians to use instruments in church. King David played harps in his praising the Lord. We'll even be playing them in heaven. They also played instruments in the sanctuary at God's instruction (2 Samuel 6:5).

I think you should consider two things when finding balance: the music and the lyrics. Both need to be something God can bless. Some Christian groups sing beautiful, profound lyrics—but the music sounds like a car crash. Sometimes you can't even tell what they're saying! Then you've got the other extreme: reverent music but with repetitive or unbiblical words. That's no better.

The music should be something that elevates our appreciation and understanding for the Lord. That's the kind of music that God will sanction, especially in His house of worship. It should be worshipful and convey a sense of reverence and love. It shouldn't be appealing to our lower natures with heavy syncopated rhythms that encourage dance fever. Some music can bring about baser things in us; science affirms this!

I used to attend rock concerts, and I could easily see what the music did to the people. So you have to ask if the music is enhancing the words and lifting our souls heavenward or is it bringing out the animalistic sides of our natures. Jesus said, "You'll know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:20).

Should Christians take part in the Jewish festivals?

In 1 Corinthians 5:7–8, Paul says, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump. ... For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." So Christ is our Passover; we no longer need to sacrifice a Passover lamb; Jesus is that Lamb. This same principal applies to the other Jewish festivals and feasts.

I have no burden to challenge those who feel convicted to observe these days, but I also don't see the point. I see no reason to keep the Jewish holidays that were a shadow of what Jesus was to do here on earth. Why embrace His shadow when He's before you in flesh and blood? Why stare at a loved one's photo when that person is standing before you? Some feasts required worshipers to offer sacrifices at the Jerusalem temple, so it's obviously not possible to keep them now.

The festivals remembering the Exodus and the sanctuary were nailed to the cross when Jesus died (Colossians 2:14). They were shadows: the handwriting of ordinances on paper. To contrast, the unchanging Sabbath was written in stone. That is why the veil was ripped from top to bottom in Matthew 27:51. No man could have ripped that veil in that fashion; a clear indication from God that the types and shadows that pointed to Jesus ended with the crucifixion. And Daniel 9:27 prophesies this when it says, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." There were no Jewish holidays or feasts prior to the Exodus, and these were done away with when Christ completed His mission.

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What's the difference between biblical churches and cults?

The answer to this is really quite simple. When comparing Scriptures to one another, you'll see the picture God wants you to see. It's like putting a puzzle together piece by piece. If you have to jam pieces into place, you're doing something wrong. They should fit easily together; there's searching involved, but you shouldn't have to force the text. We must let the Bible interpret itself.

So Bible-believing churches should base their conclusions on what the Bible says, without allowing an individual or group to interpret everything for its members. Several members should study the Bible and bounce ideas off one another. The Bible says, "In the multitude of counselors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

Cults are classified as such because an elite person or inner circle does all the thinking for the followers—when members can't challenge or take a stand against. People blindly following this kind of practice without Bible study are in danger of being lost!

A cult also forbids members from looking at outside literature. Some come knocking on my door wanting to study the Bible with me. They are almost always sincere, and I admire their enthusiasm. But before they leave, I offer them a book. Yet they won't dare take it, because their church is afraid that their doctrines won't stand up under scrutiny. A challenge to the church is forbidden.

The Bible says try the spirits and hold fast to that which is good. We ought to prove all things. So we need to keep our eyes open. You don't need to look at garbage, but you must examine and evaluate truth, holding fast to the good. With heart-felt prayer and study, God will lead you.

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"Welcome to Ghana!"

By Annie Kjaer

y thoughts prove too narrow; my pen rests at still. You see, it's not easy to put the life-changing experiences of God's miraculous power into words! You must experience it for yourself—and go on a mission trip! Until you embark on your journey, let me inspire you with what God has done in the lives of 36 Amazing Facts' College of Evangelism (AFCOE) staff, graduates, and volunteers, who conducted 27 evangelistic campaigns throughout the city of Accra, Ghana, this past March.

While evangelism coordinator Gary Gibbs preached to a crowd of thousands at the main site, I coordinated AFCOE



graduates and volunteers who preached at 26 smaller sites throughout the city with audiences ranging from 150 to 1,600 per site. Many seekers have already joined God's remnant church by baptism, and many more are still preparing.

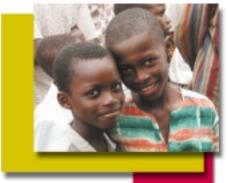
Our AFCOE group.

We praise God for what He has already done!

God's Miracle Majesty

Of course, the blessings and triumphs of AFCOE's mission to Ghana were not by our own might, but through the power of God's Spirit. Every one on our team sensed God's strength in their ministry. Fears and uncertainty gave way to trust and courage as they stood each night to proclaim God's Word. Many times, signs and miracles fought back the forces of evil so that people could find their way to Jesus.

At the Bubioshi site, speaker Gary Potter felt God's hand. The church building was too small for the unexpectedly large crowd, so we went to city officials to request police assistance in blocking the street so the meeting could be held outdoors. Normally, this process takes much paper work, 30 days of negotiations, and payment for police services. In fact, never in the history of Accra had a request like this ever been granted for a religious meeting. What did God do? Within two days,



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permission was granted, and night-by-night the police blocked the street and provided assistance without charge. God is good! The battle wasn't over though. One day, Gary felt Satan's attack as his knee and lower leg were swollen to almost twice their normal size, causing sharp pain. Sleep was difficult and walking painful. Still Gary went forward in faith to preach each evening. And as he mounted the

stage and opened God's Word, the pain completely left him. When he finished, he had to be helped off the stage because the pain returned with a vengeance. The struggle continued for a week, yet Satan's attack could not stop the preaching.

"Let There Be Light!"

Power went out several nights. Some sites were prepared with generators, others not. Yet again and again, God turned the blackness of Satan's dark devices into a flame illuminating His truth. One evening, at the Medina Central meeting, a fierce wind blew in. Dust swirled in our faces as we struggled to avert equipment damage. We lost power. Inside a shelter, Pastor Nathan Odonkor led many in songs of praise, believing that power would return. Time passed in darkness, yet when we sang,"The things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace," the room burst into light-and the meeting went forward!

At New Town, power failed in the middle of a sermon. As AFCOE speaker James Earle paused in prayer, he glanced at his screen and found hope. He said to RaeAnn, a volunteer who conducted health talks, "You'll never believe the Scripture on my next slide!" They both rejoiced when the generator powered up and the words came into focus: "Let there be light!" Truly God is still the Creator who can speak and it happens!



GOD'S FOOTPRINTS IN **GHANAIAN CULTURE** The beautiful, symbol-filled tapestry of traditional Ghanaian clothing speaks of God. At first you might notice only the *outward* beauty; however, if you look deeply enough, you will realize that the message of these symbols is carried in the very fiber and character of Ghanaians. They are deeply spiritual; from a young age, their children are aware of God's sovereignty, love, dependability, and authority. Ghanaians believe that God's

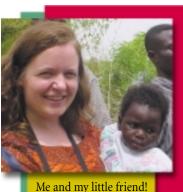
presence is self-evident. Accordingly, they say, "No one shows the Supreme Being to a child." They understand that God reveals Himself to the one who feels that need for God. He does not disappoint such faith.

Life is hard, yet God finds a fertile soil in the strong

principles and spiritual dependence of a culture that recognizes their need for God and one another. These African symbols form powerful building blocks for the preaching of the gospel in Ghana.

Providential Power

Another evening, I saw a large crowd gathered in the Taifa church overflowing into the upper balcony. Shawn McCrery spoke earnestly about the need for decision. He pleaded with people to make their choice before opportunity passed them by. Many responded, and he closed with prayer. Once he said, "Amen," the power went out. Shawn's daughter Melissa ran to me and said, "That's what happened last night too! The power went out as soon as dad finished preaching!"



finished preaching!" "Annie, I have to tell you what happened!" Christie glowed with eagerness, and I soon understood why! At Medina East, Christie shared God's plan for health and finance. All went well with the equipment sound system, computer, projector, and graphics. "God's Spirit moved in an amazing way," she explained, but it wasn't until later that she truly understood the miracle God had performed! On her way home, she noticed there was no power in the surrounding homes, the surrounding towns—no power anywhere! In fact, power had been out most of the evening for miles around. Bewildered, she looked at the pastor traveling with her and back to the well-lit church. "We have no generator," the pastor explained. "The power is coming from God!"

We sometimes forget that power comes from God and that He can do anything. We limit our dreams, personal and in ministry, to what *we* can do, forgetting that God wants us to take a great leap of faith and enter the realm of what *He* can do through us. Sometimes we hesitate because of the steps involved. First, we must let go of anything that holds us back, anything we depend on instead of God. Second we must step out onto nothing. That doesn't come naturally, but it is the only way to experience the thrill of dependence on God—the only way to feel the surging wind of His Spirit lifting us to someplace higher. That's how many AFCOE students come to Amazing Facts—stepping out in faith. And it is through them that God radiated His light exponentially to thousands in Africa.

Lessons From Ghana

Ghanaians instinctively know that God is the source of their power and happiness. Every day they face impossibilities, and life for them is unmistakably real and rarely easy. Human effort would most certainly fail to provide for an abundant life. Yet the Ghanaian heritage teaches that one is not alone in his or her existence. Happiness does not come from opportunities that make life easy. Instead, happiness comes from the companionship of God, taking His yoke, a yoke that is easy to bear,

a yoke of dependence on Him. Fufu, a Ghanian food staple, is prepared by pounding the yam root into a smooth, starchy dish. In order to do this, it is necessary to use the strength of both arms. It's a snapshot of life. Yet sometimes we're left paralyzed, unable to fight life's battles successfully. We feel strength in only one arm and wonder how God will ever use us to make a difference in a lost world. We need the wisdom of this beautiful African proverb: "God pounds the onearmed man's fufu for him." We're not made to carry the burdens of life alone. For that we have a Divine Companion, and He is urging us to step out into His service. He will give us success as we go into all the world to share the gospel. Someone wrote, "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble." This was manifested in a mighty way in Ghana.

As you read this report on AFCOE's trip to Ghana, you may sense that God is calling you to work for Him. It's been said, "There is something for every one to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place saying, 'Here am I; send me' (Isaiah 6:8). So vast is the field [that] members of the church ... all have a part to act in the great work of giving light to the world. The gospel of

Christ is aggressive and diffusive."

We've all wandered from God's plan at times, depending on self and doing what seems right in our eyes. Maybe you feel like you're trying to pound fufu with one arm! Away from His strength,

emptiness spills into your soul and your dreams dissolve into vapor. Your career doesn't satisfy you anymore. Yet just as God's creative Spirit moved on the face of the deep, He now moves in your life. You hear His voicea gentle knock. It is God, expressing compassion in a way only the Creator can. He has a plan for your life. He wants to take you beyond the narrow scope of you and draw you into the grandness of Him. He'll use vou to win souls for His kingdom. He'll fill the cavern of your life-walk with you, talk with you, live with you. He asks you to open the door, to let Him in, and let go of yourself and cling only to Him.

Gye Nyame

God wants you to remember the powerful wisdom of Gye Nyame the Ghanaian symbol that says to fear nobody "except God." Close your eyes to what makes sense in human wisdom and step out by faith into God's will. Step into the seeming "nothingness" of

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The Sovereignty of God Gye Nyame (Except God). *I fear nobody except God*. God is regarded as the Creator of the world and humanity and therefore must be reverenced and worshiped. The symbol reflects the supremacy, power, and dominion of God over all situations and creations. He is therefore regarded as the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent.

Ghanaians have strong cultural values, and their hearts are tender to the gospel. When faced with a decision between God or man, between sacrifice or ease, between conviction or convenience, many take their stand for the right. They recognize that God is worthy of their worship. They know by experience that God's love is always with them. Out of this love, they long to worship their Creator.

Behind the Scenes

What's new at Amazing Facts...

Pivotal Publishing Role Filled

Amazing Facts welcomed Barry Champion as its new publishing director in January.



He'll play catalyst to the many new publishing projects at the ministry, facilitating the development, completion, and printing of materials-including new books from Pastor Doug Batchelor and many other resources.

Barry comes from Virginia, where he worked for a publishing company for 10 years. Throughout his tenure there, he worked in all facets of the organization until becoming director of the publications department.

Born in Wisconsin, Barry was raised in a Christian family. He and his wife, Mary, have been together for 14 years. He heard about Amazing Facts through professional connections and is sure that God cleared the way for him to join the ministry. He looks forward to the new experience and contributing his part to the Lord's work.

Data Processing Gets Big Boost

Tony Harrison joined the Amazing Facts Information Technology (IT) department

in January as the new data processing coordinator. He'll help coordinate supporter and donation data entry while implementing new software and conducting in-house training so that the ministry can provide services more efficiently.

A native of California, Tony served eight years in the U.S. Navy Reserves and has bachelor degrees in chemistry and computer science from Sonoma State University. He's also traveled the world as a software instructor and was a project lead for IT integration implementations.

Tony was baptized in 1991 and soon married Liz. Together they have a four-year-old son. Tony attempted to join the AFCOE program at Amazing Facts but then took an available permanent position with the ministry instead. When not working, Tony enjoys spending time on their ranch with his family, volunteer fire fighting, and mining the Word of God. He looks forward to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the soul-winning work of Amazing Facts.

A Look at Susan Kollenburg

In response to several requests, we're adding a picture that you can attach to the awesome story of Amazing Facts' very own Susan Kollenburg. Her remarkable testimony appeared in the April 2002 Inside Report.

Inside Report to Go Bimonthly



Amazing Facts has found a way to

save the ministry more than \$150,000-but still deliver the same amount of news, inspiration, testimony, and product and service announcements. Beginning with the July/August edition, the Inside Report will publish every other month at 32 pages. The annual catalog will still come to you in October-and you'll really want to watch for that simply because of the hundreds of brand-new, affordable, inspirational, power-packed resources you'll find.





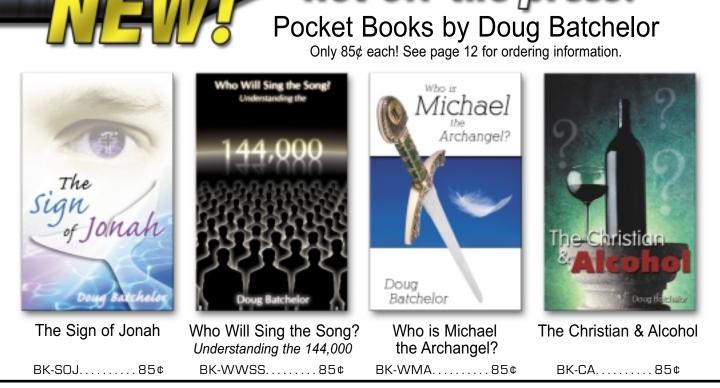
Record Attendance at South African Campmeeting

More than 6,000 people attended the Transval Campmeeting at Sedaven Academy, which is one hour north of Johannesburg in South Africa. Pastor Doug spoke to a capacity crowd during Sabbath evening and morning. Many leaders confirmed the gathering as the largest attendance in the convocation's history. The popularity of the Amazing Facts has been growing in South Africa due to 3ABN broadcasts and our popular Bible lessons.

The meeting also helped generate interest in the ministry's upcoming Hope for a Hemisphere satellite finale in Cameroon. It wasn't all hard work though; Pastor Doug and his nine-year-old son Stephen spent two exciting days at the famous Pilanesburg game reserve beholding beautiful African wildlife!

April 15 Thank Offering

For those of you receiving a refund on your income tax, may we make a suggestion? Why not dedicate a percentage of your refund to the Lord's work through Amazing Facts? We wouldn't be so bold to ask for the whole thing, but any amount would be a blessing. And contributions to Amazing Facts are tax deductible! Dollar for dollar, Amazing Facts is your best evangelistic value for reaching souls and equipping lay people to do the same. Please carefully and prayerfully consider a special gift this month to help the Amazing Facts tapestry of truth cover the world. "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2).



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sheer dependence on His Word. Say as Peter said, "At thy word, I will let down the net." In this great life-changing leap to obey God's command, you will enter the arena of a miracle-working God. You will be born into a life with one motive: to please God and unite with



Him in a passionate pursuit of those who need to know His love. You will find true

happiness in this life.

Finally, we learn much from the story of Simon Peter. "Now when he [Jesus] had left speaking, he said unto Simon,

The Sabbath in Ghana

Sankofa (Go back and take).

This symbol signifies the importance of returning in time to bring to the present useful past cultural values that are needed today. It is believed that progress is based on the right use of the positive contributions of the past. This symbol teaches the wisdom in learning from the past, which helps in building the future. It also teaches people to cherish and value their culture and avoid its adulteration.

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16). History and language prove to be powerful evidence that African people in years past worshiped on the Sabbath, in honor of the Creator. While most Ghanaians have forgotten the command to remember the Sabbath day, they still remember their history—the "Kwasi Buroni," or Sunday white person who brought Sunday worship. How beautiful that AFCOE speakers invited our Ghanaian brethren to "go back and take" the Sabbath of the Lord as a symbol of allegiance to the Creator. Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him" (Luke 5:4-11).

The invitation is clear, but the decision is yours. Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

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