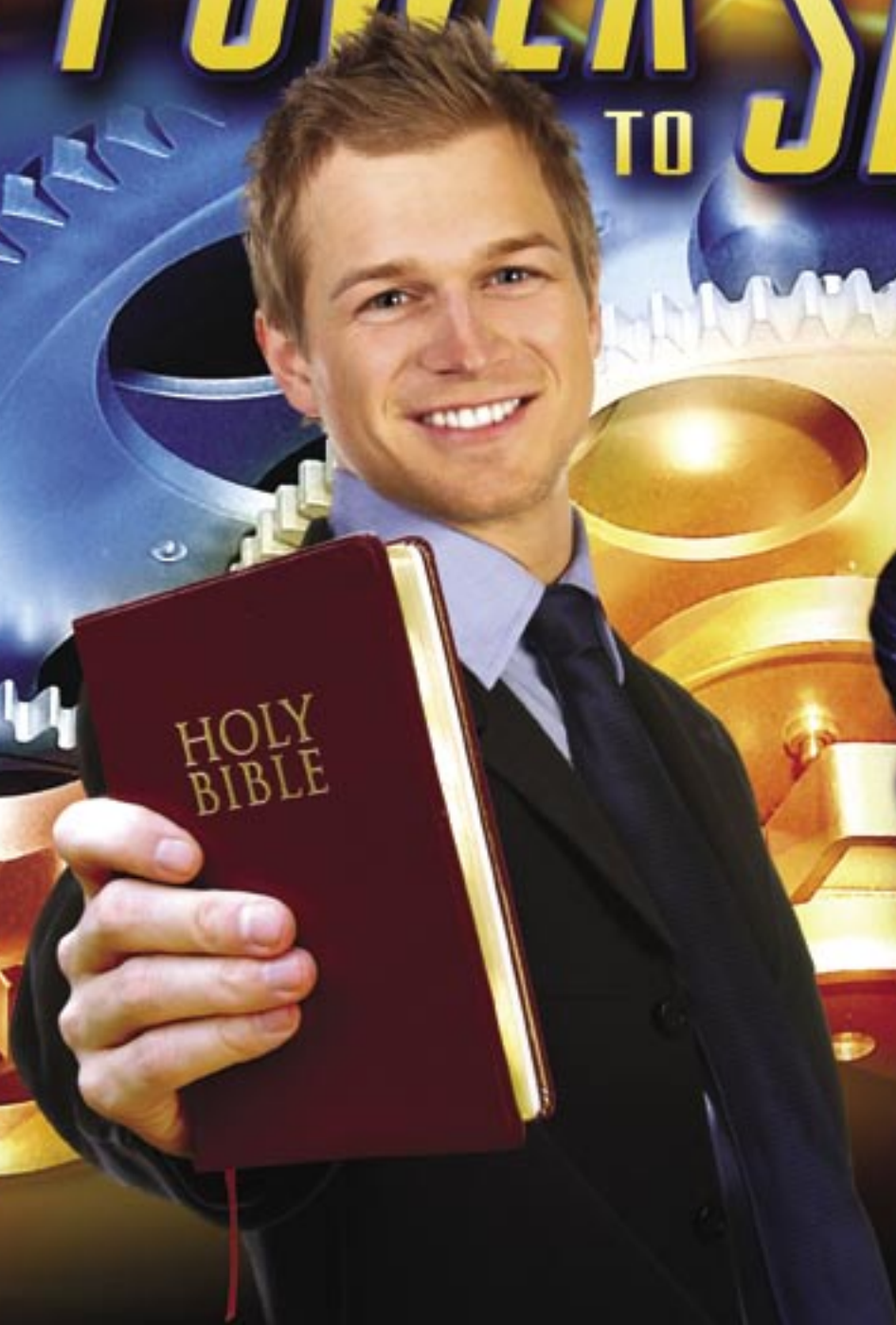


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The gospel is summed up in loving our God and loving our fellow man. We are saved in context of the great invitation and the great commission. (See Matthew 11:28 and 28:19.) But too many professed Christians are missing 50 percent of this “love equation.”

Here's a simple fact that every Christian must know and act upon: If you aren't doing something in your life to reach the lost and bring them to Christ, you are not only missing the most fulfilling work you will ever have, but your spiritual walk will also soon begin to erode.

In short, healthy Christians must be involved in some aspect of witnessing.

This is an extremely important reminder in a world that is increasingly getting tossed and turned. While we read the headlines of wars and economic dangers and terrorism behind every corner, it's easy to withdraw from expressing our beliefs for fear of being accused as religious fanatics. Others with fast-paced lives, highly stressed and overworked, can simply become spiritually lazy.

But one of my favorite Christian authors wrote, “The exercise of faith is the one means of preserving it. Should you sit always in one position, without moving, your muscles would become strengthless and your limbs would lose the power of motion. The same is true in regard to your religious experience. . . . Faith will perfect itself in exercise and activity.”

One of the best ways to keep faith is to give it away. Thus every Christian is called to share their faith, to exercise it like a muscle. As you use it, it gets stronger. If you don't use it, it will atrophy and wither. Moreover, a daily experience through prayer and Bible study will yield a life so full you will just have to share it.

Now, you might not have the spiritual gift of being a

preacher, teacher, or evangelist. You may not even know how to give a Bible study . . . yet, but every child of God has some talents or tools that the Holy Spirit gives them to be used in horizontal service for his fellow man. Just read through the list of the fruit of the Spirit, and you'll see that these fruits are really meant for sharing: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22, 23).

“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). When a church

reaches out to others, when we minister to the needs of those as Jesus did, it will smother our selfish natures. Is there any better way to practice the selfless love that our Savior demonstrated through His life and death?

Just remember we don't save the world by becoming like the world. We can catch the fish in the sea without getting in the water. Otherwise, you might end up like Jonah and the fish will catch you!

Most important, you don't have to be afraid to share your faith. Zoning in front of a television and watching bad news unfold might tempt us to lock the doors and gather provisions, ready for the signal to run to the hills—instead, it should make us open our windows, welcome people into our homes, and exclaim the good news to as many who will listen.

That's what this issue of *Inside Report* is about—learning to share your faith with others and growing in Christ in the process. I love evangelism, and it's a topic we need to talk about more often so that we keep it at the forefront of our minds. I hope you'll take the time to read my article, “The Power to Share,” and explore the many ways Amazing Facts can help you reach the lost—in your family, in your neighborhood, or wherever you go.

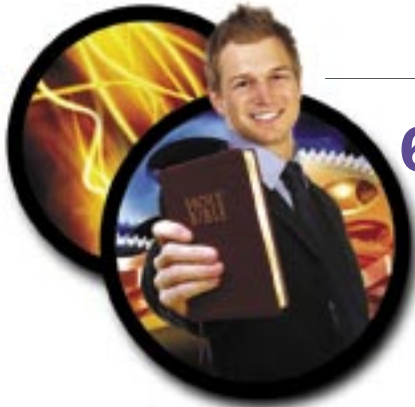


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Romans 8:28



I was very disappointed with the broadcast on National Geographic. I fully understand that the editing process was out of your hands and Amazing Facts

had no say in this process. I am still very grateful to all of you at Amazing Facts for preaching and teaching God's awesome truths concerning the Bible.

My brother from Minnesota was visiting me here in California, and we watched the show together. I had been sharing the *Prophecy Code* with him before *Secrets* aired. Immediately after the broadcast, I promptly put the tape about the second coming of Christ to show my brother the truth about this topic. I was not going to let the devil mislead my brother away from God!

After we watched the video, I asked him which one was in line with the Bible and which one was not, and he wasted no time in saying that the video I showed him was true and not that mangled mess we had watched on the National Geographic. I gave him the *Prophecy Code* DVD set, along with the Amazing Facts Study Guides, and a couple of *Final Events* DVDs. He is now very interested in learning more of God's wonderful message. I pray that he watches all of the videos and studies all of those study guides and comes to know God and keep His commandments.

In spite of the message that National Geographic decided to air, I was able to use that opportunity to show my brother just how wrong the popular belief on Scripture really is. God Bless you all and keep up the good work. *California*

Sticking to the Word

I am very thankful to your ministry. I am in love with Jesus today because of your faithfulness in preaching and teaching truth. It is only the truth that will set a sinner free! I am thankful that Amazing Facts is not adopting the way of the world to attract people through the church doors. *Idaho*



Bible Magnetism

It has been exciting studying God's Word with your online Bible study. It was like a magnet—the more I read, the more I wanted to read. It felt good to spend many hours studying God's own words and not looking at the TV and just sitting around doing nothing of value. Thank you for these lessons. *E-mail.*



Better Bible Study

Thank you for your article about how to study the Bible. It has reenergized my desire to seek God through the reading of His Word. Your advice made it practical to get back to one of the most important things I can do. *Texas*



Quick and Simple Outreach

Excellent website! And I especially love the *Bible Answers* section! It's quick and simple, and I'm learning a lot. I also want to comment on the speaker ... you are truly inspired by the Spirit, and I want to thank you so much for creating the website to lead people to truth. It is such an amazing find. *E-mail*



God's Healing Hand

Because of your ministry, I am able to go through life's challenges without taking Prozac anymore. Nothing is wrong with therapy through medicine, but I wanted an alternative because of how the side effects impaired me. So I now pray more and study more. Before now, my future had been insecure, but now I am in a daily process of "casting my care on Him." My mind is made up: Getting to know God the way you present Him lets me know that He is good and will never leave me! *Florida*

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Selling Property?

Then You'll Want to Read This!

With the tremendous rise in property values, homes and any other real estate are the largest source of wealth for many households. So it is important to make the most of real estate assets.

Property owners in a seller's market are tempted to cash in by selling, but that can generate capital gains taxes, and after selling, you still might need to spend money on a new place to live.

Some people choose to downsize, some want to avoid rising property taxes and maintenance costs, and many find upkeep a major burden.

Because of appreciation, a real estate or stock sale can produce a huge tax bill. A single person can exclude the first \$250,000 of the sale, a married couple twice that, if it is the primary residence. Non-residence property causes all appreciation to be taxable. The federal tax rate is 15 percent—add a state tax and that could reach up to 22 percent. That's quite a tax to pay, but there is a better way!

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The Lord is very concerned about how we handle our financial affairs:

“God has left us in charge of His goods in His absence. ... We claim to be Christians waiting for the second appearing of our Lord in the clouds of heaven. Then what shall we do with our time, our understanding, our possessions, which are not ours,



but are entrusted to us to test our honesty? Let us bring them to Jesus. Let us use our treasures for the advancement of His cause. Thus we shall obey the injunction, ‘Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also’” (E.G. White, *Counsels on Stewardship*).

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THE POWER SHARE TO

An Amazing Fact: Near Barstow, California, they built what is called a “solar power tower” to generate electricity. The tower was surrounded by 1,818 dedicated mirrors, called heliostats, that tracked the sun all day long. Their purpose was to precisely reflect the sunlight to one common focal point—redirecting the equivalent heat of 600 suns—and thereby producing useable energy. This hot spot on the tower became superheated, creating steam from water or oil that turned an electric generator and produced 10 megawatts of power every day.

An Amazing Fact: History records that the ancient Greek inventor Archimedes used a large array of shields, polished as mirrors and held by soldiers, to burn a fleet of Roman ships during an attack on Syracuse. They never had to fire a shot that day, saved alone by reflecting the light of the sun.

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR



Psalm 61 says that God is our “power tower.” And our job as Christians is to reflect as mirrors the light of the Son to others. By His grace, the Lord has already promised to give us the power to do His witnessing work. Matthew 10:1

records such a moment: “When He had called His twelve disciples to Him, *He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds*

of disease” (NKJV, emphasis added). It should be particularly noted that the casting out of devils and the healing was only to supplement the power of the Spirit for preaching. They were primarily given power to share in preaching.

POWER FAILURE

But sadly, many Christians aren’t using this power that God has provided. And generally speaking, the church as a whole experiences a lot of power failures. And I don’t mean just “rolling blackouts” like we get in California sometimes, but major power shortages that leave us in total darkness with all of our electric appliances dead.

I go to a lot of places in the world where they don’t have electric power. Naturally they don’t worry about blackouts because they are used to living without electricity. I think it’s been such a long time since the church in America has experienced the power of the Holy Spirit that we don’t even know we don’t have it.

It is possible to go through the motions of church, with even an element of success, and not be aware that we’re doing everything solely on human power and not the power





of His Spirit. And if we are using His power, it is mostly only a fraction of what He has made available to us.

What is the result of this lack of power? First, it produces mediocre Christian lives and an ineffective, embarrassing testimony, which in turn cripples our ability to evangelize the lost effectively. The lack of power means the work of our ministries goes undermanned, under funded, and becomes overtaxed. Even worse, it makes the world question the validity of our faith.

We're trying to use human power to compensate for the lack of power the Holy Spirit will give us to do the same work. Are we just an inept organization? There are very powerful organizations in the world that are using human power much better than the church. They're structured much more effectively. But even that wouldn't matter if we had the power of the Holy Spirit.

GETTING POWER

In Luke 24:49, Jesus says, "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" (NKJV). The Greek word translated as power is *dunamus*, from which we get the word dynamite. It is talking about an explosive power that God is offering us: The power of the Holy Spirit is as dynamite.

Further, Luke 10:19 promises, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Not only are we given power for sharing to proclaim, but it also protects us from temptations and other evil.

Acts 1:8 is one of the most important passages we'll ever read. Jesus, after giving His people the great commission, adds, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (NKJV). The Lord promised them that they, and we, would receive power. For what purpose? *To be His witnesses.*

CALL TO WITNESS

What is a witness? Here's a simple, working definition: "One who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced." This is what Christ has called us to be. We need to be able and willing to give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced.

No marketing expert has been able to improve on the influencing power of the personal testimony. It's the most effective sales technique, because people want to know if something really works. That's one reason some of us struggle in witnessing for the Lord: We don't have a firsthand account.


We can talk about Jesus, who died for the sins of the world, but we still don't know how to talk about our Lord. It's as if it is about someone who's way up there that we don't even really know.

Now you don't have to have an experience like Paul on the road to Damascus, where you are struck down by a heavenly light and have a dramatic conversion. You don't have to be Lazarus and say, "I was dead for four days, and I was raised. Let me tell you my story." Sometimes your experience could be dramatic, but

then again, you might not be able to put your finger on the day it happened. But you do have direct knowledge about Jesus and a personal relationship with Him.

Have you forgotten what He's done for you and in you? What have you seen Him do lately? If you're feeling lethargic, and your experience is stale, remember when the Lord has answered your prayers and ask Him for that dynamite, personal experience again. He wants to give it to you, because He wants you to go reach others for Him. Open His





Word and let it come alive again in your life—get a fresh revelation from the Bible. You'll find that those who are out sharing have a vital, daily experience with the Lord. They've seen something, they've heard something, and they've experienced something.

Witnessing is not something you do; it's something you are.

HOW DO WE WITNESS?

There are powerfully effective ways to witness to somebody. Whoever you want to reach—your neighbors, your children, your loved ones, your friends, your co-workers—there are three fundamental ways to witness that I'd like to share with you.

The most basic way to witness is to share information with a person who will listen. That's simple conversational sharing of the gospel—you're communicating eternal truth. It does not always have to be preaching.

It might well be through a tape, a DVD, or a book. Sharing information is vital.

Second, you can witness in prayer. Some people treat prayer like a fire extinguisher in a glass case that says "break in the event of emergency." They think of it as a last resort, saying, "All I've got left is prayer." But the reality is that prayer is one of the most powerful and accessible things that you can do for somebody who is lost. The reverse should be obvious: If you do everything else, yet you don't pray, you won't be nearly as effective.

"THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS ..."

The third way is something I'd like to discuss a little more in-depth. One of my favorite bumper stickers reads, "Go and preach the gospel. Use words if necessary." First and foremost, we witness by our behavior. "Wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear" (1 Peter 3:1, 2 NKJV). The writer is telling us that even if a person refuses to hear the Word, they could be transformed by the example of a faithful Christian.

Oswald Chambers said, "Beware of worshiping Jesus as the Son of God and professing your faith in Him as the Savior of the world while you

blaspheme Him by the complete evidence in your daily life that He is powerless to do anything in and through you." Sometimes our demonstration of Christianity is a contradiction to our profession of faith. That's called blasphemy—or at the least, hypocrisy. That's what it means when the commandment says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain."

Remember that most people are won to the Lord by observing our conduct. "Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV). It's a lot nicer if you're going to buy a product to have a firsthand demonstration. And people, before they embrace Christianity, love to see it working out of the box.

WHERE DO YOU START?

How do you get underway in the business of witnessing? Well, what did Jesus say? After He healed the demoniac, He told the recently saved soul, "Go home." The man said he'd rather follow Jesus around. But Jesus answered, "No. Go home. Go to your friends, tell them what great things the Lord has done for you."

As hard as it might be to hear, witnessing starts at home. That's how the disciples started being a witness and why Jesus said "beginning in Jerusalem." After that, they began to branch out into Judea, Samaria, and finally unto the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). It was an ever-widening circle.

The Holy Spirit was first poured out in Jerusalem; the witnessing in your life always starts at home. And home, strangely enough, can be the hardest. It's a little easier for us to feign Christianity in public and especially in church. And even when you first form your family, you put your best foot forward. But eventually,

WITNESSING STARTS AT HOME!

you start to slip until finally you get to the place where you just give up. Then your cantankerous self, or whatever your personality flaw might be, explodes.

Yet if you can be a consistent Christian at home, you can do it anywhere. Being a Christian at home means 24 hours a day—when you're tired, when you're hungry, when you're crabby—whatever your circumstances. Your spouse and your children get to see you at your best, and your worst, so the home is the best training ground to be a consistent witness. You've got to start at home. That's your first mission field.

WITNESS BY FIRE

One of the hardest yet most effective times to witness is when you are going through trials. At those times, you're often wondering, "Lord, what did I do to deserve this?" But remember that God is faithful in our trials. He has a reason for what He is doing.

You might be going through some sickness or other trial in your family; it could be your finances. You might ask, "Lord, why is this happening?" The answer might be that people you may not be aware of are watching and listening to see how you will respond. God has called us to be witnesses even through our trials. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Peter 4:16 NKJV).

Job could have chosen to strike out at God. He lost everything, and yet he said, "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21 NKJV). He still praised God, even though he lost his children. When I got word in the Philippines that our son died, the words of Job popped into my mind. Job's witness in his trial was witnessing to me.

When you go through trials, think of Paul and Silas. While imprisoned for their faith, they were whipped, mistreated, and falsely accused. They were shackled in a miserable, stinking prison crawling with vermin. But even in their darkest hour, the Bible says they were singing and praising God—"and the prisoners were listening to them" (Acts 16:25 NKJV). People are watching you to see what you'll do in a crisis. Will you behave like a Christian under trial? Will it make a difference? You can be sure.

An angel opened the prison for Paul and Silas, causing the whole foundation to shake. In turn, the jailer feared for his life such that he was going to kill himself. But Paul and



Silas pleaded, "Don't hurt yourself. We're still here. We didn't escape." The jailer thinks, "What kind of men are these?" He even remembered hearing them singing after he beat them. The end result of their witness? The jailer inquired, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas preached to their jailer and baptized him and his entire family. By loving their enemy, by praising God in their trials, souls were converted.

GO FISHING

Sometimes, the lost will seek you out. The Greeks came to Andrew and said, "We would see Jesus" (John 12:21). All men were seeking Him. And in Acts 13:7, a man called for Barnabus and Saul because he "sought to hear the word of God." There are those rare occasions when a flying fish will jump into the boat.

But the best way to reach the lost is to go seek the lost. Jesus says, "The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). To catch fish, you need to go to where the fish are. You put your line or your net down to where the fish are. Then you pull the fish into the boat.

When you boldly step out in faith for Jesus, He'll empower you to do what He's asking you to do. Basil, who wrote *Conquest of Fear*, said, "Go at it boldly and you will find unexpected forces closing around you and coming to your aid." When we are willing to be bold for Christ and go fishing for men, women, and children, He will send aid.

Try this one thing; I've never known it to fail. In the morning, when you get on your knees, give your heart to God, and then say, "Lord, today give me the opportunity to recognize somebody to whom I can witness for you." That doesn't mean you grab everybody and shout, "Repent." That's being obnoxious. That's not witnessing. I'm talking about God giving you providential openings. He will create opportunities, then inspire you and prod you with His Spirit.

DON'T BE AFRAID

When you hear talk about being a witness, does it ever intimidate you? You think about knocking on doors and handing out literature, and your palms get sweaty. Well, it's not as hard as you think.

Thomas Edison said, "He that is afraid of failure is afraid to succeed." If you're going to be a good witness, you can't be afraid of failure. A good salesman realizes not every customer

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India NOW!

At the Brink

In November, Amazing Facts will embark on an incredible harvest adventure for the people of India. Our goal is simple: to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ to those who have never before heard the gospel, offering many the opportunity to accept the grace of God for the first time in their lives.

But we need your prayers—it will be one of the largest events ever in our 40-year history of sharing the gospel with the world. And it couldn't come at a more crucial time. India is literally on the brink between spiritual darkness and truth.

The Soul-Winning Plan

Amazing Facts has a seven-point plan that will change lives for eternity. These are:

1. Live evangelistic meetings in villages and towns will draw tens of thousands to hear the gospel, presented by experienced evangelists and alumni of the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism.
2. Evangelists and medical teams will minister in villages. Daily events will draw thousands and provide a powerful testimony of God's love in word and deed.
3. Transportation to prophecy meetings will be provided so that people in outlying areas can attend.
4. Bibles and Christian literature will be distributed. Every baptismal candidate will receive a new Bible.
5. A climactic all-village event with Pastor Doug will host an estimated attendance of 50,000.
6. Follow-up will continue for three full years by seasoned Bible workers, who will train and assist in church planting, leadership development, and discipleship of new believers.
7. Churches will be built in the villages, offering new believers a place to worship.

Our plan is now in God's hands, and we believe He will bless mightily. We're going in faith because the people of India need us NOW! The Hindu religion has thousands of deities—including rats and monkeys—all except the one true Lord.

Meanwhile, some 400 million people live in abject poverty. The Dalit (outcasts) and other lower castes of people survive

in unimaginable squalor, suffering terrible oppression at the hands of their own religion. These precious, often forgotten souls need the freedom found only in Christ and to hear the higher purpose to which He has called each one of them.

The Work Is Underway

Our Bible workers are already laying the groundwork in India, sharing literature and preparing local believers to help in this huge event. How huge? We'll potentially reach millions

through a powerful combination of live events, medical outreach, and radio and television broadcasts that we trust will result in thousands of new baptisms.

Moreover, by God's grace, we're specifically reaching out to 70 villages with a combined population in the hundreds of thousands, where we'll plant new churches after an extensive live evangelistic outreach. These villages will experience the transforming power of Christ through the ministry of Pastor Doug Batchelor, evangelistic teams, and medical teams.

The Opportunity Is Now!

Satan is fighting to keep countless millions in bondage through the oppression of spiritual falsehood and even the persecution of Christians who share the good news. However, when the gospel is presented to the people of India, they respond! The positive response to our television broadcasts and literature ministry is astounding.

This dynamic, soul-winning effort will prepare thousands for the soon coming of Christ by saturating villages in a region of India with the gospel message consistently and powerfully. People who have never heard the good news will be able to experience it for the first time and have a chance to respond. Will you help us make a difference? Please pray for this effort, and ask God how you might help. —



Photos courtesy Maranatha Volunteers International.

Letter from India

The following letter comes from Pastor Ch John, a church leader in India who is helping coordinate the India NOW! effort.

“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are ready for harvest.”
—John 4:35

Believers in India eagerly anticipate the arrival of Pastor Doug Batchelor and the Amazing Facts ministry to the ripe harvest field of India. Large numbers of our people are deeply spiritual and are hungry for instruction in the Word of God.

When they hear of a God who loves them and hears and answers prayers, many are willing to turn from their idols and the fear of evil spirits, and serve the living God.

Recently, a spiritually sick woman came to our public meetings. During the sermon, the evil spirit that plagued her threw her to the ground unconscious. Our church family prayed for her, calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The evil spirit then departed from her and now she is healthy and happy in the Lord.

As strange as it might seem to the West, demonic possession is very common here. People are afflicted by evil in their spiritual darkness, and their only hope of deliverance is through the prayers of God's people and the spoken Word.

God Is Already Working: Let's Join Him There

Another soul had a withered hand and was unable to work. His family was in want of food because he had no income. Our team prayed for him, and before their eyes they saw his hand restored. A five-year-old boy was unable to speak from birth, so his mother and father brought him to us for prayer. After the pastor took him aside and prayed for him, the boy spoke his first word, “Mother.”

There are many such experiences of dramatically answered prayer that we've seen with our own eyes. And we are thrilled that Amazing Facts is coming here to offer not only the healing of our spiritual lives, but also meet the physical needs of our people. This is one of the most powerful ways to reach the lost, and we praise God for this opportunity.

Already half a million of our people have embraced the three angels' messages. Multitudes more are waiting to hear

the Bible explained, with a willingness to accept its truths into their lives. But most of our people have meager financial resources. They desire to read the Bible and its sacred truths in their own languages, but most cannot find the means to purchase a Bible.


Amazing Facts is helping by providing Bibles and literature to thousands of souls in their native tongues. I cannot express the thrill these people will feel when they have their own Bibles. When made available, Amazing Facts literature will convince many to embrace the truth.

A Limitless Harvest Awaits

We eagerly await Amazing Facts to share the end-time message with our people. Thousands of people will gather in crowds to hear God's Word explained. Many will respond and place their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior.

Pastor Doug's television messages will also be translated into Telegu for our people and broadcast throughout our field, increasing the harvest and establishing a presence for the Word of God that is coming none-too-soon.

Although the constitution of India guarantees freedom of religion for all people, it is true that many oppose the preaching of the Bible. The legal system upholds the right of the people to profess, practice, and propagate the faith of their choice, but many powerful voices are now demanding that the nation follow Hinduism only. While freedom to proclaim Christ lasts, we need your help to spread the Word of God to every one of our people.

If you haven't yet acted to help Amazing Facts make this possible, please do. Our people desperately need to hear the truth before the door closes to the gospel. 





BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



How can you tell people who don't believe in the Bible that Jesus is God?

If a person believes in the authority of the Bible, it is not hard to provide evidence for Jesus being God. There is abundant evidence in nature for the existence of God, but to show that Jesus is God can be difficult without faith in Scripture. But God does bring us in contact with people who sincerely want answers but have not yet come to believe the Bible or that Jesus is God. So where do we begin?

Virtually all fundamental truth that Christians cherish is contained in the Bible. That's the launching pad for all of our beliefs, and it is primarily from this starting point that we might persuade others regarding the details of our faith. Only the Holy Spirit can convince someone that Jesus is Lord, but Christ is also the "Word." Begin by trying to establish their faith in the dependability of Scripture.

If someone asks how do we know the Bible is true, that is a different question. Amazing Facts has many resources (e.g., Study Guide #1) that can help someone recognize the dependability of Scripture. But assuming you can overcome this hurdle, here are some quick references you can show someone that Jesus is God using Bible references.

The Bible explains that we are only to worship God. Even Jesus expressed this plainly: "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only'" (Luke 4:8 NKJV). Yet Jesus accepted worship, indicating that He was God in human flesh (Matthew 28:9). Moreover, only God is able to forgive sin, and Jesus forgave sin. (See Matthew 9:1-8.) In this same passage, Jesus was able to perceive the thoughts of the people around Him. God alone can see into our hearts (1 Kings 8:39; Psalm 44:21); He knows our thoughts (1 Chronicles 28:9). The Old Testament says God is our only Savior (Isaiah 43:11). The New Testament teaches Jesus is our Savior. Conclusion, Jesus must be God. In fact, virtually any of the other definitions you find of God through the Bible, Jesus also meets.

Apart from the Bible, you might simply suggest that even though He wasn't a great scientist or lawyer, but a humble religious teacher, Jesus changed the world more than any other person. Someone once wrote, "All the armies that have ever marched, and all the navies that have ever sailed, and all the parliaments that have ever sat, have not affected history as much as that one solitary life."

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. You can also request a free program guide by phone or mail.



Every time something bad happens, like a hurricane, someone always says, "It was God's will." Is that right?

Whenever someone dies, or there is a plane crash, many people say, "It's God's will." Even though these people are well meaning, it's not necessarily accurate. I think good-hearted but skeptical people can get confused when a terrorist attack happens and someone says, "God's will," believing that means, "God did it." God's will would be a world where nobody perished (2 Peter 3:9).

It doesn't help that the media and insurance companies call it an "act of God" when some natural disaster indiscriminately wipes out life or property. It isn't fair to God, because we also know that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17).

We must look at this in two ways. We know that God is sovereign. Whatever goes on in this world happens because He ultimately must permit it. But that does not mean that God started it or wanted it to happen. For an example, you can read Job chapters 1 and 2. All that happened to Job was the result of the devil. But ultimately, God will not run from His responsibility as Lord. God allows trials for many reasons, and doesn't always intervene to protect even His own children from the evil of this world. But for those who love the Lord, every bad thing can be changed into something good. God doesn't want evil things to happen to us, but He will allow them to happen if it means we might benefit in some way, such as disciplining us so we will get back on track. The best example you can give for someone who doesn't believe is to keep your faith even when everything seems to be going wrong. —



Project Storehouse

Building His Kingdom Together



Project: IndiaNOW!

In November, Amazing Facts will embark on an incredible soul-winning mission to India to share the good news of Jesus in a land experiencing increasing Christian persecution. Still, the people there are eager to learn about Christ, and we are expecting to baptize more than 20,000 souls while also building new churches and offering pastoral training. Help us share Christ to millions before the door closes forever!

Funding Goal: \$1,300,000
Storehouse: \$750,476

Project: New Television Program and Broadcast Expansion



We're developing a new weekly, 30-minute television program featuring Pastor Doug's best sermons and making them available to a much bigger audience than ever before. The new packaging will appeal to today's viewer, with new, eye-grabbing graphics and more focused ministry promos that

will present Amazing Facts as an awesome Bible resource warehouse!

Funding Goal: \$3,000,000
Storehouse: \$1,334,580

Project: Great Controversy DVD



With the evangelistic success of *Final Events*, Amazing Facts is now producing a brand-new documentary based on the classic *Great Controversy*. We need to raise funds today to help inform millions about God's incredible master plan of redemption for the human race. It's a great way to share

the remnant church's message before the return of our Lord! It's the perfect evangelism tool!

Funding Goal: \$1,500,000
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More Ways to Support God's End-Time Work

- You can now do more to further the gospel with even more giving options available! Do you have a non-cash gift you would like to donate to help reach souls lost in darkness?
- Amazing Facts gladly accepts vehicles, stocks, mutual fund shares, and real estate that we can convert into soul-winning resources.
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IF IT'S FOR JESUS, I'LL DO IT!

FOUR YEARS AFTER AFCOE

BY JEFF BENTLEY

What is Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism? What kind of people go there? What happens to them after they graduate?

Well, seven years ago, I was a drug-dealing, rock-and-rolling, drug-addicted, party animal on my way to prison. Wait. That might sound like they don't have very high standards at AFCOE, but in reality, the Lord made huge changes in me before I attended.

In gratitude, I had a great desire to work full time for God, but I didn't know how I could do it and support myself without many years of college and seminary schooling. Enter AFCOE. When I heard about the school, and learned that they offered a four-month ministry training course with many opportunities for graduates, the Lord said, "This is the way, walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21). Listen, maybe He's calling you too.



The old Jeff

JARED

My past experiences have allowed me to work with people that others might have difficulty reaching. I'm often asked to visit inmates to draw them closer to Jesus. I always go, and

the devil always tells me it's a waste of time. One such visit was with my friend, Jared. He's the brother of one of my church members, and he was not overly receptive to hearing the transforming story of somebody he didn't know. But it was the beginning of an adventure that would take him to the other side of the planet and back, and an adventure that will ultimately take him out of this world.

When he got released from jail, we started studying the Bible together. He was an eager student, completing a full set of *Storacles of Prophecy*. He also devoured *Steps to Christ* and many other great books. Some of them he read more than once. It wasn't long before he made a decision for baptism and joined the remnant church.

OFF TO AFRICA

I've been a Bible worker in Central California for three years now. Our church sends a group each year on an evangelistic effort where lay people preach a full series of meetings in countries all over the world.

While I was attending AFCOE, Pastor Bob Folkenberg came and shared this opportunity with our class. I didn't think I would ever get a chance to go, but last year I had the privilege of preaching a series in Ethiopia. I encountered everything you can imagine, from extreme poverty to demon possession, but when the meetings ended almost 300 precious souls walked down into the jungle to be baptized. Wow!

In the end, it always seems these trips really are more for the teachers than the hearers. Even if you can't go for three weeks, you should still look into going. Jesus will make a way even when there is no way. It will change your life. Maybe this article is the confirmation you've been waiting for.

This year took us to two locations, Ghana and Cameroon



Jared at his preaching site.

on the West Coast of Africa. Pastor Leamon led out in Ghana, and I led out in Cameroon, and Jared joined us too. Fresh out of the baptistery, he's eager to share the great things God has done for him. He even sold the convertible he had

just bought to help pay his way. Many souls were won for the kingdom and baptized as a result of his efforts.

HOME AGAIN

The devil is never pleased when he loses one of his subjects, and he soon pushed Jared into a corner. He was told by his employer that he must work on the Sabbath. Together we prayed for courage for Jared to make the right decision, and claimed the promise, "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Samuel 2:30). Jared stood his ground, and the Lord was faithful. Not only did he keep his job, but his boss also offered to sell him a car for a really good price—a newer and nicer convertible than the one he had before!



Jeff and Robert

While in Cameroon, Robert, a local church member who had seen Doug Batchelor preach in his country, said he was


inspired to be "a Batchelor in his village." He borrowed money to purchase a projector, but he had no computer. The Lord said, "Give him your computer." I am learning not to argue with Him, so I said, "If it's for Jesus, I'll do it." Robert was so thrilled and said he was going to quit his job as a commander in the customs office and become a full-time evangelist. He planned to go into the surrounding countries and keep preaching until Jesus comes.

I use a laptop in my Bible studies now and take one with me from house to house and share PowerPoint presentations right in people's living rooms. I needed a replacement soon. The Lord had one just waiting for me at a thousand-dollar discount! What is the Lord waiting to give you?

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

I was recently asked to speak at a worship service. I had worked out an outline on a particular subject but the Lord asked me to share my personal testimony instead. I'm learning there is power in telling others about the wonders of being taken from Satan's darkness into Jesus' marvelous light. Just like preaching in Africa, that power is not for the hearers only, but also for the one sharing their experience. Every time I speak on this subject now, I can't get through it without weeping. The Lord is making it more and more clear what great things He has done for me, and it breaks my hard heart. "And they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11).

I challenge you to seek opportunities to tell others what great things God has done for you. The person who does much of the deciding on who speaks at camp meeting was at that worship service. After I spoke, she asked me if I would be willing to share my testimony at all of the academies in the conference and in the youth and young adult tents at camp meeting. Because it was for Jesus, I did it.

"If it's for Jesus, I'll do it." If this is your aim, your theme, you'll find that Jesus will use you in ways you never dreamed. I challenge you to start saying it today and come to AFCOE. 



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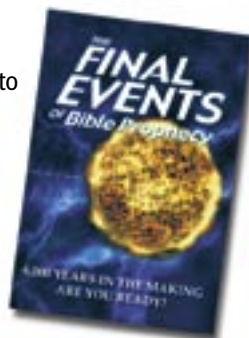
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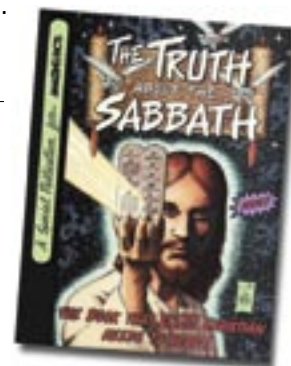
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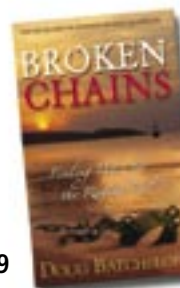


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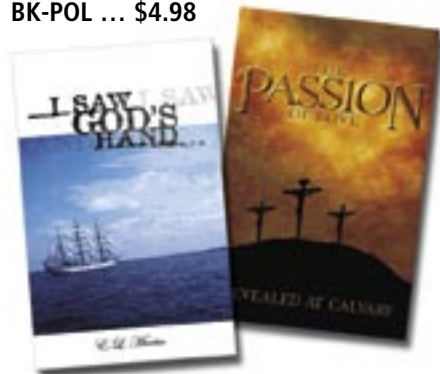
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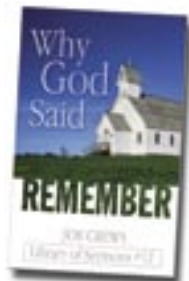
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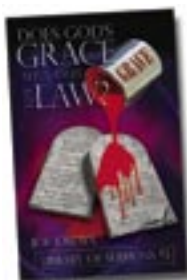
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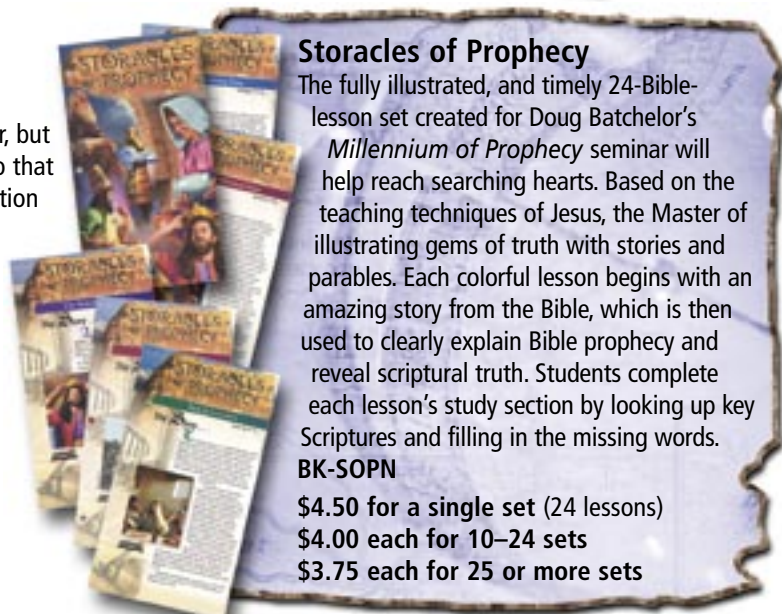
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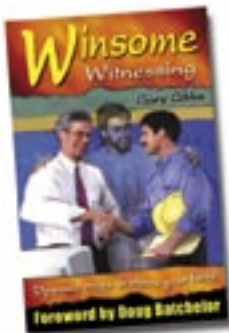
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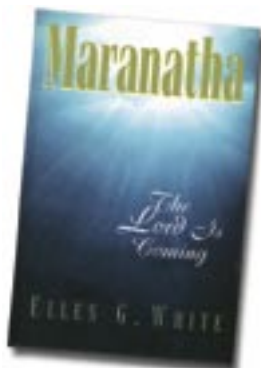
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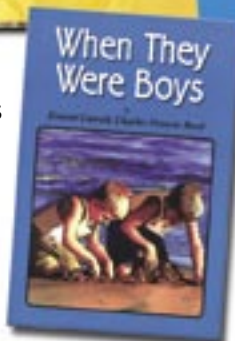
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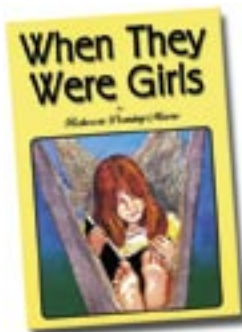
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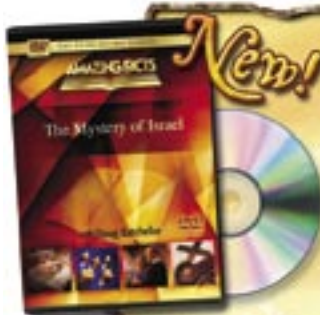
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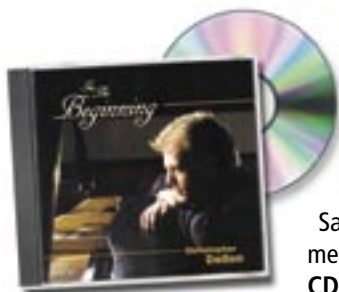
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BEHIND THE SCENES

WHAT'S NEW AT AMAZING FACTS

Amazing Facts Welcomes New Staff

As the Lord continues to bless Amazing Facts with growth, 14 committed and talented employees have been added to the ministry roster since January 2006.



Back: Jay Anders (featured last issue), Dale, Matthew, and Jed
Front: Santiago, Jackie, Michelle, Shemeka, and Jody

Shemeka Bruton, a School of Evangelism graduate, is working as our new webmaster.

Jodi Genson is our new administrative assistant in the public affairs/global events department.

Jackie Martin has joined the treasury department in accounts payable.

Matthew Moores, graphic artist, started full time in May and married Jessica in June.

Santiago Nunez has been working in our order department since January 3.

Michelle Stanhope is now working full time in our order department.

Jed Genson has joined us as a maintenance and shipping clerk.

Dale Martin joins us from Florida and is working in our planned giving department.

Not Pictured

Pastor and author Richard O'Ffill is working with The Empowered Church program on a part-time basis.

Brodwic Boyd has joined the team as the assistant director of the media department.

Donna Fickess is the newest member of the Bible School team.

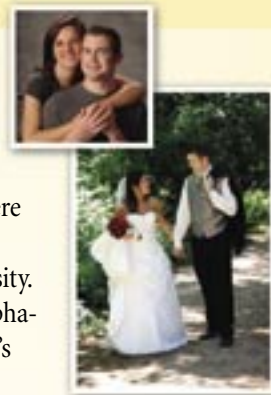
Rafael Ojeda has joined the staff as a shipping clerk in the publishing and shipping department.

Darrin Bartell, a recent AFCOE graduate, is currently serving as an evangelist and will be conducting prophecy meetings across the nation.

Mario Colangelo comes from Kentucky and has been our media editor since June 12.

Fond Farewell

Stephanie Jaeger, an AFCOE graduate and Bible School worker, married Justin McNeilus in July. The two moved to Dodge Center, Minnesota, where Justin works in banking and Stephanie attends nursing classes at a local university. We wish the two the best and thank Stephanie for her dedicated service to the Lord's work through Amazing Facts.



Ministry Partner Representative

We are seeking a self-motivated, energetic Christian worker to serve as a contact for ministry friends who support the Lord's work through Amazing Facts. The candidate in this role will seek out likeminded individuals, corporations, and foundations, to share the vision of the ministry and energetically promote our many soul-winning outreaches. The desire and ability to develop, maintain, and cultivate ethical relationships between the ministry and our partners are a must. The position also requires strong communication skills, whether through personal contact, phone calls, or correspondence. The candidate will also prepare proposals and presentations to raise funds for soul-winning ministries. Relocation to Sacramento is not required. Several years experience is preferred.

Ministry Career Opportunities

Amazing Facts is always looking for ministry-minded individuals to join our team. We keep our current needs posted on the Amazing Facts website. If you or someone you know feel God is calling you to a career in sharing the gospel, please visit us online at www.AmazingFacts.org and click on the "employment opportunities" link near the bottom left-hand corner of our homepage.



Breaking News: Donate to Amazing Facts From Your IRA—Without Penalty!

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In 2006 and 2007 only, a person 70-1/2 years or older can take a tax-free withdrawal from their IRA, up to \$100,000 a year. If the withdrawal is donated directly to a charity, it is excluded from your income. Keep in mind:

- The distribution must go directly to the charity. Ask your IRA administrator to send a check to Amazing Facts, Inc., Planned Giving Department, P.O. Box 1058, Roseville, CA 95678. (If the check is made out to you, you will owe taxes on the withdrawal!)
- To take full advantage of the tax break, you need to make your first withdrawal before December 31, 2006.

A charity withdrawal counts toward your required minimum distributions for the year, so by donating it to a charity, you can meet the minimum requirement without incurring a tax bill!

The provision is limited to IRAs. If you have a 401-K or similar plan, you'll need to roll it into an IRA before making a contribution to Amazing Facts. Remember, you only have a 16-month window, so contact us today if you need more information or need assistance to make a gift from your IRA to Amazing Facts. Call 1-800-436-2695, ext. 3029, and ask for John or Judy.

Supporter's Work Still Going Strong

Colin, who we featured in the March/April 2006 *Inside Report* writes in with this update: "I have been busy advertising *Final Events* and the response has been wonderful. I am convinced that God has ordained this DVD!

"A Haitian pastor has recently responded to my ad. He is looking forward to receiving the DVD and sharing it with his Sundaykeeping congregation. . . . I also received a thank-you card in the mail from one of my first contacts. She has come to the church as a result of being introduced to the last-day message through *Final Events*. Praise God!

"I hope this provides you some encouragement as God leads you to make *Great Controversy* DVD." (See page 13 for details!)



Amazing Facts Trains Laity in England



Seeing the need to "fan the flames" of evangelism in Europe, Amazing Facts sent Jim Ayer, vice president for public affairs and global events, to teach at LETS—Lay Evangelism Training Seminar—in England.

Attendees came from all across England to the University of Salford in Manchester. The people were very eager to learn and give their lives to the Lord in service.

A prime example of their willing spirit was demonstrated when Jim asked, "How many of you enjoy going door to door and sharing Christ?" He says, "I was expecting just a few hands. But almost the entire audience raised their hands."

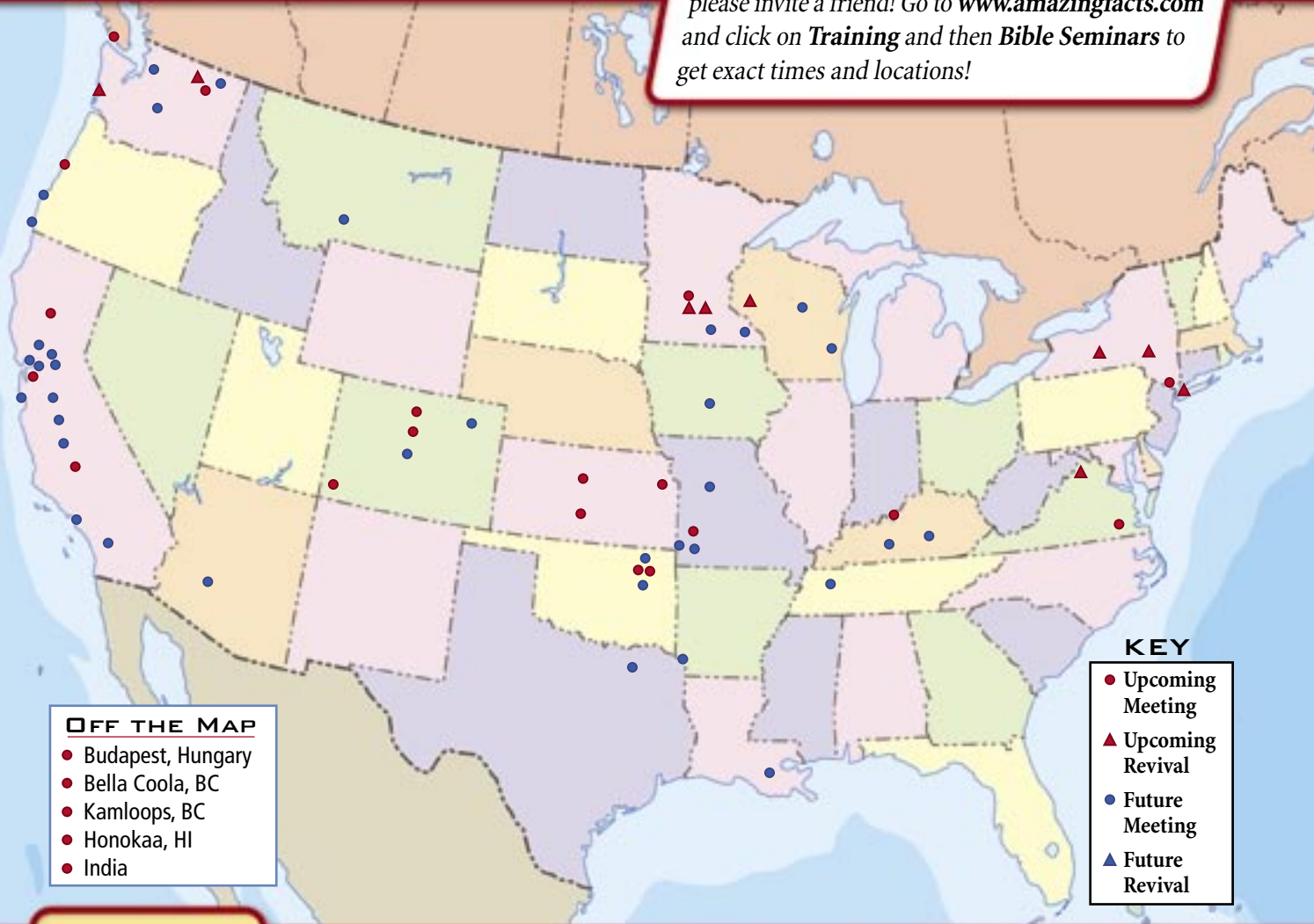
While the work in England and most of Europe is languishing, it is evident that God has His faithful remnant finishing the work. These folks are inspired to go and do for Him, going door to door with surveys and the *Final Events* DVD in an effort to share the news of our soon-coming Savior. "And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase" (Psalm 107:37).

Amazing Facts was blessed to have been a part in the sowing and harvesting process for England. Please keep them in your prayers as they go forth.



THE AMAZING FACTS Evangelism TEAM

You are invited to meet the members of our dynamic evangelism team at our many prophecy seminars and revivals throughout the year—and please invite a friend! Go to www.amazingfacts.com and click on **Training** and then **Bible Seminars** to get exact times and locations!



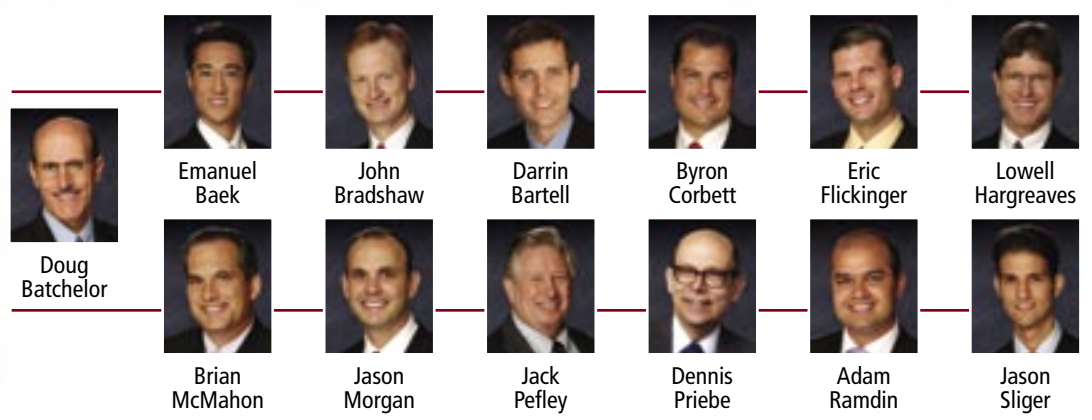
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NOT IN YOUR AREA?

Then schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic series or a revival weekend in your church!

Contact our evangelism department by phone at **916-434-3880** or by mail.



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**SMALL Church,
Big IDEAS,
Bigger Results!**

In 2002, evangelist Jack Pefley went to Tonopah, Nevada, to help a very small church fulfill a desire to reach out to the local community with truth and grow the kingdom.

With only three members, it would take an extraordinary effort to make a difference. But where there is the desire to work for the Lord, God makes sure great things happened.

With a small advertising mailing to nearby households, it was supposed to be just a small meeting, but on opening night, 16 people came to hear the truth of God's Word. Not long after, that number reached to 22.

Amazingly, from this one meeting alone, a church with only three members grew by God's grace to 15. Two of those new souls are Butch and his wife Linda, who happens to be in charge of the local cable television station. She's now sharing Doug Batchelor and other great speakers on 3ABN in her community.

Because of the enormous success, Jack returned to Tonopah to follow up the series and draw more to the Lord. This time, he brought AFCOE graduate Terry Conway to assist in the effort. With Jack's guidance and Terry's new evangelism skills, they are now teaching 17 new people the truths of the Bible in a special evangelism class.

Best of all, a lady watching Pastor Doug on 3ABN, on that station Linda started, began going to the church. She was baptized at the end of the meetings, and her daughter and son-in-law have also been coming and are being touched by what they are hearing! Another excited guest, Wanda, also decided to be baptized at the end of the meetings. She heard Pastor Doug being broadcast on 3ABN and decided to go to the church soon after. Praise God!

Now guests from the original series and the second series are taking a class with *The Storacles of Prophecy*. Says Jack Pefley, "I'm just so excited. It's a small church and a small class of 24. Yet it's like I'm speaking to a crowd of thousands."

God is able to reach so many, even with a small church. If you want to reach out to your community with God's Word, contact Amazing Facts and we'll schedule a meeting with one of our seasoned evangelists. No matter how small or how big, there is always room to grow God's end-time church!

A Skeptic Transformed

Byron Corbett's prophecy series in Nanaimo, B.C., radically changed one man who had given up on religion. Rudy was attending because a friend had received a brochure in the mail for the series and invited Rudy along. But Rudy was extremely skeptical from day one.

But as the series progressed, and the subjects presented were backed by solid Bible truth, Byron began to notice a change in Rudy's countenance. Eventually, he approached Byron and said, "Byron, you've convinced me!"



"That's sounds wonderful," Byron answered. "But what have I convinced you of?"

Replied Rudy, "You've convinced me that there is a God and that I can trust the Bible." Needless to say, this was very exciting for Byron, who asked the man for his story.

Rudy explained that he had always had an open mind, but that he was looking for

something that fit together and made sense. He had tried a number of different churches over the years, but they all had inconsistencies and teachings that left him more skeptical and dissatisfied than before.

Finally, he had given up on religion and become an agnostic. At the conclusion of the visit, Byron presented the gospel of salvation by grace to him and asked if he wanted to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Rudy did, so they knelt down together and Byron led him in a prayer asking forgiveness for his sins, asking Jesus to come into his life, and surrendering his life to Christ's control.

It was a moving experience. For the remainder of the seminar, everyone could see the happiness in Rudy's life, and he was just one of the precious people that followed the Lord in baptism at the end of the series. Today, he's excited about getting involved in the ministry of the church.

AFCOE REFLECTIONS

MISSION TO NIGERIA

BY MICHAEL DYSON

Michael Dyson is a recent graduate of the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) and currently serves his church in Portsmouth, Virginia.

In Matthew 25:14–30, Scripture provides an important account of the kingdom of heaven. In this fascinating, eye-opening parable, Jesus teaches us about the abundant gifts that are entrusted to us as His laborers while He is away.

The concepts I learned at AFCOE are a gift from God, entrusted to us to help reach the spiritually lost. And by His grace, many of my fellow graduates had the opportunity to use that training in an incredible way in West Africa, sharing the good news of Christ to thousands and building up the kingdom.

A JOURNEY BEGINS

In June, I embarked on a missionary journey with six other AFCOE graduates to Nigeria, with Jëan Ross, AFCOE director, as our mission leader. The experience changed our lives, and helped to make sense of why God called each one of us to prepare ourselves at AFCOE for doing our part in the great commission.

When we arrived in Lagos, Nigeria, we were warmly greeted by church representatives who were especially enthusiastic about our outreach. We were quickly gathered into vehicles and were soon on our way to Akure, where the evangelistic effort would center. The journey allowed our group to see up close the daily lives of these great people. Even before we had met them, they were changing our lives. Many were arrayed in the colorful dress of their culture, while others expressed hard lives endured under the hot African sun.

Yet next to street vendors begging for attention and the smog and noise pollution of taxis and trucks, the natural scenery was like a painted picture—lush and dense greenery. It was nothing like I imagined of the African wilderness. Here, majestic palm trees and coca and banana plants were the norm. But even more majestic and critical was the work that God had laid out before us.

HOURLY OF PROPHECY

Our two-week series was advertised well before our arrival as “The Hour of Prophecy.” The Nigerian church was eager to add new members to its numbers. Brightly colored flyers had been sent to many communities, inviting residents to come and stand in God’s power. And many responded to the offer of Bible



studies, health talks, inspiring music, prayer, and counseling.

When we arrived in Akure, the team was introduced to the eager pastors of the churches participating in this mission effort. We would also be joined by pastors in neighboring Ghana to reach as many of the 800,000 residents in the city as possible.

Every meeting site was an outdoor venue, meaning we had a complicated setup each and every night. When I arrived at my site, I saw that it simply was not ready to host an evangelistic series. The devil was prepared to do anything and everything to prevent these precious people from hearing the Word of

God. But God is bigger than the devil. By God's grace, final preparations were complete in time for the meetings.

THE OUTREACH

After much preparation and hard work, and with much prayer and anticipation, we began the meetings on June 9. Each venue would require work with a translator, who would translate the saving message into Yoruba. Amazing Facts also provided each one of us a laptop computer loaded with sermon software and an LCD projector that we would use to proclaim Bible-infused truth.

One night, just as I was starting to present the truth about the judgment, my computer, which had been working perfectly, began to advance two or three slides at a time. I feared it could create much confusion, so I let the crowd know that the enemy did not want this message heard. I asked them all to pray for my equipment, and I went forward with the Word. Afterward, I wasn't sure if the message had come through clear enough, but a pastor let me know that the people received God's truth clearly.

The next morning another pastor, wisely sensing that I had been thrown off my stride because of the difficulties, shared the story of a young preacher who after initial setbacks found great success in teaching the Word. It was just the encouragement I needed and reminded me of the greater spiritual challenges facing each presenter on this mission, with much of the world focused on worldly amusement.

Just as our series of meetings was beginning, the World Cup matches were opening. Many significant games featuring African teams began just as our meetings would be in high gear. Another significant distraction was an upcoming visit from the Nigerian president to the city. With each passing day, the media's attention grew, road

construction and repairs were being made, and new signs were painted and street signs posted to welcome the leader, creating hectic travel to and from the meeting sites.

Yet despite these difficulties, each presenter continued preaching the Word of God each night. And many people came, no matter what the devil did to distract them. Even better, the many who did come were convinced that the Bible was a better way of life for them.



BAPTISMAL WHIRLWIND

On the final Sabbath morning, I told the crowd about their thrilling opportunity to be baptized into God's church. I urged everyone present to come forward to the altar to accept Christ into their hearts.

As the people came, a great wind began to whip up out of nowhere and the sky outside filled with dark, threatening clouds. The wind swooshed through the church, blowing paper and everything else in its path away. But God was in control, and five precious souls stood to show their desire to become a part of God's family.

It seemed like a small number at the time, and I wondered what had happened to the others who had come forth also on

“One of the highlights of my work is an elderly man who was invited to the meetings by his children. One night, he approached me and said, “You are preaching the truth about the Sabbath.” He was once a Christian, but had been backslidden for nearly 10 years. He believed that God brought him to Akure for no other reason than to bring him back to the fold.

“He has a building about two blocks from the sight of my meetings and wants to make it a Sabbathkeeping church. This precious soul was baptized with two of his sons. The members would like to plant a church in the area where we had the meetings, so perhaps his dream will come true.”

—Jim Poch, AFCOE Graduate

ONE VOICE, ONE MISSION, ONE LORD

“It was an incredible experience to watch people who had made decisions for Christ go under the water and be baptized. I nearly started to cry because the first girl that was baptized was the first girl that came forward during my series. She was a quiet girl, but I knew the Lord had been working in her life, so it was a great joy to see her baptized. There were 19 people from my site baptized that day. It is a day I will not forget.”

—Aaron McNaulty, AFCOE Graduate



previous nights. Yet I silently acknowledged that it was not my work, but the work of the Holy Spirit to convict souls to accept Christ. Many would be baptized, but many more would have the truth in their minds. We should pray for these souls, that God would bear fruit from the seeds we planted in their hearts.

Not long after, every seminar site came together, converging on the banks of a natural springs site called Oyemekun Rocks for a mass baptism. It was an awesomely beautiful sight as two preachers entered the chilly water on the Sabbath. Clouds were threatening rain that day, but that wouldn't keep anyone away, not now—with the chance of new life.

The congregations came forward as one with their offering of candidates for baptism. Hundreds of eager souls lined the shore, many dressed in the stunning and brilliant color of African dress. Someone then started to sing songs; even although I was unable to sing in their language, I recognized the tune and sang quietly in English. It was a beautiful experience.

BORN AGAIN

The lives that were changed during the course of those two amazing weeks steadily started to make their way off the banks of the water, edging slowly toward the pastors. It was my privilege to offer the prayer that morning. I did my best in the little voice I had left, thanking our Savior for the work He had done on every heart.

For the next few hours, soul after soul died to their old lives and were welcomed into their new lives. One man was nearly 70 years old. During the meetings, he listened intently each night as the message was presented and was convicted by the Holy Spirit that above all else, he should give himself to God. His baptism was the climactic event, and the crowd became strangely silent as the preacher presented him to God in the name of the "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." When he was raised from the waters of burial, shouts of "amen" and cheers ran through the crowds.



GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Our friends in Nigeria are some of the most graceful and giving people you'll ever meet. Although baptism signaled the end of our evangelistic efforts, we gathered together for a final meal for fellowship and to reflect on all that God had done.

Each of us received colorful customary Nigerian clothing, gifts presented out of love and thanksgiving. We all put on the clothes we received for the closing ceremony, where reports were shared from each meeting site.

Special music reverberated from a group of African singers, setting the mood as the Sabbath sun was beginning to set. The meeting felt like a heavenly family reunion of sorts—perhaps much like it will be in heaven when all the saved of the world come together to celebrate the Sabbath and our victory in Christ.

In total, 216 souls were added to the kingdom. The new graduates from AFCOE accounted for nearly half those, and we all felt an enormous blessing to be a part of something so beautiful. Many candidates had acknowledged their willingness to be baptized, but were not yet prepared to make a complete surrender. Still, heaven rejoiced with those who had chosen to follow our Lord into the watery grave, even as the Holy Spirit continued to work in the lives of others.

As darkness fell upon the campground, we sang familiar songs as one family. It was heartbreaking to say goodbye to those we had come to love, but the Lord had work for us elsewhere, whether it was back

home or somewhere else in the world. Our closing prayers reminded us that if we did not see each other on this side of glory, we would share our stories in the earth made new.

IS IT YOUR TURN?

Great opportunities like this await you at AFCOE, where you will not only get a chance to learn how to witness and so much more, you'll participate in a live evangelism event that will show you what it's like to watch a new soul being born in Christ.

AFCOE is now accepting applications for the next available course. If God is calling you to be a part of His team, call us today. (See back page of this issue.)

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will buy. A good fisherman does not get discouraged if every fish does not bite. Keep at it and never underestimate what the Holy Spirit might do; you don't know what's happening in a person's life.

When insurance salesmen used to go door to door, they knew that for every 10 presentations, they'd get one person to sign a contract. For insurance, 10 percent is worth the effort. So what about eternal life insurance? Why can't Christians say, "All right, maybe I'll get 10 noes, maybe I'll get 20, but I'll eventually get a yes." I hear that lions engage in about 8 to 10 chases of prey for every catch. Do they give up? No, because they're hungry. We need to be hungry for souls.

GET HOLY BOLDNESS

Preacher Peter Marshall describes Christians as deep-sea divers encased in suits designed for many fathoms, and we're bravely marching forth to pull the plugs out of bathtubs. We've got this power to go deep, and we're wading in shallow tidal pools for fear of failure.

But the Holy Spirit can give us the power to make us bold. Before the Holy Spirit was poured out, Peter was intimidated by ridicule and he denied Christ. After the Holy Spirit was poured out, Peter basically said he'd rather obey God than men even if they beat or killed him. "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled" (Acts 4:13).

We don't always have the information, but Jesus will make you bold. Just read Acts 4:29-31 and you'll see what I mean. But let me point out particularly the last verse: "The place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Why does God give us this power? To boldly go where few Christians have gone before ... namely, witnessing.

It's easier to talk about Jesus amongst friends, especially if you're bringing a seeker into your church.

If there happens to be a non-Christian visitor, you think, "Well, we are in my territory now.

I'm not going to be ashamed because they've got a problem." We

need to take that knowledge and go a step further with it. God is with you,

always—even in enemy territory.

In fact, this world is God's territory. God is watching when we are confronting somebody or visiting with somebody who doesn't accept Jesus.

Don't you see that with

God you are always in your element?

You don't always feel it, but you can know it. You are still surrounded by a majority, the angels of heaven, who

are on your side. You and God are

always a majority. So don't ever be ashamed of the gospel.


"The wicked flee when no man pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1 NKJV)

IT'S ABOUT JESUS

Satellite communication technology is amazing. I find it intriguing that these electronic systems quietly circle the earth hundreds of miles up while beaming messages to virtually every corner of the globe within seconds. Of course, these satellites are powered by solar panels. As long as these panels are directed toward the sun, they can convert light into power to drive the communication equipment. This is how a Christian becomes a successful witness: We must keep our attention focused on Jesus the Son of Righteousness. (Read Malachi 4:2.)

In the end, don't forget that the power to share is not just information. The power to share is Jesus. He is asking us to share Him, and He promises to give us spiritual power and go with us wherever we go. He is the nucleus, the primary subject of what we are sharing, and He is the power of what we are sharing—Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He's our tower of power, and we are to reflect the light from the Son of Righteousness. That's what turns the dynamo in our churches. I want to be a witness, don't you? God wants to be real in your life, and when you have that experience you'll be a witness.

Let's get our priorities right. The last words of Jesus on this earth should be the first priority in our lives—to go and to tell all nations. The cross goes in two directions; first, you come to Christ. Next, you go for Christ. You come to Him in the great invitation; you go for Him in the great commission. That's what it's all about. 



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Potpourri

Some Little Health Bites That Could Make a Big Difference in Your Life.

Always consult your physician before making any changes in diet, exercise, or overall lifestyle.

Fruits, Veggies, and Stroke

Studies involving more than 100,000 men and women indicate that those with the highest fruit and vegetable intake (about 5 to 6 servings per day) have a significant reduction in risk of ischemic stroke. Cruciferous vegetables, green leafy vegetables, and citrus fruit, including juice, contributed most to the apparent protective effect (*JAMA*, Oct 6, 1999).

Scent-sational News

Aromatherapy, the use of fragrance to improve health, is gaining scientific support. The *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*, Nov/Dec 2002, reported that aromatherapy reduced blood pressure, pulse, anxiety, pain, and depression. In 1995, the *Journal of Neurological and Orthopaedic Medicine and Surgery* stated that the scents of bananas, green apples, and peppermint helped people lose weight.



Oat Cereal and Blood Pressure

Eating high fiber oat cereal on a daily basis can provide significant health benefits. Volunteers with medication-controlled high blood pressure were divided into two groups. One group ate a daily serving of Quaker® Oatmeal and Quaker® Oat Squares, while the other group ate Malto-O-Meal® Hot Wheat Cereal and Kellogg's Crispix®. By the end of four weeks, 73 percent



of the group who ate the oat cereals had showed a significant improvement in their blood pressure and were able to reduce their medication, compared with 42 percent in the other group (also a good improvement).

Additional benefits included substantial reductions in cholesterol levels (as much as 15 percent). Blood sugar levels also improved (*Preventive Medicine in Managed Care*, 2002, Vol 3(1):9-17).

Good-for-You Oil



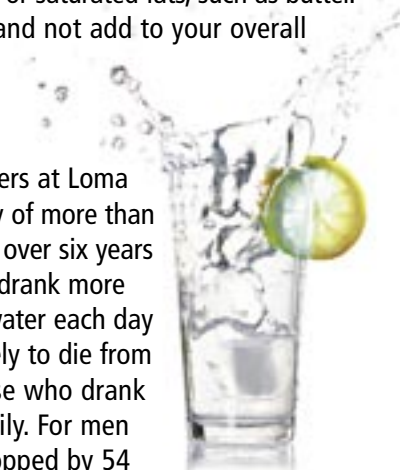
Scientific evidence suggests that eating olive oil daily may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Olive oil is rich in monounsaturated fats and cancer-fighting antioxidants. It can be used for sautéing, stir-frying, or dressing salads and vegetables. Two tablespoons a day is all you need to enjoy its benefits, but remember not to use it in addition to other oils or saturated fats, such as butter.

It should replace these and not add to your overall calorie or fat intake.

Water for the Heart

According to researchers at Loma Linda University, a survey of more than 20,000 men and women over six years found that women who drank more than five cups of plain water each day were 41 percent less likely to die from a heart attack than those who drank two or fewer glasses daily. For men the heart attack risk dropped by 54 percent. Other fluids did not produce the same benefit.

These findings reveal that water intake is as important as diet, exercise, and not smoking in preventing



coronary heart disease (*American Journal of Epidemiology*, Vol. 155, No. 9).

Keeping Your Brain Young

Staying physically active may help older adults think on their feet nearly as well as they did when they were young. Being able to choose quickly among several possible actions



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