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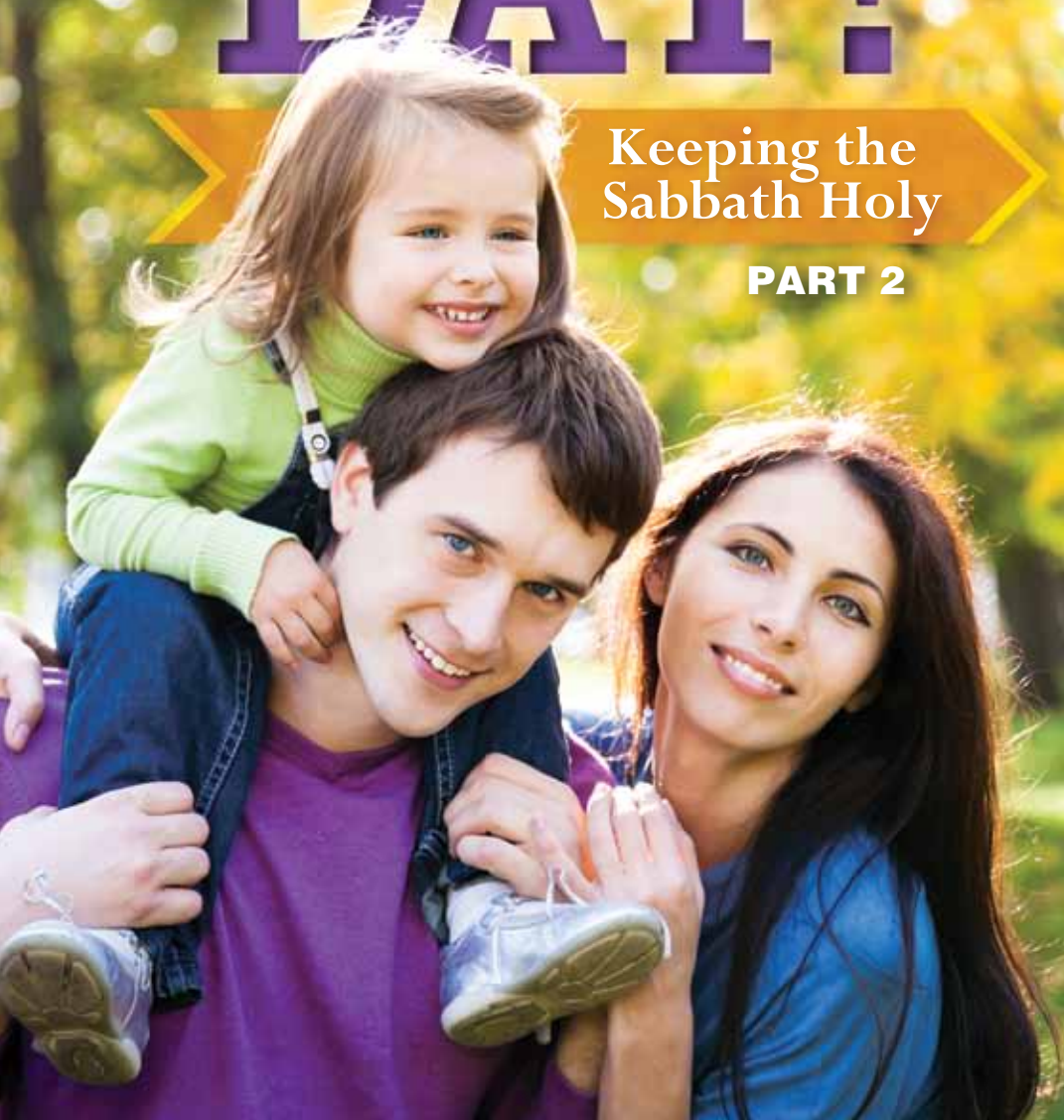
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Seize the **DAY!**

Keeping the
Sabbath Holy

PART 2



SEEING Jesus IN ALL THE Bible

A LABOR OF LOVE

by Pastor Doug Batchelor

"Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27 NKJV).

This Bible passage has always intrigued me. It is both revealing and, at the same time, mysterious. What exactly did Jesus share with those discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus that made their hearts burn within them?

I have been delving into this subject for years, trying to mine some of the lessons Jesus shared from the Old Testament that revealed He was indeed the Messiah. I found many of these treasures simply by studying how the New Testament writers applied the Old Testament to Jesus. Over the years, I have shared portions of these discoveries in various sermons, but I felt God was calling me to present this information in a more uniform and organized way.

The end result of this delightful detective work is my new book, *Shadows of Light: Seeing Jesus in All the Bible*, which

is now available through Amazing Facts. It's all based around the idea of when Jesus said that all the Scriptures "testify of me" (John 5:39).

It's a common misconception that Jesus only appears in the New Testament. Yet

it's amazing how clearly we can see types and shadows of the Savior in so many of the Old Testament characters and stories—such as when Abraham placed the wood on the back of his beloved son Isaac, who then carried it up the hill to the place of his own willing sacrifice. Or when King David, like Jesus, wept over

Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives.

But sometimes, finding these "shadows of light" requires a more careful examination. That's what my new book is all about—digging in and finding the Word's hidden treasures about Jesus, who is the Living Word. I hope you'll obtain a copy today and take the journey with me! 📖

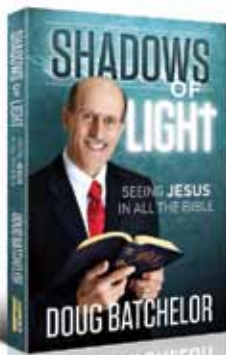


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“Wow, after reading this, I felt as if [Pastor Doug] was especially talking to me and my family. I admit—we are guilty of rushing the Sabbath, looking for the sun to go down, finding it a burden. . . . I believe God drew me to this article to show me how I’ve been hurting Him and need to change. I want



the Sabbath to be exciting again for me and my family. There were times when the Sabbath would be over and we would be so disappointed because we didn’t want it to end. I thank God for showing me my error. Reading this re-opened my eyes and was an answer to prayer. I plan on reading my Bible more often and praying so that the Sabbath will become sweet-savoring again.” *Melony, Web comment*

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“I travel abroad a great deal and always spend part of my Sabbath with the materials on your website. I find it quite the spiritual ‘pick-me-up’ while away from my family and my church. Thank you for ministering to those who are afar.” *Joe, email*



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Reaching Africa

"I really enjoy your programs here in Zimbabwe and appreciate all the things I learn on Amazing Facts. Thank the Lord for Pastor Batchelor and his dedication in teaching people about God. . . . I have been a Christian all my life, and there are some things you still need to be taught no matter how long you've been in the faith. I thank God that we are able to get your program!"
Renée

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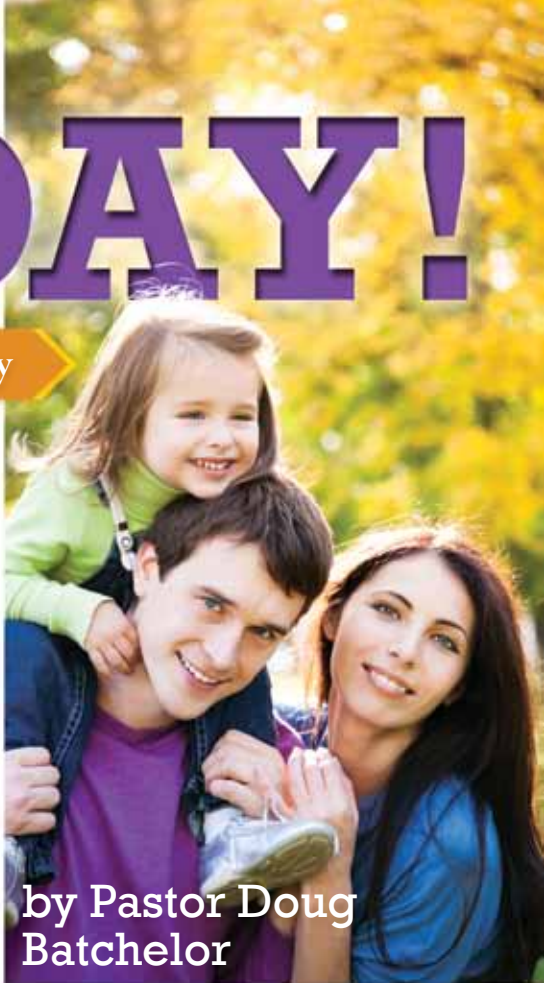
Keeping the Sabbath Holy

PART 2

An Amazing Fact: *A Cornell University study confirms the detrimental effects that work-related stress can have on families. Married couples with children and burdened by long hours of work report the lowest quality of life among couples. Additionally, 43 percent of all adults suffer adverse health effects from stress, and at least 75 percent of all physician office visits are attributed to stress-related ailments, according to the American Psychological Association. Stress is also linked to the six leading causes of death in the United States: heart disease, cancer, lung ailments, accidents, cirrhosis, and suicide.*

Before Moses approached Pharaoh to seek liberation for Israel, he met with the oppressed Hebrew leaders. During this meeting, Moses encouraged the people to consecrate themselves to the Lord and told them that God was about to deliver them from slavery with a mighty hand.

The Israelites had been laboring seven days a week to maintain their heavy workload for the Egyptians. But after this meeting, they evidently decided to renew their covenant with God and began resting again every seventh day. A furious Pharaoh said to Moses, “Ye make them rest from



by Pastor Doug Batchelor

their burdens” (Exodus 5:5). The angry king knew that he must do something drastic to keep the slaves under his control, so in an effort to crowd God from their thoughts, he drowned them further in rigorous labor and increased their workload. (See Exodus 5:7, 8.)

Well, God is about to do great things for His people again. Soon they will be delivered from the slavery of sin and journey to the heavenly Canaan. And, once again, as God is now trying to turn the minds of His people toward the importance of the Sabbath rest, the devil is seeking to drown this generation in work and stress.

Most people in the world don't understand the dire consequences of breaking the fourth commandment. Even many Christians believe the Sabbath is just a day where you put in your two hours at church and then go to a football game, visit the mall, or mow the lawn. But is this trend a biblical one? How is a Christian to keep God's Sabbath day holy?

In part one of this series on the Sabbath, we looked at having the right attitude about this precious day of rest. In this second part, I'd like to consider the practical ways of keeping God's holy day holy.

Avoiding Extremes

Before sharing some specifics on how to keep the Sabbath, I want to highlight a couple of extremes that can distort our thinking on how to honor this distinct day.

When Jesus was on this earth, the Pharisees taught people to keep the Sabbath in an extremely legalistic way. They went so far as to accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath! Of course, Jesus never did anything that violates the Sabbath commandment as outlined in Scripture.

Christ did break some of the Pharisees' manmade traditions regarding the Sabbath. He said, "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8 NKJV). Just before this, Jesus explained, "In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Worship and the Sabbath are intimately connected. Mankind's traditions should never set

aside or eclipse God's requirements.

With that in mind, let's now consider some biblical guidelines and activities to truly keep the Sabbath day holy.

A Time for Worship

The Sabbath is a day for us to come together in corporate worship. Notice how the Lord speaks about coming together for worship on Sabbath. "It shall come to pass that . . . from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me" (Isaiah 66:23 NKJV). In another place the Bible says, "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation" (Leviticus 23:3 NKJV). A "convocation" is an assembly or gathering of people.

There are lots of examples in Scripture that show Sabbath is a day for corporate worship.



One of my favorites is, "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the *assembling of ourselves together*, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"

(Hebrews 10:24, 25 NKJV, my emphasis). Not only do we come together to worship the Lord, but also to encourage one another.

A Time to Study and Hear the Word

We can also find references in the Bible that encourage us to focus on the Scriptures on the Sabbath. We've already noted Jesus' example of going to the synagogue "as His custom was" (Luke 4:16 NKJV). But it also adds, "He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written . . ." (v. 17). On the Sabbath, Jesus read from the Bible, the Old Testament book of Isaiah, when He announced His ministry. The Scriptures are an important part of our worship experience. This can be seen in the early church as well—"On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to *hear the word of God*" (Acts 13:44 NKJV, my emphasis).

A Time for Prayer

Obviously, it is good and right for us to pray every day. But, once more, the Sabbath provides us a special time to engage in focused worship, study, and prayer. The Sabbath is "holy" time because it is set apart by God. We are to be "holy" because we are chosen by Him to be holy, and we become holy by taking time on God's holy Sabbath to be with Him in a unique way. Here is how some in the early church worshiped on Sabbath: "On the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there" (Acts 16:13 NKJV).

A Time for Relationship and Rest

Putting it quite simply, Sabbath is a day for quality time with God. If there's a day that we should especially walk closely with God, the Sabbath is that day. It was set aside

for us to grow in our appreciation and love toward the Lord. You cannot really know someone well unless you spend time with that person. It's the same with God.

Sabbath provides uninterrupted time with God. The rush of work, of paying bills, of attending school functions, of cleaning



the garage, and so many other things are set aside so we can nourish our relationship with Him. It's a day to not be burdened by the cares of life— isn't that wonderful? If something gets between ourselves and Jesus, then we know it is probably not helping us worship God on the Sabbath; it's an activity best left undone.

A Time for Giving

Sabbath is also a day for giving. It's a time for bringing our gifts to the Lord. Even though we can bring offerings to God on any day of the week, from a practical standpoint, it makes sense to bring such gifts when we come to worship on the Sabbath. The Bible says, "Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!" (1 Chronicles 16:29 NKJV). Giving is an act of devotion and worship.

When you go before a king, it is customary to take a gift. It is considered impolite to approach a monarch empty handed. The very audience of a king is a great privilege. When the wise men went searching for Jesus, they brought gifts. Likewise, Sabbath is a day we come before the King of the universe, and it should be in our hearts to bring an offering.

Preparing for Sabbath

One of the most important aspects of the Sabbath commandment is summarized in the word "remember." We shouldn't forget about the Sabbath during the week so that we only remember it when the sun is cresting the horizon Friday evening. We can get ready before that happens! Let's look at some ways to prepare for Sabbath.

The Christian writer Ellen White suggests, "On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. . . . The Sabbath is not given to the repairing of garments and the cooking of food, to pleasure seeking or any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun let all secular work be laid aside and all secular papers be put out of sight" (*Child Guidance*, p. 528).

On my desk at home, I've got all kinds of items I'm dealing with from my workweek—bills, projects, official papers, etc. When Friday comes, I stack them up and put them away. You know what would happen when you saw these projects Saturday morning—you'd automatically start thinking about them! They are less of a distraction if they are covered or put away.

What about cooking? Exodus 16:23–26 speaks about doing your Sabbath food



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— PAFCOE —

AFCOE IN THE PHILIPPINES!

by Lowell Hargreaves, Director of PAFCOE

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!” (Education, p. 271).

FOR more than 12 years, the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) has been training an “army of workers,” sending them out to all parts of the world to work for God. In recent years, invitations began coming to Amazing Facts to start AFCOE schools in other regions of the globe.

In 2010, following my family’s prophecy series in Iloilo City, local leadership invited Amazing Facts to start a school of evangelism in the Philippines. Friends like you heard about this opportunity and helped fund the start-up costs for an AFCOE in Southeast Asia, and in 2012, PAFCOE (Philippines Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism) was born!

Building on the solid model of evangelism training for which AFCOE is best known, PAFCOE added two other components to its curriculum to increase its impact in Asia—child evangelism and on-the-job-training.

For three months, students attend morning classes and conduct outreach three afternoons a week. During that time, staff conduct a major evangelistic series in the area, allowing the students to experience all the aspects of preparing for, participating in, and following up a live evangelistic event.



On-the-Job Training

After three months, students are sent out to conduct a four-week seminar at an assigned church. Students have the option of preparing for and conducting an evangelistic series for adults or for children. Generally, the meetings are combined together with a student conducting a meeting for the adults, while another holds a meeting in a different room for children. Attendance at the children’s evangelistic meetings is often double that of adults. At one of our current sites, there are about 40 adults attending, but 200 children are in the children’s meeting!

Child evangelism is a reflection of the adult series, with the children learning the same

topics and truths but at their level. Adults are amazed and impressed when, on the final Sabbath, their children take the stage to sing the entire Ten Commandments from memory. Since 33 percent of Filipinos are under the age of 15, child evangelism is a key component of church growth in this country.

Many of these children become little “evangelists” themselves, going back to their parents to inform them that “we ought to be keeping the Sabbath as God’s holy day.” Some parents are not exactly excited to have their children preaching to them; others are “forced” to attend the meetings because their children insist on attending! They don’t want to miss even a single meeting.

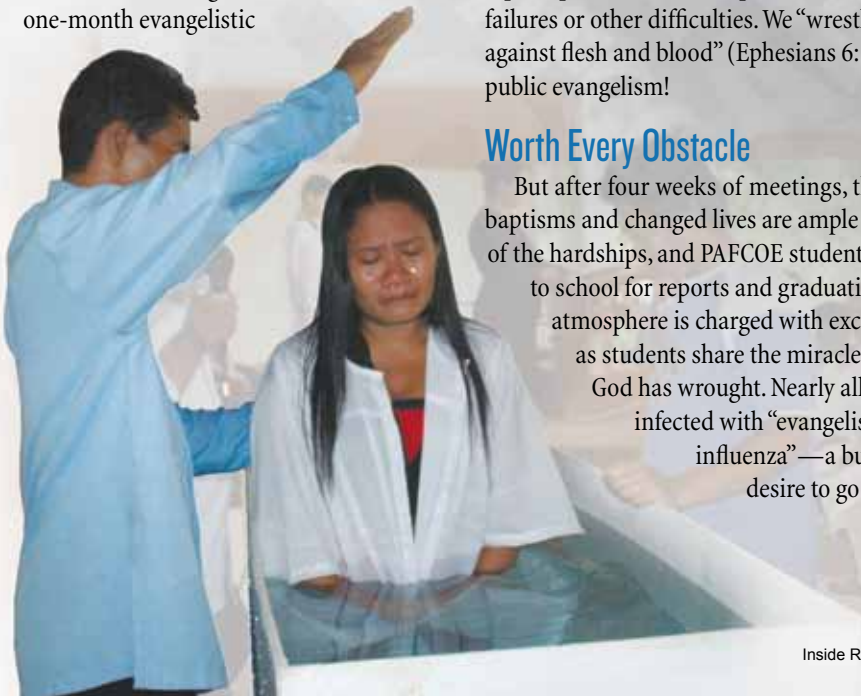
The on-the-job evangelistic meetings are where students experience firsthand the challenges and joys of evangelism. At the time of this writing, PAFCOE students and staff are conducting 40 simultaneous one-month evangelistic



meetings. This week, on the night when the topic was “Antichrist and 666,” it rained so hard that six of our sites had to cancel. Another site reported that just as they began explaining about the Antichrist, the power went off. They continued the meeting in the darkness, but then suddenly two mad dogs came rushing in and proceeded to fight with one another right in the meeting! Last week on the night for the topic “Spiritualism,” multiple sites had power failures or other difficulties. We “wrestle not against flesh and blood” (Ephesians 6:12) in public evangelism!

Worth Every Obstacle

But after four weeks of meetings, the baptisms and changed lives are ample reward of the hardships, and PAFCOE students return to school for reports and graduation. The atmosphere is charged with excitement, as students share the miracles that God has wrought. Nearly all are infected with “evangelism influenza”—a burning desire to go





somewhere, anywhere, and conduct another evangelistic meeting.

Last year, 48 students came through PAFCOE and, together with staff, conducted 50 evangelistic meetings, resulting in nearly a thousand baptisms! Add to that an amazing fact—the one-month meetings cost only \$625 to conduct, making them one of the best evangelistic investments in the world.

The majority of PAFCOE graduates are still involved in active soul-winning, working as Bible workers, lay pastors, missionaries, or lay evangelists, and many have found a way to conduct additional evangelistic meetings after graduation. One former graduate has since conducted four more evangelistic meetings and is now planning to go into full-time evangelism.



“It had been 17 years of my life without Jesus, saying no to Him. I found myself without a job, a bankrupt business, no hope, no happiness, and realizing I didn’t have any purpose for my life. Then the Lord led me to PAFCOE, and after four months I learned how to do what Jesus did. I found myself doing the most important job on earth, the business of

saving souls. I found hope for myself, knowing that there was a place for me in heaven, and I found true happiness helping others have the same hope. I finally found real purpose for living, where the results

would last the ceaseless ages of eternity. I can truly say the Holy Spirit was my teacher during PAFCOE, teaching me lessons of faith and how to surrender my will to the Lord. PAFCOE changed my life because it changed my purpose into God’s purpose.”

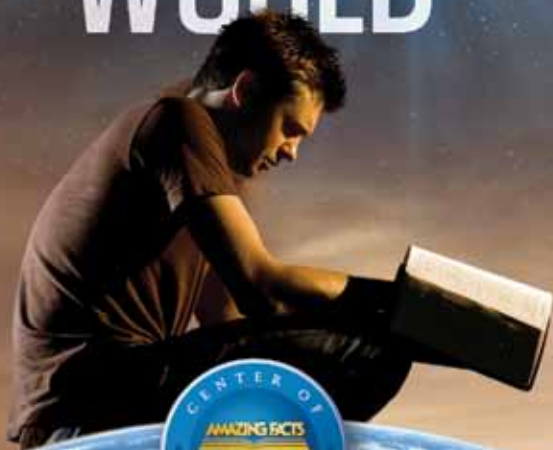


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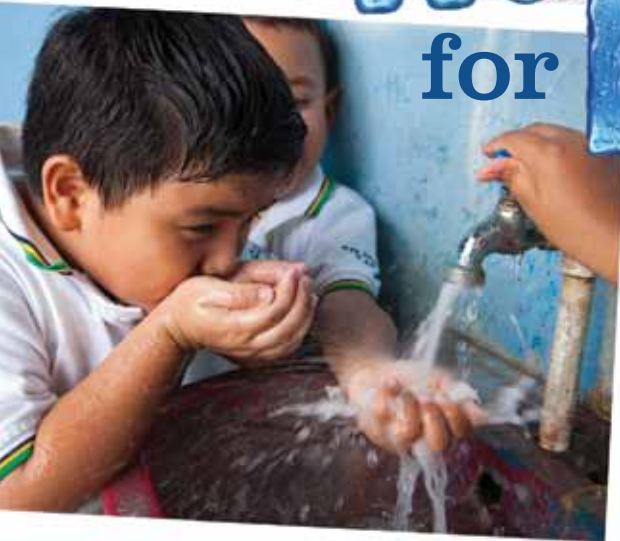


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Water for Life



Amazing Facts in Guatemala

by Carissa McSherry,
Outreach Administrator

with health ministry throughout the community. We worked beside medical professionals to meet the healthcare needs of more than 275 people—including dental services, health

assessments, blood pressure checks, and more. Desperate for basic medical attention, people lined up for hours, and as we ministered to their bodies, God opened their hearts.

Because of the generous donations of Amazing Facts supporters like you, we had the funds to construct a new church in the city of La Caridad. Beside it, a well was dug to provide clean water to this impoverished community. Though the painting and windows had yet to be completed, the community flocked to the church for the opening night of our Bible seminar. Each night after, the crowd grew in size until many visitors had to stand outside, peeking through the holes intended for windows.

Lives Changed

“This is truth!” Antonio declared in 2003 after hearing about God’s Sabbath. He couldn’t wait to return from his business trip, to share the news with his family, and find a Sabbathkeeping church.

Lightning flashed across the horizon, shooting split seconds of bright energy across the pitch-black city. Thunder roared as torrential rain unleashed its fury. But in the midst of this chaos, a few hundred people pushed through the elements to enter the opening night of our citywide evangelistic event in San Benito, Guatemala.

On May 26, our AFCOE team of 12 set out to let their light shine in Guatemala. Amazing Facts joined up with Water for Life ministries for a major humanitarian and evangelistic outreach campaign to drill wells to provide clean water, offer medical assistance to those in need, and share the gospel of Jesus with thousands. We also built a church for new believers to worship in after they were baptized. It was a mammoth effort!

Our AFCOE graduates preached at eight prophecy seminars across the city and assisted

“... If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.” —John 7:37

But his hopes were dashed when no such church was found. For a decade, Antonio worshiped alone, holding on to the precious truths he had learned. Then 10 years later, he stumbled across a church being built advertising a prophecy seminar—the La Caridad Church sponsored by Amazing Facts! As the seminar began, Antonio sat with his eyes glued to the speaker. His heart soon thrilled with joy as he made the decision to be immersed in the waters of baptism, surrounded by this new fellowship!

One seminar guest implored us to pray for her father, Fernando, who was in the hospital in critical condition. He was in a motorcycle accident and would soon have his leg amputated unless they could raise \$600 to pay for antibiotics to treat the infection and for several surgeries.

It was absolutely an unachievable amount for them. His children were desperate, not only to save their father, but also to have money for their basic necessities. We shared this prayer request with the Amazing

Facts staff, and they responded. Within hours, they literally emptied out their wallets, raising nearly \$1,000 for the family. After praying with Fernando, we saw his eyes fill up with hope and

were reminded that we need not travel to Jerusalem to follow in the footprints of Christ; they are also found beside hospital beds in every city.

When we chose the remote community of San Miguel for an outreach site, we had no idea what great obstacles we would face. No Sabbathkeeping missionary had ever before ventured into the town, a close-knit Catholic community

that wouldn't allow anyone to rent a building in town unless they held the same beliefs. In great urgency, our team prayerfully decided to knock on doors, seeking someone who knew of a possible venue. God

clearly led us to the very first home they came to on the edge of town. The team was shocked

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BIBLE ANSWERS WITH DOUG BATCHELOR



Q. Is it necessary or required for Christians to go to church on the Sabbath?

A. It's true that when God instituted the Sabbath at the Creation, He made no mention of formally worshipping Him on that day. (See Genesis 2:1–3.) And in Exodus, when God delivered the Ten Commandments, He still gave no instruction that we are to gather together for worship on that day. It only gave guidelines on who should refrain from work. (See Exodus 20:8–11.)

But as we read on in Scripture, we come across this interesting verse: “Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings” (Leviticus 23:3). The word “convocation” is from the Hebrew word *miqrá'* (מִקְרָא), which means a public meeting, assembly, or gathering. God is giving more details about the Sabbath; in this case, it's clearly shown to be a time for holy assemblies (i.e., worship services).

Moreover, in Isaiah, God says, “It shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me” (Isaiah 66:23). This speaks of worship in eternity, but God also specifically mentions the Sabbath and coming together for worship in this passage.

The best evidence, however, for the Sabbath as a time for community worship is through the example of Jesus ...

- “They went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught” (Mark 1:21).


- “When the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished” (Mark 6:2).
- “As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read” (Luke 4:16).
- “It came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught” (Luke 6:6).

Over and over again, we see Jesus in the synagogue on the Sabbath; it was His custom to be there on that day. The disciples followed the example of Jesus, as we can see in the book of Acts:

- “They came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down” (13:14).
- “When the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath” (13:42).
- “He reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks” (18:4).

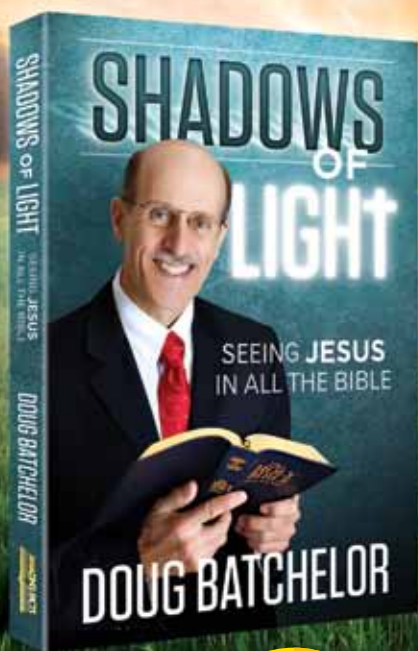
It’s well-known that when the Jews went into the synagogue, it was for the purpose of united worship. These Scriptures are referring to those church services, where people gathered together on the Sabbath.

Now let’s look at this issue from a common-sense point of view. God says that we are to keep the Sabbath holy. That means ceasing from secular labor. That leaves us with a work-free day! Is there a better way to spend the Sabbath than to gather together with like-minded believers and worship God together? Worship itself is an act of love, and what a privilege to worship our Lord, on His holy day, surrounded by His people—that’s a triple blessing! No man is an island; we gather strength from one another. That’s why God told us the following in Hebrews 10:24, 25: “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

If we desire to be among those who will gather from Sabbath to Sabbath to worship before God in heaven, we can first start practicing that behavior here below. 

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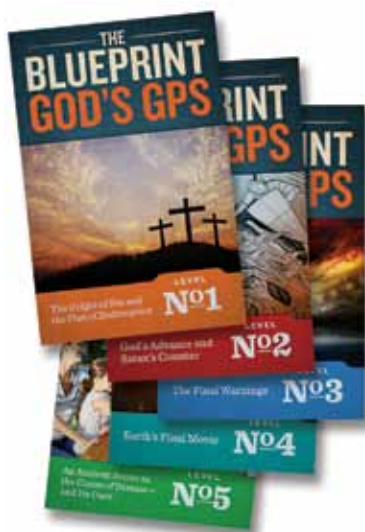
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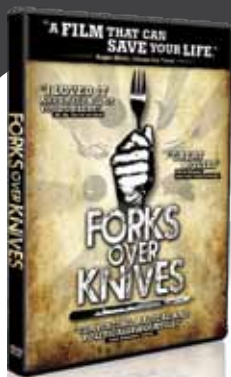
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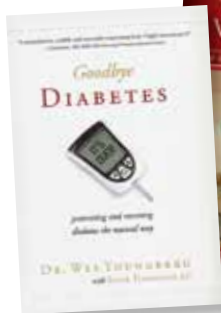
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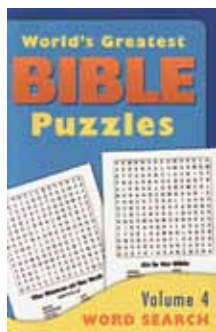
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to learn that the family were also Sabbath-keepers, the only ones in the community! They couldn't afford the travel to attend the nearest church, so they too had been worshiping by themselves for years. Their hearts soared with joy knowing that they were no longer alone in reaching this community for Christ!

The AFCOE team soon met a local shopkeeper, Rafael, a recent widower, who offered to close his shop every night so the meetings could be held there. He was willing to sacrifice his business in order for the Word of God to be spoken. As one team member traveled to



again. One night, one of our seminar speakers saw her walking to the church site alone. She soon became disoriented and was grasping at walls trying to figure out where she was in relation to the church. Our speaker ran out to protect her and guide her to her destination. Upon learning of her plight, a donation was quickly raised to pay for home improvements to keep her house from flooding again. As she was led into the waters of baptism, this blind woman's face lit up with joy as she received refreshing spiritual sight.

On the final Sabbath of our outreach, all the churches in the area gathered together for a special program by the Guatemala Union president, Pastor Guenther Garcia. Nearly 800 people attended the service along the lake, as we all sang praises to our God! By the end, 71 precious souls were immersed under the warm waters of Lake Peten Itza and began a new life in Christ. Truly, how beautiful it is to trust in Jesus! 

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San Miguel by boat, she recalled these pertinent words of Christ: "I will make you fishers of men."

Many of our attendees were crippled or visually impaired. One such woman was widowed last year, leaving her as the sole provider for her children ... and she is blind. Every time it rains, her house floods: water and mud cover her floor and meager belongings. Daily, the tedious task of cleaning up begins



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AFCOE in Romania

In December Amazing Facts will present an AFCOE to Go training session in Romania, to be followed by the graduates preaching a prophecy seminar at five sites around Bucharest. Your prayers are appreciated!

Local Church Evangelism Still Shines

The Sacramento sister church in Granite Bay was excited to have 23 new family members join the church after an Amazing Facts evangelistic series. The outreach effort got off to a great start with a four-part bridge event series hosted by Dr. David DeRose. The first night of the series saw a huge attendance of more than 200 people, with dynamic speaker and evangelist Jason Morgan and 23 AFCOE students. We were excited to see how the Lord prepared the hearts of these new baptized members!

Ten Commandment Series

The Ten Commandments series that Pastor Doug has been preparing at his home church has wrapped and will soon be available on DVD



and on AFTV. In October, he'll also present a new Bible prophecy series with AFCOE. There's never a moment when the gospel stops at Amazing Facts!

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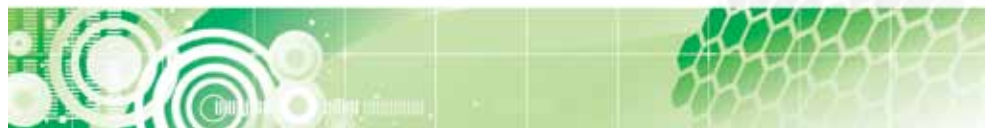
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Sao Paulo, Brazil

September 20, 21

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(Doug Batchelor continued)

December 6 – 14

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Emanuel Baek

August 31 – October 6

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Darrin Bartell

Beginning October 18

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Tim Jones

July 18 – July 27

Redwood Camp Meeting
Redcrest, California

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Fallbrook Church
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Tyler Long

September 13 – October 12

Laval, Quebec
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October 18 – November 16

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August 28 – October 5

Ramada Inn
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July 19, 20 — Burnt Mills Church,
Maryland

July 26, 27 — Konnarock Church,
Virginia

August 2, 3 — Middlesboro
Church, Kentucky

August 9, 10 — Kennesaw Mt.
Pisgah Church, Georgia

August 16, 17 — Nashville
Bordeaux Church, Tennessee

(Dennis Priebe continued)

August 23, 24 — Ava Church,
Missouri

August 30, 31 — Clinton Church,
Arkansas

September 5–7 — Oklahoma
Academy, Harrah, Oklahoma

September 13, 14 — Mentone
Church, California

September 20, 21 — Loma Linda
Romanian Church, California

September 27, 28 — San Diego
Clairemont Church, California

October 4, 5 — Los Angeles Lincoln
Heights Spanish Church, California

October 11, 12 — Acton Church,
California

October 19 — Ojai Church,
California

October 25, 26 — Seaside Spanish
Church, California

November 1, 2 — Watsonville
Church, California

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DIAMONDS

of Fort Smith, AR

by Tyler Long

The state of Arkansas is one of the few places in North America where diamonds are present in the host rock; it's also the only place where tourists may hunt for them. Diamonds there were first discovered in 1906, creating a local frenzy, but after many failed attempts to mine the diamonds commercially, it eventually turned into a tourist destination. In 1975, a Texan unearthed a 16.37 carat white diamond worth nearly \$175,000!

Amazing Facts recently held a series of Bible prophecy meetings in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where precious souls whose value far exceeds that of any diamond were discovered.

This past spring, the Fort Smith Church invited my wife and me to hold a prophecy series in their gymnasium. The Lord blessed tremendously with a large opening-night crowd. With the help of Amazing Facts' state-of-the-art marketing, the church put up billboards, placed newspaper ads, mailed

out brochures, and most important, the membership invited their friends.

Evangelism truly came to life in Fort Smith! As with all of our seminars, I visited the church six months prior to conduct a weekend of lay-evangelism training, providing the practical tools needed for a successful reaping series. I was deeply impressed with the outpouring of support from the congregation and the dedication of Pastor Bill Painter and his wife Debbie.

Digging for Diamonds

The Bible tells us that there is great rejoicing in heaven when people surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. The Fort Smith



Church rejoiced with the angels when 20 souls took their stand to join God's remnant church.

During our seminars, we run an Amazing Facts Bible School, and in Fort Smith, 25 people finished their lessons and graduated. Experience has shown that those who come nightly to the presentations and then go home to work on their Study Guides are twice as likely to make positive decisions for the Lord.

There were so many miracles, and lives were forever changed. Here are just a few of the shining stories and testimonies from those who experienced God's amazing grace in Fort Smith.

"Working with Tyler Long and Amazing Facts has been a real blessing. Tyler is a very energetic and gifted speaker. ... As a result of his efforts, the groundwork by the church, and much prayer, 20 souls were dedicated to the Lord, and many more are in the valley of decision. To God be the glory." —Pastor Bill Painter

Taking Their Stand

Dennis has always been a hard worker, but with the economic downturn and the local plant closing, he had to rely on any work he could find. After hearing the Sabbath presentation, he was convicted

that he needed to make his stand and keep all of God's commandments.

It was a Friday when Dennis received a phone call with a job offer that paid nearly twice what he had been making. The one

Bible School Graduates



caveat was it required him to work on Sabbath. Without any hesitation, he turned it down. Only 10 minutes later, Dennis received another phone call with another job offer that also required him to work on Sabbath. Again, Dennis took his stand and turned it down.

It was a very difficult decision because he desperately needed the money. Still, low on fuel but wanting to hear God's Word, Dennis siphoned gasoline from his lawn mower and put the fuel into his truck. His courage and dedication were a real inspiration! Dennis was baptized a week after turning down those job offers, and a couple days after he was baptized, the Lord blessed him with 40 hours of work.

Alex and Amanda were both seeking the Lord's direction in their life together. While Alex attended the seminar every night, Amanda's job required her to work on Sabbath. Feeling convicted that they needed to keep all of God's commandments,

Amanda quit her job as a hair stylist and applied for a position in health care. The church prayed for God's blessing, and not only was Amanda offered a new job, but one with more pay and Sabbath-friendly hours. God is so good!

Before Alex and Amanda moved forward with baptism, God called them to make one more stand. They were living together but were not married. Having built a relationship with them during the seminar, I was honored when they asked me to marry them. With three days' notice, the ladies in the church rallied together and organized a reception, and Alex and Amanda invited their family. A week after their wedding, they were baptized. To truly have God's blessing, we must live our lives in harmony with the principles found in Scripture.

Diamonds Abound Around You

Douglas had served the Lord as a minister in the Assemblies of God for more



than 30 years, but he always sensed that there was more truth that the Lord was calling him to follow.

A member of the Fort Smith Church befriended Douglas and invited him to the seminar. Douglas came to most of the presentations, completed all of his Amazing Facts Study Guides, and made the decision to join the church through baptism. Douglas commented that if someone had told him before the seminar that he was about to become a Sabbathkeeper, he would have told them they were crazy. I'm looking forward to seeing what God does through Douglas as he continues to seek the will of our heavenly Father!

We witnessed the Lord pour out His Spirit in a mighty way, and I believe what the Lord did in Fort Smith, He wants to do in your community and your church. Maybe your church has considered inviting an Amazing Facts evangelist to hold a Bible prophecy series in your town. Let's put that desire into action. Jesus is coming soon, and now is the time to move forward by faith!

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preparation in advance. How should we understand this text? First of all, it's not a commandment that you eat cold food on the Sabbath. The principle is that whatever you can get done ahead of time, do it for your own sake. Yet while ensuring your meals are a wholesome delight, the Sabbath should not be dedicated to elaborate culinary activities. This protects the sacred hours for rest and quality time with Jesus.

A Day for Doing Good

We can become so focused on what *not* to do on Sabbath that we neglect the good things we can do. Jesus once spoke to a group of Pharisees who asked Christ if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. He answered, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:11, 12 NKJV).

Sheep still fall into pits today. There will sometimes be unforeseen circumstances that arise on the Sabbath that call for our attention. If a woman goes into labor on the Sabbath, should we tell her not to "labor" that day and to wait to have her baby on another day? When people are suffering on the Sabbath and it is within our abilities to help them, shouldn't we have a heart for them, even more than for an animal stuck in a ditch?

However, sometimes in an effort to explain or excuse our actions on the Sabbath, we casually cite our deed as being "an ox in the ditch." (See Luke 14:5.) There are other



references in the Bible to donkeys and sheep falling into pits. What does it mean? When an urgent need comes to our attention on Sabbath, we should pitch in and help someone out of a difficulty. For instance, one Sabbath my son Stephen and I were driving home from church when we came up on a dangerous scene. Someone's car had stalled in the middle of an intersection, and everyone was driving by just honking at him. Steven and I looked at each other, pulled over, jumped out, and helped push the car off to safety.

But raking the leaves in your front yard, or even your neighbor's yard, does not qualify as an unexpected emergency. This is the reason God wants us to remember the sacredness of the Sabbath all week long.

A Day Not to Waste

True, the Sabbath is a perfect time for physical rest and rejuvenation, especially if you're involved in manual labor during the week. But some take the "resting" part a little too far. Missing Sabbath worship because we are "sleeping in" doesn't draw us closer to God, nor does it qualify as spiritual rest.

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God has called us to His throne; don't sleep through that opportunity!


Another way to reduce our vigor on Sabbath is by gorging food. This can actually dull our minds and fatigue our bodies, keeping us from better things. Sabbath meals should be made memorable and even include a simple treat, but that doesn't mean we need 20 different entrées from which to choose. Often, we eat so much on Sabbath, especially at potlucks, and then want to find the nearest hammock and snore away the hours. Don't get stuck in that net!

The Purpose Is Jesus

Sabbath is a blessed time given to us as a gift. We need it so that we can pause from our regular work and focus on the Lord. It is a unique time for worship, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with other Christians. It is also a day for healing and cheering others, especially those who are suffering.

Sabbath is a day for visiting the sick and those in prison. It is a day to put away our own busy agendas and think about others.

Most of all, it is a day to set aside distractions so that we can sit at the feet of Jesus. It is not a day full of rules that make it a burden. Sabbath is to be a delight because it draws us closer to the One we love, Jesus Christ.

Perhaps you have not spent much time thinking about practical ways to keep God's Sabbath holy. I would encourage you to make a commitment right now. Say, "Lord, help me to keep Your day holy." I believe that when you choose to keep the Sabbath and place God first in your life, He will make you holy, just as He made the Sabbath day holy. 

*Look for Pastor Doug's book **Seize the Day: Keeping the Sabbath Holy**, which expands on his Sabbath series featured in the Inside Report, coming soon to afbookstore.com.*



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Glenn Kuiken from Al Wiggins

Betty Kurtz from Beulah Keeler

Olav LaBianca from Wally and Geri Dunks

Reba Laguna from Beulah Keeler

Don Lee from Bob and Joyce Leiske

Emlee Kay Lester from Anthony Lester, her son

Howard Paul Lester from Anthony Lester, his brother

John Linn from Steve and Mary Lou Pride

Winthrop Loring from Vivienne Austin-Nickerson

Lena Low from Jack Low Jr.

William Lowe from Anita Lowe, his wife

Cassano Lugue from Bob and Joyce Leiske

Homer Lynd from Teresa Lynd

Esther Makovsky from Kim Getz, her daughter

Bernice Padgett Martin from her husband

Zachary Matschiner from Glenda Aijala, his grandmother

Eugene Merritt from Wally and Geri Dunks

Rodman Morris from Jim and Judy Culpepper

Arthur Moyer from Virginia Moyer, his wife

Bill Murphy from Beulah Keeler, his sister

Linda Nagy from Gloria Olney, her sister

Paul Neff from Iris Clifton-Neff, his wife

Fred Neigel from Angelina Neigel, his wife

Duayne Nelson from Katie Baker

C.A. Bill Oliphant from Jean Oliphant, his wife

Dr. Arthur Owens from Joyce and Jacob Joyner

Doris Pade from William and Emily Nase

Ben Parrish from Teresa Lynd

Isaac and Annie Pierce from Gayle Tyroff, their granddaughter

Max Qualley from Barbara Qualley, his wife

Linda Paulsen Ramos from Donald and DeVerne Schlegel

Earl and Grace Reuss from Barbara Qualley, their daughter

Harry and Irma Rushold from Udene and Marlin Allen

Clarice Agatha Salsa from Wally and Geri Dunks

Robert Schlegel from Donald and DeVerne Schlegel

Bonnie Ruth Scott from Beulah Keeler

Gerald Silvestri from John and Anita Silvestri, his parents

Ann Simpkins from Gayle Tyroff, her sister

Wanda Sonnier from Ruth Sonnier

Gladys Stringer from Albert and Joan English

Mavis Sutherland from Jim and Judy Culpepper

George Tatttrie from Allene Tatttrie, his wife

Budd Thomas from David and Sharon Moll

Leslie Troutman from Kenneth and Lileen Troutman

Manuel Vasquez from Nancy Vasquez, his wife

Morris Venden from Wally and Geri Dunks

Pastor Kevin Wells from Robert Weber

Malcolm White from Olive White, his wife

Arlene Wiggins from Al Wiggins, her husband

John Young from Therissa Young, his wife

T.D. Yu from Michael Yu, his son

Happy Anniversary

Jerome and Lois Bray (60th)
from Marilyn Wallace

Happy Birthday

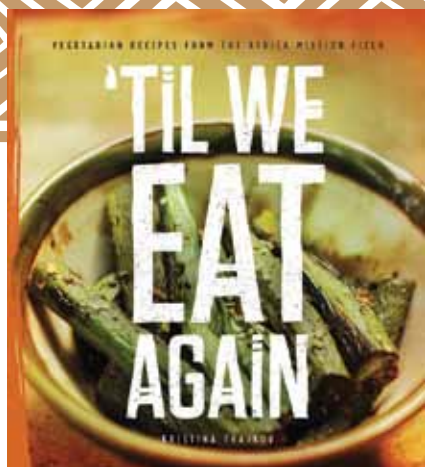
Karen Batchelor from Doug, her husband, and Stephen and Nathan, her sons

Esther Ellen (104th)
from Jack and Kay Benefiel

George Kristian Georgiev
from Kristian Georgiev, his son

Eloise R. Gentry (60th)
Sarah Davis (105th)

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A Cookbook for Healing and Hope

By Helly Trajkov

My wife, Tina, and I were enjoying successful careers in Australia when we began to question our ultimate purpose in life. “Why are we on this earth? Is our existence really only meant to be absorbed in the rat race, obtaining wealth?”

After a season of fasting and prayer, we soon found God calling us to serve Him as missionaries, quickly discovering a need for our skills at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, Africa, one of the poorest regions in the entire world. It is an area plagued by one of the world’s deadliest diseases, malaria, killing thousands of children every year.

But soon after we arrived, we learned that the children’s ward of the hospital, which provides low-cost health care to children under five years old, was severely underfunded and on the brink of shutting down.

We sought the Lord’s help in fundraising ideas, and the project of publishing a cookbook was born. Tina gathered recipes from other volunteers and ex-pats. She carefully went through the selection process of cooking and tasting every recipe, finally finding a wonderful blend of adventurous, healthy vegetarian dishes from around the world.

Through God’s providence, Sam Godfrey, the publishing director at Amazing Facts,

stumbled upon the cookbook and sensed a perfect opportunity to help raise funds for the hospital and for the mission of sharing the everlasting gospel. The result is the delightful cookbook *’Til We Eat Again: Recipes from the Africa Mission Field*.

To date, the cookbook has raised more than \$15,500, through Amazing Facts and other sales proceeds, which are sustaining and keeping the children’s ward of Malamulo Hospital open. Praise God!

Looking back on our experience, through all the obstacles and self-doubt, it’s clear that God wanted us to be there so He could use us as instruments to reach those in need. While God might not be calling you to quit your job, sell your house, and move your family to a developing country, that doesn’t mean you can’t help the helpless—the poor, the sick, the homeless, the orphans. Sometimes, it’s as easy as buying a cookbook!

Our only example should be Jesus, who spent so much time helping the poor, feeding the hungry, and healing the sick as He preached His gospel. This is true religion!

If you want to help heal the sick and preach the gospel, order ’Til We Eat Again through Amazing Facts. Proceeds go to support the work of Malamulo Hospital. We also have fundraising opportunities for Pathfinder groups and Sabbath Schools. Contact us today to learn more.



RED LENTIL SOUP

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups red lentils, rinsed
- 6 cups of water
- 1 tablespoon McKay's beef-style seasoning
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 to 2 tablespoons tomato paste

In large pot, heat oil, then sauté onions. Once onions are soft, add the lentils and stir for several minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to boil. Simmer until lentils are very soft, about 35 minutes. Serve hot.

MANGO & BANANA SORBET

- 2 cups banana, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups mangoes, peeled, deseeded, and chopped
- 1/4 cup fruit juice

Place banana and mango in freezer overnight. Then in a processor or blender, add the banana and mango together with the fruit juice and process until smooth.





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