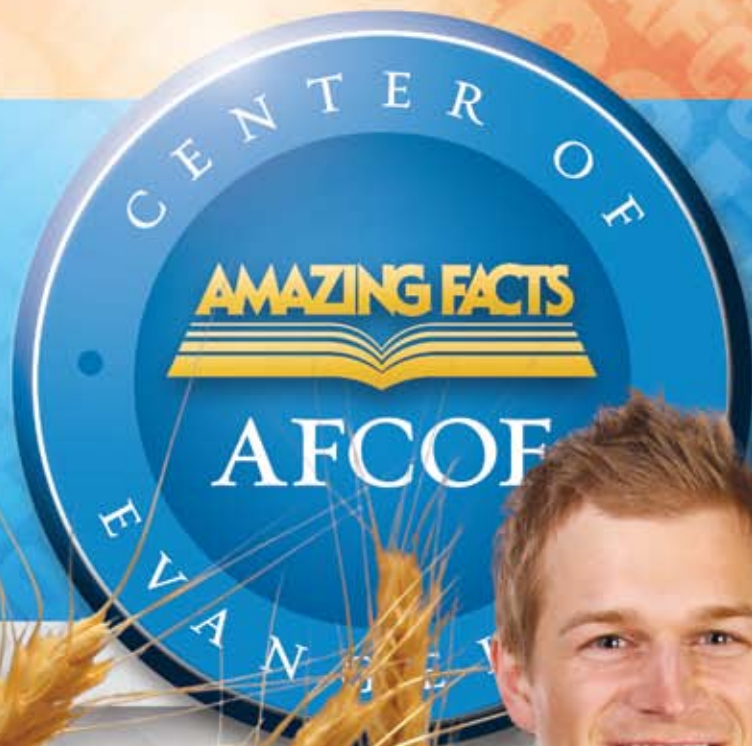




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The meaning of the word “evangelism” is something I know by heart. One online dictionary defines it as “the zealous promulgation and dissemination of the gospel.” As believers, we all should be zealously engaged in the blessed mission of the great commission.

That’s why I’m thrilled to introduce to you this issue of the *Inside Report*. Just about everything in here revolves around the power of outreach.

First, we’ve dedicated this issue to our Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE), a dynamic outreach training program that is now global. We’re not only training people in the states, we’re developing lay evangelists in Ukraine, England, and India, with even more expansion schools on the drawing board.

It’s exciting to know that, like the ancient schools of the prophets, Amazing Facts is training up a generation of soul-winners to share the everlasting gospel around the world. In fact, it’s already happening right now! In this issue, you can read about how God is using some of our graduates here and abroad to share His message. That’s what your loving support is enabling us to do.

If you aren’t acquainted with AFCOE, I urge you to spend time getting to know about it. We have short- and long-term training opportunities that can energize your witnessing and provide you a powerful springboard to full-time Bible work if that is where God is calling you.

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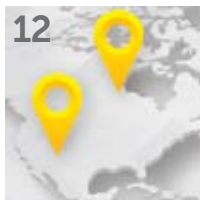
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"My experience has been fantastic. AFCOE has stretched me for the Lord, and I can't even begin to describe how good this class has been for me." *Tim*

"AFCOE has been a real blessing. It has made me think more profoundly about my purpose in life and about my relationship with Christ." *Elias*

"I've learned more in four days than ever before!" *Bernardo*

"This course is so practical and helpful. This type of training should be in every church. It's been like a blood transfusion." *Barbara*

"AFCOE gave me tools to do a better work for the Lord." *Carmen*

"It has given me a deep desire to be an effective soul winner." *Patrick*

"I can't believe how much I have learned!" *Michelle*



"I have been given a new vision!" *Wilma*

"I'm going home and, with God's help, I'm going to make a difference in this world." *Ann*

"I've been inspired and revived. Praise God!" *Vanessa*

"AFCOE to Go has changed my life by inspiring me to sow God's truth." *Gerard*

Totally Surrendered

"AFCOE to Go has added to my knowledge of the Bible and the church. I'm leaving here committed to be more vigilant in my studies, more committed to being totally surrendered to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I've been inspired. I thank God for this experience!" *AFCOE to Go graduate*

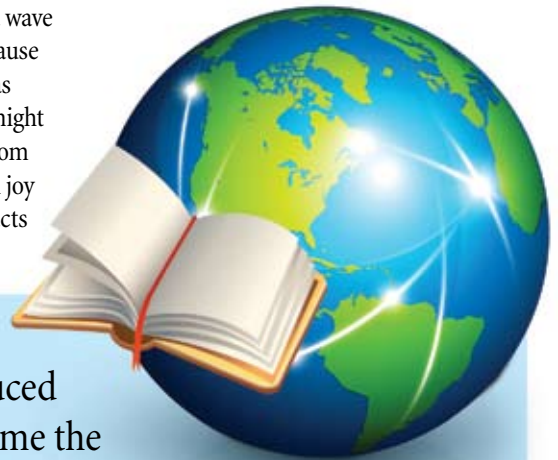


AFCOE to Go Awakens

"AFCOE to Go involves, awakens, and impacts the whole community of faith. We see a wave of spiritual joy reviving our people because of all these meetings. ... The church has the capacity for 780 people; yet Friday night we had over 1,100, with many guests from the community. God fills my heart with joy because of your wonderful Amazing Facts team!" *Church leader*

Making Leaders

"Amazing Facts introduced me to Jesus and taught me the Word. Then AFCOE trained me for ministry. ... Now I want to help others find their calling and the joy that can come only from introducing someone else to our Savior. This has been the most life-changing experience of my life. AFCOE changed my view of evangelism and ministry forever." *Wes Peppers, AFCOE Global coordinator and graduate*



The Best Decision

"AFCOE was really the best decision that I've ever made. I praise the Lord for helping me to step out in faith and go. Though I left behind a very successful career, I feel more fulfilled now than ever before in my life. It's such a tremendous blessing to work to help bring souls to Jesus rather than just for a paycheck. I have never regretted my decision!" *Shemeka, AFCOE graduate*

A Recommitment to God

"In coming to AFCOE, I recommitted my life to God. I also received real-life, hands-on experience to become a Bible worker, evangelist, and church leader. It's more than just a college; it's the center of evangelism. I expect to do amazing things for God. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel." *Derrick, AFCOE graduate*

The *Inside Report* welcomes all correspondence regarding Amazing Facts. Letters and other materials may be used—in whole or in part and edited for content and clarity—in future ministry publications. **If Amazing Facts has helped change your life for Christ, please write us at testimonies@amazingfacts.org!**

The background is a dark wood grain. A piece of aged, yellowed paper is centered, featuring the main title and text. Several gold coins are scattered around the paper: one in the top left, one in the top right, one in the middle left, one in the bottom left, and a cluster of four in the bottom center. A silver compass is in the bottom right, and a piece of yellow rope is at the very bottom.

THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS!



In the mid-1800s, this was the distinct cry of the adventurous gold miners, who were looking for a better future during the gold rush.

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RAISING UP SOUL WINNERS

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Expertly distilling over 45 years of Amazing Facts' evangelistic experience into dynamic, Spirit-led classes, AFCOE helps students learn how to speak persuasively in public settings and lead small groups, giving them the confidence to talk with new people and make positive, life-changing Christian conversation with anyone. It also incorporates the latest technology to create a classroom experience second to none.



When *you* become a student, you'll make quick friends with like-minded people of faith from around the world, all while gaining an in-depth knowledge of the Bible that will help you become all that God wants you to be.

Our diverse AFCOE programs will enable you to make an eternal difference for the kingdom of God as a professional Bible worker, health missionary, literature evangelist—or whatever else God has called you to be. See page 12 to see how just a few of our graduates are using their AFCOE training to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Revival and More

If you need revival in your life, AFCOE is a powerful catalyst to draw you closer to Jesus as you learn and reach out to the lost alongside students, instructors, and professional evangelists. AFCOE can truly help you become all that God intends you to be spiritually and to go impact your world.

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- Coordinate and conduct an evangelistic series
- Utilize the latest technology to present Bible truth.



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AFCOE TO GO

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- Teach compellingly
- Preach powerfully



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- World-class, seasoned teachers
- A revival experience that will energize your faith
- Many awesome, practical resources for witnessing

Want to be a soul-winner?

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Application deadline: 45 days before session begins.



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From Communism to Christ

Global AFCOE in Ukraine

Not long ago, no one in

America would have thought about preaching the gospel freely in communist Ukraine, much less having a permanent Bible and evangelism training school where students come from all over Ukraine to learn how to share their faith.

Yet by means of much prayer and many miracles, God has done just that and much more. Amazing Facts launched its first-ever international AFCOE in 2010, and God has taken it to amazing heights. In our first class, 31 students from different parts of Ukraine and a few other countries gathered together for a four-month experience that would forever change their lives.

Laying the Groundwork

These eager students began their course with two weeks of health evangelism training that included hydro and massage therapy. After this, they began door-to-door training under former ASI coordinator Kevin Sears, who now serves as the director of the school. The students conducted surveys in the community that offered free health programs and Bible studies.

There was concern over how well this would be received, as it had never been done before in Ukraine. Hours were spent in prayer before the students went out.

After just the first two days of outreach, more than 300 people had requested Bible studies!

One man with a terrible headache answered the knock on his door and discovered two of our young students smiling back at him. The man said, "You want me to study the Bible? I can't study anything. I have had a migraine headache every minute for three solid weeks now!"

They responded, "We believe we can help you with that. If you let us in, we'll show you how." They then gave him a simple hydrotherapy treatment and a light massage.

After 15 minutes the man exclaimed, "My headache is gone! You guys truly helped me. Let's sit down, and I'm ready to study anything you want!" They had a Bible study together right there! This is what we teach at AFCOE, including our course here in the United States. Christ's method of helping, healing, then teaching wins the confidence of people and opens their hears to hear about Him. In fact, so many people were interested that an additional day of outreach each week was added.



Heartfelt Preparation

After eight weeks of training and hundreds of Bible studies going in the city of Vinnitsa, a 24-night Bible prophecy seminar was planned for the public. One hundred thousand invitations were printed and passed out personally by local church members and AFCOE students. Talk about dedication! I was quite amazed at how everyone worked so closely together to deliver 100,000 pieces of paper in a matter of days. Plus, about 40 giant billboard ads were also placed throughout the city. Advertisements were plastered on city buses and on public television. Every preparation that could be done from a human standpoint was done.

The most important preparations, however, were those of our own hearts. God's blessing was desperately needed if anything positive would come through these efforts, and we needed Him to cleanse us and fill us with His Holy Spirit so that we could be used to the fullest by Him. Many long hours were spent in prayer as the series' first day drew near.

Health Expo a Key Component

On the night before the Bible seminar began, we hosted a free public health expo. Attendees were able to go through several stations that included the eight crucial lifestyle principles found in the NEWSTART® program.

They learned about the importance of proper nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, fresh air, rest, and trust in God. Our students gave free massages, blood pressure and heart rate checks, and health food samples. We didn't know how many people would come, but we weren't ready for the number that did! More than 500 people rushed through the doors when we opened, each eager to take advantage of the free health advice. It was elbow to elbow as people waited in long lines for their turn. At the end of the night, more than 600 people had funneled through. This again demonstrates the

need to use health when reaching out to people spiritually, just as Jesus did.

The dedication of students was incredible; they just kept working hard all night long. When I suggested to one student that he take a break, he replied, "This is a work for God; He will give me the strength I need to keep going. The people need to experience Jesus." True to His promise, God did just that. Another dedicated student, 22-year-old Natasha, had an experience in life that most young ladies her age don't struggle with—breast cancer struck her in her late teens. "All I wanted to do in life was work for God," she said. "I told him that if He would heal me, I would give my life unreservedly to His cause." She is now cancer free and faithful to her promise. She has led dozens of people to Jesus



and His truth. She told me, "If I didn't work for God, I would lose my purpose in life and likely die." May God help us all have this level of dedication!

God's Promised Blessing Poured Out

On the opening night of the seminar, we knelt down in prayer seeking God's blessing. We had rented the largest public auditorium in town, which seats 600 people. I had the joy of preaching and sharing God's Word each evening. With the meeting hall packed, I preached about God's love, His pardon for sin, the prophecies of Revelation, and the soon return of Jesus.

Night after night, I stared into the eyes of hundreds of people who were hungry to hear the Bible messages of hope. They were looking for hope they had never had before, and they found it in Christ. They eagerly shook my hand on their way out, telling me how they "just couldn't wait till the following evening." Some even told me they couldn't sleep at night in anticipation of the next message. Others said they had never studied the Bible for



themselves or prayed to God in their entire lives till now. What a delight it was to see them come forward during the altar calls to invite Jesus into their hearts!

One such lady was Tatiana, a middle-aged woman who attended every night. She said, "I am so thankful that I have found Jesus at this seminar. I was raised in an atheistic home to believe that God doesn't exist, but now I know He not only exists but also lives within my heart. I have found a new hope and joy in life through Christ I never knew was possible!" This is the power of God's Word; no man can take credit for these things.



She came every night to both meetings. "I have found in Jesus everything I have always hoped for, and I can't get enough of His Word. Even though my life's circumstances are hard, I have peace that I have never had before."

Another man had been in prison for 11 years. He began Bible studies with the prison ministries pastor but wanted to learn more. Then a miracle happened—he

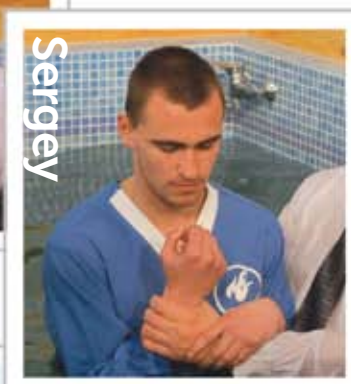


was suddenly released from prison just one day before the meetings began! He attended and gave his life to Christ through baptism. He is now working faithfully in a children's orphanage. Two other young men also responded to the voice of Christ. Victor was a young man who had a long history with drugs and violence.

He thought he was living the life he always wanted—one full of money, women, and anything he desired. He soon realized that this lifestyle led to nothing but emptiness. Desperate for change, he attended the meeting through the invitation of a friend.

"When I found Christ, I found freedom."

Sergey, a young boxer, had a bright future ahead of him in the sport. Unusually talented, he was offered several professional opportunities. While visiting his



sister after training, she showed him one of the seminar brochures. "I decided to attend just because she wanted someone to go with her. I never knew it would change my own life forever!" They both attended nearly every night and were baptized together. Though he loved boxing

very much, he decided that wasn't something God wanted him to pursue anymore. "Christ said to love your enemies, not fight them." He has given it up to take up the cross for Christ. Surely, the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives is remarkable, and God is moving young people everywhere to follow Him in these last days. There isn't much time to wait!

Changed Lives

Because of such high interest, we had to have two sessions per day. Some people attended both meetings even though they were the same!

One such young lady was 19-year-old Veronica, who had been contemplating suicide. "I didn't feel like there was any meaning in my life, and my family didn't really care about me. I saw no reason to live." One day, she was walking down the street alone and cried out loud, "God, if you are real and care anything about me, you must show me that you are real." The very next moment, she noticed a giant billboard advertisement for our meetings above her head! Her heart jumped, and with tears in her eyes she prayed to know more. She divinely found one of the brochures crumbled nearby on the ground.

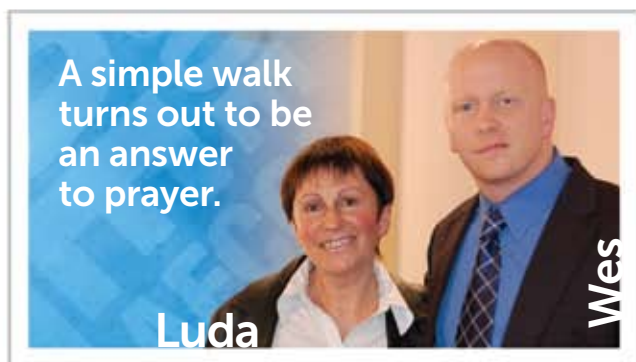


A Very Unique Story Indeed

One of the most amazing stories was that of Luda.

She had attended a previous seminar but had to go out of town toward the end. She had almost accepted Christ and joined His church but hesitated and backed away. She gave her number to the speaker, and he put it in his cell phone. But when he went to call her, it was gone! It somehow was deleted.

He knew that she desperately needed to come to our seminar. Several months passed. He shared his burden with our AFCOE students. The entire school began to pray that they would somehow find her. Then another miracle happened. Only one day before the meetings began, one of the students was on his way to a local university to pass out invitations. Luda was in her home, and she felt heavily impressed to go for a walk. "Go for a walk? I don't want to go for a walk. I want to take a nap," she grumbled to herself. The impression only grew stronger, so she decided to follow it thinking God must have a reason.



While outside, she walked right past the student, and they both stopped at the same time to look back at each other. He stretched out his hand offering an invitation, not knowing why but feeling that he should. When she saw it, she immediately recognized that it was similar to the meeting she had previously attended. She was filled with joy at the thought that God had led her to that moment. This time, she came every night except one. For one particular meeting she needed to listen to, she became very sick. "I was certain the devil didn't want me there, and I was so sad that I could not attend." Instead, we brought the meeting to her! She was so thankful, and she knelt down with us in her apartment that evening and unreservedly dedicated her life to Christ. She was baptized soon after. The odds that our student would find her in a city of 350,000 were slim to none, yet God had a plan for her life that the devil could not hinder through lost phone numbers or sickness. She said at her baptism, "I am so thankful for God's compassion, and I know He has a purpose for my life. I can't wait to spend eternity with Him!"


Just the Beginning

At the end of the series and with the dedication of our AFCOE Global students, 42 people dedicated their lives to Christ through baptism, with several more preparing through Bible studies. What a joy it was to see firsthand God's miracle working power in the lives of these people as they overcame every obstacle to come to Christ. It reminds me of this text in the Bible: "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:22 NKJV). God fulfilled His purpose in the lives of these people when they looked to Him. He deserves all the glory.

Today we are now in the third session of AFCOE Ukraine. Several students are preparing for the next evangelistic meeting that will take place soon. I have confidence that even greater stories will be told as God continues to work mightily not just in Ukraine, but also in India, England, and the Philippines later this year and next.

Truly God's message is spreading exponentially as AFCOE around the world continues to reproduce gospel workers that will herald and hasten the second coming of Jesus. God has surely done great things, but we need much more! Our desire is to continue planting these schools everywhere so that many will be trained to share God's last-day message of mercy with every person.

If you would like to help with this effort, please pray for these schools, that God will continue to pour out His spirit on them. Financial support is also needed. If you would like to help financially with these schools, send your donation to Amazing Facts, marked Global AFCOE.

And remember, "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14 NKJV). If you are interested in attending the 4-month or 10-day AFCOE programs in the United States in the fulfillment of this precious promise, please visit our newly updated website (afcoe.org) today. 

Wes Peppers is in Ukraine for another AFCOE evangelistic series next month. AFCOE students have already done pre-work and outreach for the meetings, which are scheduled to begin April 15. Please keep our team in your prayers!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



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AFCOE GRADUATE: **GLENDON**

As a graduate of the fall 2009 AFCOE class, the Lord has blessed me mightily both spiritually and materially. I assisted the Ontario Conference as it conducted evangelistic training sessions for its 2010 Year of Evangelism initiative. It was quite a success, with over 50 churches participating and hundreds of precious souls baptized.

Another church asked me to conduct evangelistic meetings in their community from October 15 to December 15, 2010, a total of 26 presentations. The work began earnestly in June with health seminars, a cooking school, door-to-door surveys for gaining Bible



study interests, mass media advertising, and a presence at community events. The Lord blessed the work mightily, as we currently have a number of souls attending a Bible study class in preparation for baptism.

Being so involved in the evangelistic effort for several months took away from my time in pursuing a regular income. I held on to the promise of Mathew 6:24–34, that I was to be anxious for nothing as God would provide. And He did! Every month during that period, the Lord provided me with a monthly income from unexpected sources. To God be the praise, the honor, and the glory!

I was just invited by another church to conduct an evangelistic series in their community from April 27 to May 27, 2011. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thanks to Pastor Macintosh and the entire staff at AFCOE for giving me the training in answering the Lord's call to serve. Indeed the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. Let our prayer be that the Lord would throw us all into the harvest fields!



SOUL MISSION

CHANCE RANDRICK

I praise God for not only using Amazing Facts to bring me into God's precious truth, but also for its evangelism training. Attending AFCOE launched me into the most awesome work any person can do—winning souls!



My first encounter with Amazing Facts occurred in 1999, when I found a Study Guide aboard a U.S. Naval warship. After three years of study, I was baptized into God's remnant church. It didn't take me long to discover that God was calling me to proclaim His message of love to the world, particularly to young people.

Considering my situation, I wondered how this would be possible, but this text brought me hope: "Do not remember the former things. ... Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; ... I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:18, 19 NKJV).

THE NEXT BIG STEP

Once I settled in my heart to be a soldier for Jesus, I decided to enlist in the Lord's army full time. To be the best I could be, I needed to learn from the best. Just like in the Navy, I needed boot camp-style training—and AFCOE had it. Since AFCOE trains committed saints to become frontline soldiers on the battlefield of the great controversy, God led me there to be under their tutelage to prepare for His service.

I also needed something dynamic, intense, and effective while learning all aspects of evangelism like public and personal outreach, preaching, church planting, and biblical counseling. A caption in their handbook said it all, "Students do not just learn about their faith—they live and share it." How could I not get excited about that? At AFCOE, I found passionate students and enthusiastic instructors with years of experience in evangelism.

FOLLOWING GOD

I graduated AFCOE in December 2005 and have been a full-time missionary ever since. Today I work as the evangelism coordinator with the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS), a youth ministry based at Oakwood

University. NAPS brings spiritual and physical relief to thousands around the world each year. I've been privileged to have had a part in adding 3,000 souls to the kingdom and some 1,000 youth trained in evangelism from 2006 to 2011.

Each spring, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, with a team of trained NAPS missionaries, I'm blessed to conduct canvassing campaigns; distribute thousands of life-changing literature; empower youth at juvenile detention centers and at elementary and high schools; and share our mission with churches across America. During the summer, we conduct foreign missions in some of the most neglected rural places in Africa, including in nations like Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, and Liberia.



The tools and knowledge I gained during my training continue to help me reach people where they are. The skills of giving Bible studies make a tremendous difference in leading souls to accept

Jesus and be baptized. I highly recommend every layperson get trained at AFCOE. (See Proverbs 11:30 and Daniel 12:3!)

I wrote a book about my conversion and AFCOE experience, called *From Sailor to Saint*, and a book about stepping out and trusting God to become a soul winner, called *The Certainty of God's Promises*.^{*} Both of these books are the result of inspiration I gained having been a part of AFCOE.



Thank you, Amazing Facts, for helping me discover the truth and for equipping me to help others find them too. Keep pressing onward in the cause of Christ!

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BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



Does the Jewish temple need to be rebuilt before Jesus returns?

With the turmoil threatening the already threadbare stability in the Middle East, many Bible commentators are beginning to speculate louder than ever about whether the Jewish temple will be rebuilt in the months and years to come. Entire Christian ministries are established to assist in the building of the temple to hasten the return of Jesus. For many, such an event will signal the start of the final events of earth's history.

However, in the same way many Christians misplace the focus from spiritual Israel to the literal Jewish nation, they are also confused on the subject of the temple. Most of the speculation for a rebuilt temple springs from a vague reference in 2 Thessalonians 2 dealing with the Antichrist power: "That day shall not come ... [until] that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (vs. 3, 4).

Many say that for the Antichrist to sit in the temple, it will obviously have to be rebuilt.

Those who support this belief are known as Christian Zionists, and they include such popular writers as Hal Lindsey, Tim LaHaye, and John Hagee. Their published book sales exceed 70 million copies—including the popular *Left Behind* series. Their beliefs are endorsed by some of the largest theological colleges and institutions.

But are they correct? To begin, let's go to 1 Chronicles 17:11, 12: "It shall come to pass ... that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever." This prophecy

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given to King David says his offspring will build the temple. Later, in 1 Chronicles 28:6, God reaffirms, "Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts."

But this text is also one of the clearest examples of a dual prophecy found in Scripture. Dual prophecies have both a physical and spiritual fulfillment. Indeed, Solomon, the son of David, built the physical temple. But this prophecy also applies spiritually to Jesus, the true "Son of David," who is to build a temple and kingdom that will last forever.

Jesus' prophecy that the pride of the Jewish nation, the temple, would be destroyed inspired the most intense rejection of His teachings. (See Matthew 24:1, 2.) In Mark 14:58, Jesus says, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." Of course, Jesus is speaking of rebuilding a temple—not of stone and nails, but of living stones (1 Peter 2:5). Yet many refused to grasp this teaching (John 2:20, 21). They even mocked Jesus on the cross regarding His prophecy (Matthew 27:40).

Yet when Jesus died, the veil in the earthly temple ripped in two from the top to bottom, signifying that the temple no longer held meaning. A temple for sacrifice today would be as useless as it was then, and it would not be the house of God.

The New Testament is replete with the idea that the temple is the body of Jesus. Ephesians 2:19–22 says, "Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (See also 1 Peter 2:5.)

Even after God provides all this clear evidence that His temple is a spiritual one, many Christians are waiting for the Jews to receive a construction permit to rebuild a physical temple on the site where a Muslim mosque now sits. However, there is no prophecy, promise, or commandment in the Bible that says the physical temple would ever be rebuilt after the Romans razed it nearly 2,000 years ago. 

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Pastor Doug to Preach in Muslim Strongholds



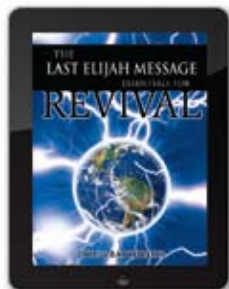
This fall, Pastor Doug will be speaking in United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Indonesia in an effort to strengthen, encourage, and equip believers—and in faith of reaping a harvest. Please begin praying now for those who come to hear the Word and for the safety of our team. You can support this project by visiting donate.AmazingFacts.org. Learn even

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Project: Cosmic Conflict 2

Amazing Facts is now producing the next installment of the *Cosmic Conflict* DVD documentary series—***Cosmic Conflict 2: The Battle for Truth***.



Hosted by Pastor Doug Batchelor, this pivotal sequel will further explore the great controversy between good and evil, focusing on how the church fell into spiritual darkness and superstition during a great apostasy and how God used the Reformation to bring the light of His Word back into the church and the world.

A powerful script is already completed for ***The Battle for Truth***—and we're planning to incorporate live footage from Rome, Europe, and the Holy Land. But in order to move forward with the production of this high-quality DVD, we need your help in raising \$450,000.

That's not a lot when you consider this program will have the potential to reach millions globally through media, the Internet, and personal distribution. Countless souls are being led astray by conflicting spiritual messages—but together we can give them a clearer understanding of truth!

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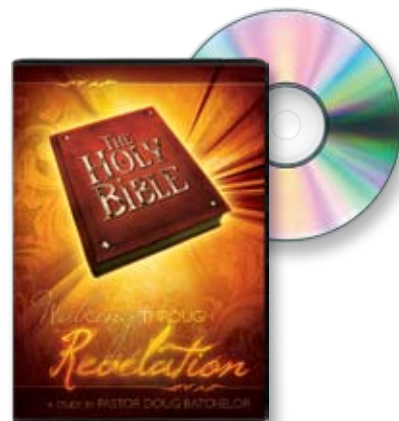
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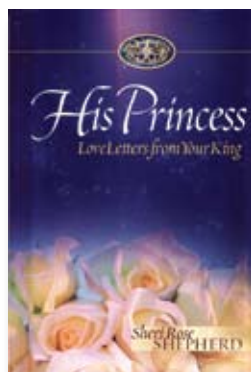
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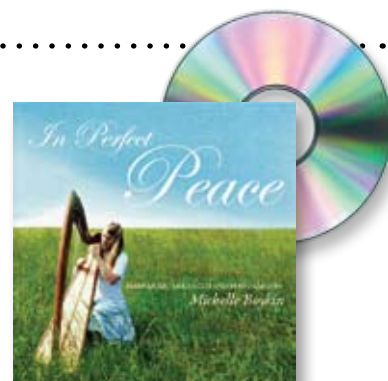
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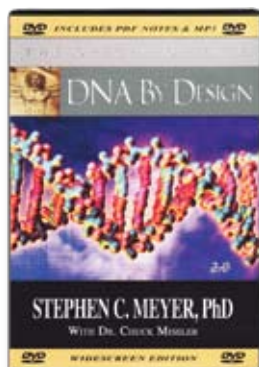
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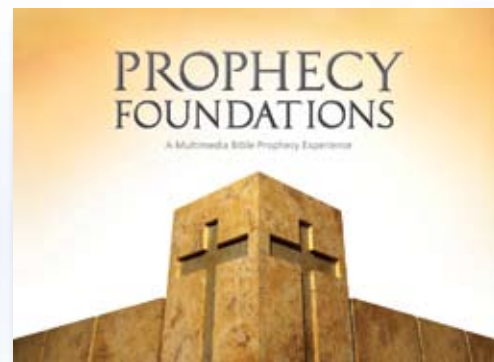




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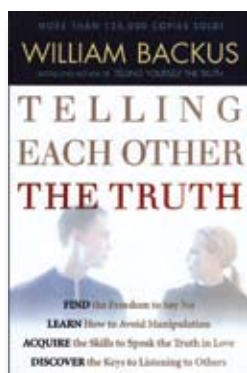
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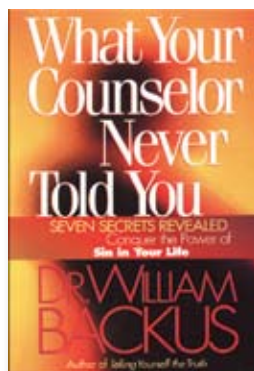
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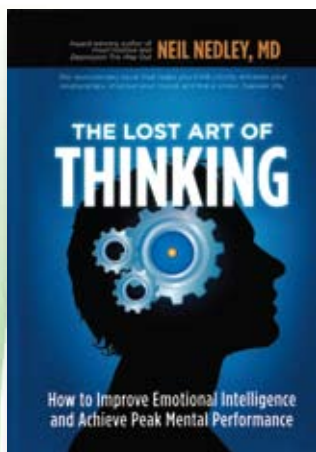
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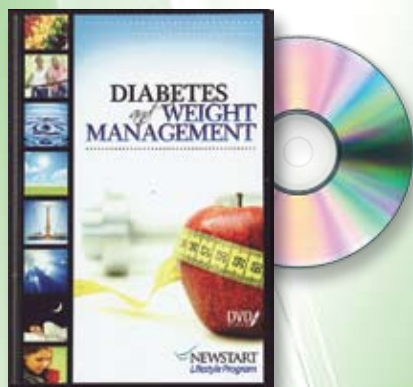




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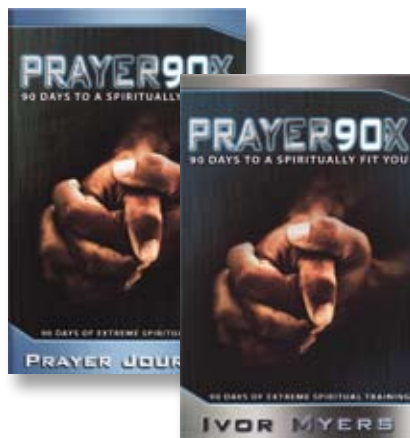
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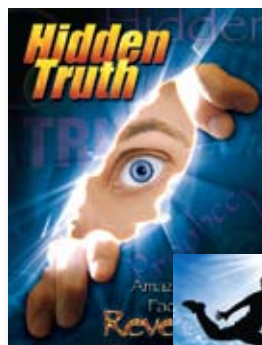
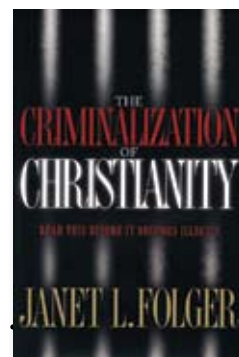
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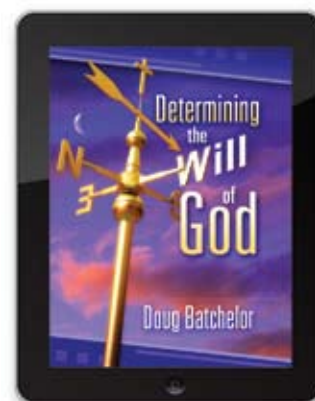
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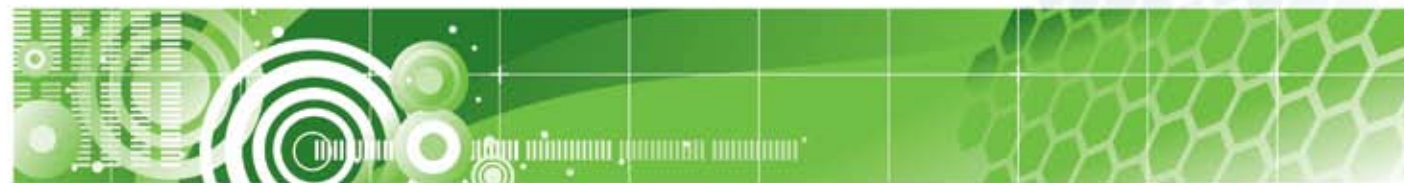


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The Harvest Report

God Answers Prayers — in Northern CALIFORNIA

by LaVonne Long

After serving in AFCOE for several years, Tyler Long, with his wife LaVonne, returned to the road to conduct Amazing Facts Bible prophecy seminars in 2010. They hit the ground running, as you'll see in this report on their work for the Lord!

We knew that when we made the decision to go back on the road, we would have great stories to share with all of you. We deeply appreciate those who support Amazing Facts, which enables us to travel and share the everlasting gospel with searching people.

Our first seminar was in Modesto, California, a great church we had worked with four years before. One family came out faithfully each night: a mother, her 18-year-old son, and his fiancée. Not only were they completing the Amazing Facts Study Guides each night, they also were making decisions to follow Jesus. (We run an Amazing Facts Bible school for each event.)

Halfway through the seminar, the young man and his fiancée were married, and they all made the decision to be baptized together at the end of the seminar. When Tyler presented God's standard for adornment, the son took out his earplugs right then. He had been stretching his earlobes for months and was up to a two-inch diameter plug. For the rest of the seminar and at his baptism, his earlobes were hanging quite low because of this popular practice.

Meanwhile, Tyler and I happened to see a cosmetic procedure on television of another man who also stretched his earlobes. This particular man was having a difficult time getting a job due to his appearance. So we began to pray that somehow, some way, the young man coming to our seminar could get his earlobes cosmetically fixed. By the end of the seminar, God opened the door for a Christian cosmetic surgeon to offer his services for free! God is so good!

No Place Unreachable

Our second seminar was in McKinleyville, California. The church there had not conducted a reaping series for over a decade, and many wondered if this form of evangelism would work for their community. McKinleyville is located in an area rife with atheism and New Age religion. Yet we knew that God's gospel was a message for all people, and by faith we knew it would be life-changing for many.

Tyler also offers to provide practical evangelism training to the church before the seminar. Over the weekend, church members learn how to talk with people about Christ, reach their circle of influence, and put together a database of interested individuals in the community. The church responded powerfully and hadn't known just how much they needed this training.

An Alaskan-Indian woman was at the post office the afternoon our seminar was to begin. She had been praying for something, she did not know what, but she knew she needed to know God better. As she was leaving, she stepped on a piece of paper. That piece of paper changed her life. It was our seminar brochure. When she saw that it was beginning *that very night*, she changed her plans and attended.

Though she lives one hour away in the mountains above the ocean, she would stay each night in her camper behind the church. As she began to become acquainted with the church members, she even helped with the nightly refreshments. Also graduating from the Amazing Facts Bible

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Reaching to Every Corner of

CHINA

Editor's Note: Due to the nature of our ongoing work in China, we are unable to publish the name of the team member who wrote this article. Please continue to pray for the safety and effectiveness of our team.

Despite the many obstacles and difficulties here in this beautiful country, God continues to prosper the work of Amazing Facts in China. Here is just a brief report of the many different facets of our work and how God is using your support to reach people all across the nation of China.

Literature Ministry

Along with our Study Guide book, which contains all our popular Study Guides, we've added six pocket sermons to our literature arsenal. Requests for these life-giving materials come in from all over China. From the Liaoning Province, a seeker writes: "I want to get the Amazing Facts Study Guide book. I've just known God over a year, and I have many Bible questions. I need these books, and also I want to share them with my classmates and my father, so they can be blessed also."

We are now working with 30 to 40 brave colporteurs who sell these books and our other materials throughout the country. One of our colporteurs regularly mans his post in front of a local church to sell these materials to the congregation as they leave church on Sunday. Your support helps us to subsidize the resources so these workers can support themselves and their families.

We also recently entered into cooperation with a group that goes into the remote areas of China to distribute literature. They distributed Amazing Facts Study Guide books, sermon pocket booklets, and DVDs to 10 Sunday church groups in Tibet. The leaders of these groups have been using them in their churches.

Website Outreach

Our Chinese-language website, www.qimiaozenxiang.com, forms the heart of our operation.

It is through this website that anyone who has Internet access can find all of our materials and communicate with us. Brother Liao writes, "I love Amazing Facts materials and believe all that it teaches. My first contact with Christianity was three years ago, and I believe that God is the true God. I was baptized in 2008. But I'm



sad to say that thus far my spiritual life hasn't grown up even a little. I hope that I might read and watch more gospel from your website and make progress in knowing and doing God's will."

We have also debuted the Chinese

version of SabbathTruth.com (www.anxiri.com). I think it's amazing and miraculous that we were able to secure the domain name "anxiri," which is the Chinese word for Sabbath! As the Sabbath question becomes a pivotal issue in the future and our Chinese friends search the web for information about the Sabbath, it's exciting to think that this will be one of the first places they'll find!

Depression Recovery

We are also continuing to work on preparing Dr. Neil Nedley's depression recovery program into Chinese. Our goal is to launch a website on depression this year as part of a unique strategy to reach these dear souls through the health ministry.

Just this last winter we conducted a depression recovery seminar for the doctors and nurses of the neurology department in our area. The neurology department chairlady invited us because she had gone through one of our previous seminars when she experienced symptoms of depression: fatigue, feeling overwhelmed, and difficulty sleeping due to her highly stressful job and schedule. She found help through our program and that opened the door to so many other professionals in China.

Bible Worker Training

We have been studying with young couples who will be the future leaders of the church in their communities. Though we cannot preach publically, one of the couples reminded us that what we taught them privately, they will one day preach publically. I was joyfully surprised one Sabbath when I heard that what I had shared the week before was being preached at another local church. Praise the Lord!

Sharing DVDs

The production and distribution of our first Chinese-language DVD, *Cosmic Conflict*, has been a great success and has been viewed inside and outside of China. As a way to gain the confidence of the people and promote our website, we gave permission for the free copying and distribution of this DVD.



A Cantonese version also was created by a cooperating mission and an "evangelist" edition in English and Chinese was made in Malaysia. On Tudou.com, one of China's largest video hosting websites, it has been viewed more 45,000 times this past year.

We also decided that we could reach the greatest number of people with the least expense using this medium. We have now completed the translation of the first five videos of *Most Amazing Prophecies*, which Pastor Doug hosted in 2006. In the last few months, these have been viewed by over 30,000 people on Tudou.com! And we have prepared an edited version for both the Chinese Hope Channel and LLBN Chinese.

Overwhelming Response

With the exposure we receive from our videos, we have seen the number of first-time viewers to our website increasing month by month, as well as the number of requests for our videos, sermon pocket booklets, and Study Guide books. But the most exciting thing is the email we get telling us about how

our materials are reaching and blessing people of all faiths all throughout China.

Here are just a few we have received through our website.

"I am a worker in the church; I am thirsty for this set of books and videos, because these are the gifts from God to our church, especially for the youth and those who are searching. I watched the MAP videos. These materials are so wonderful for spreading the gospel. It's a good way to help the youth know our Almighty God and also a good reminder to God's children who have become unbalanced." —From a Sunday churchgoer in Zhejiang Province

"I watched all the videos; they are so wonderful. I am a new believer, and they helped a lot. I hope I can get these materials and share them with friends and my family members, and spread the gospel to them. I need all of the videos, books, and booklets. Please tell me how to order these." —From Hebei Province

"I became acquainted with the gospel a short time ago. I have read the Bible and also studied on your Bible University. I am sure I believe in God now but haven't joined any



worship group. I haven't been baptized yet. What should I do for becoming a real Christian?" —Somewhere in China

"Even though I am not a Christian, I support you and thank you for what you are doing to save the world! May God bless you." —From Mr. Ren

"Marvelous Truth! [This is what "Amazing Facts" translates to in Chinese] Thanks to our wonderful, Almighty God, I watched *Cosmic Conflict* online at my older brother's invitation, and I was encouraged by it immensely!



Hallelujah! May God bless your work and give you energy to provide more materials to the website. May God use your willing hands to spread the gospel seed everywhere." —From a Sunday church member in Hebei Province

"Peace to you, brothers and sisters of Amazing Facts, in Emmanuel's name. I am a Bible school teacher of a family church in *****. We watched the *Cosmic Conflict* and *Final Events* DVDs and were greatly inspired. We really hope that we might receive some more videos on Bible prophecies. I hope that after watching these videos, my students may be inspired with the gospel commission and sense an urgency to spread the gospel. Peace in Christ." —From a Sunday school teacher

We also take time to answer as many letters as we can. This takes time and resources, but it builds confidence and let's new believers know they are not alone. Here are just a few of these letters and our responses to these dear souls searching for truth.

"I am struggling. I have studied all 27 of the Amazing Facts lessons and shared them with my worship group. I know these materials are truth; I am very sad what we

learned before is not the complete truth. Thank you very much. My group has started to keep Sabbath and because of this I have drawn censure from my superiors. They said that Christ's salvation by grace frees us from the law so we needn't keep the Sabbath. They said I have become a legalist now. They stunned me by accusing me of trying to split the church." —From Guangxi Province

Our Response


"Continue to follow the truth and work with God's power; God is with you. Study all the materials from Amazing Facts and stand firmly with the truth. We will pray for you and will send someone to visit you. We are sending some books and will keep communicating with you on the Internet and answer your questions."

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"I've watched all the videos from Amazing Facts, those preached by Pastor Doug. How can I see more of Pastor Doug's videos and understand the message better?

Our Response

"Thank God for your desire for truth! God bless you. Please pray for us that God may help us to speed up the translating work on the videos. Please also enroll in our online Bible school and read the other free materials on our website. Study your Bible every day!"

If you feel impressed by the Lord to help with the advancement of this work, please send your tax-deductible donations to Amazing Facts and label your offering for the China project. 



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the inmate

by andrea taylor

Screams shattered the still night, and Bobby Carpenter's eyes fought to gain focus from sleep. Adrenaline gripped his inebriated body as he ran toward the chaos outside and reacted. His finger pulled the trigger and a shot rang out—the shot that would lead him to prison, a Bible, Amazing Facts, and God.

Days before, Bobby and his roommate allowed a female friend to stay at their apartment after her boyfriend kicked her out. Soon the boyfriend began threatening and even beating Bobby's neighbors. For protection, Bobby borrowed a gun.

"One evening I saw this man at the bar down the street and he made another threat," Bobby says. "It gave me a really cold feeling."

Later that evening, the man broke into Bobby's apartment and began fighting with Bobby's roommate. That's when Bobby deliriously entered the room and fired the deadly shot.

As the police sirens grew near, Bobby's friends told him to run, but he refused. He was tired of running from his problems; this was it. He was charged with second-degree murder.

While he waited six months in county jail, his home was a cell that contained a metal table, a bunk, and a Gideon Bible. On the second day he was there, Bobby picked up a Bible for the first time.

Although Bobby was raised Catholic, he was no longer affiliated with a church. His family had been secular and he had attended public schools. For years, he had been fighting addictions and running from his problems. But now he began

reading Psalms and Proverbs. Over the next nine months leading to his trial he continued reading the Bible. Yet somehow, he still didn't quite believe it.

"I desperately wanted God to be real," Bobby says.

The book of Revelation intrigued him because his mind worked very mechanically and demanded proof. He began asking around about it, but no one had any answers to give him. "I prayed that I would be acquitted of my charges and not go to prison and that God would show me the truth in Revelation."

"For the first
time in my life,
I had hope."

new discovery

After he was found guilty of manslaughter, Bobby went to prison where he remained for the next six years. In the army-style prison dormitory, Bobby kept asking other inmates about Revelation. Then he came across the booklet *How Evolution Flunked the Science Test* by Joe Crews.

"That's when I learned that evolution was a farce and my solid foundation began to be built," Bobby says. Shortly after reading the tract, another inmate gave Bobby a book about the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. Four hours after starting that book, he acknowledged that it was truth.

The understandable and easy-to-read appeal of the books led Bobby to search for their origins. He found Amazing Facts' address on the back of one of the books and ordered a catalog.

"I would purchase the books from Amazing Facts, read them, then pass them out," Bobby explains. As a result, three other inmates were baptized and a guard began taking Amazing Facts' online Bible studies.

During this time, Bobby also began and completed the Amazing Facts mail-in Bible study course. He developed a friendship with his grader, Faith, and Bobby asked her many questions through letters. After grading the lessons, Faith would research and then explain the answers thoroughly.

"That was very special to me," Bobby says. "It was like I received a diploma from a school."

Through his Bible studies, Bobby found the thing for which he had been searching: "For the first time in my life, I had hope."


He began leading a small church gathering out in the recreation yard every Sabbath. About six inmates participated each week in reading from Scripture, Amazing Facts booklets,



and Joe Crews pocket sermons.

"I saw lives changed," Bobby says. "I saw people go from a criminal mindset to changed in a matter of weeks."

Three weeks after getting out of prison, Bobby walked through the doors of a church that would become his own. He began attending regularly and became involved with giving Bible studies to others.

He also reuses the knowledge he learned from Amazing Facts resources as he shares with others. "The subjects were explained so thoroughly," Bobby says, "that many years later when I explain to others, I use the same illustrations as those guides." 

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school, she was baptized joyfully at the end of the series. Indeed, the church was so pleased with the outcome of the seminar, and we cannot wait to visit them again in the future. Our message is absolutely a message for all people, and it radically changes lives.

A retired couple also came to our seminar. The husband once preached in the streets of Sacramento about Jesus but unfortunately drifted away from Him later in life. A retired welder, he was searching for real meaning. Once the brochure arrived, a war began in his heart—should he attend or not? His wife was also unsure if she could really place her trust in Jesus. As they came out to the seminar each night and completed



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their Bible school lessons, a change began in their hearts. By the end of the seminar, they were baptized together. Not only that, the husband made a connection with a church member who is restoring a decommissioned WWII ship. He is now doing welding in his spare time to help with a WWII museum.

God's redeeming love has changed their lives, gave them meaning, and also opened new doors for him to contribute his skills to a great cause. Praise the Lord! 

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An Inflammatory Response

by Emily Simmons

When you hear the word “inflammation,” you might think of the last time you got stung by a bee and the angry red welt that appeared on your arm. And you’d be right. In situations like these, white blood cells, or “macrophages,” cluster around a sting, bite, or cut and the area becomes inflamed as the macrophages eat up the infection.

Acute inflammation, like in the situation above, is the body’s healthy response to injury, sickness, or chemicals. It’s characterized by redness, swelling, heat, and pain, usually in a localized area. But new research is uncovering issues of chronic inflammation and the links between it and disease. Unlike acute inflammation, chronic inflammation is invisible.

Chronic Inflammation

What causes chronic inflammation? Researchers aren’t entirely sure, though obesity plays a role. Some believe it’s an immune system gone overboard, as if the on/off switch got stuck at “on.” Chronic stress also plays a role by increasing cortisol levels, which in turn affect insulin levels and metabolism, leading to weight gain. When “stuffed” instead of processed and dealt with, negative thoughts and feelings can be every bit as toxic to your system as physical stress can be; research shows a link between depression and stress and inflammation.



The typical American diet—high in refined carbohydrates, processed foods, trans fats, dairy, and animal products—stacks the deck in inflammation’s favor. Oils high in omega-6 fatty acids cause the body to produce arachidonic acid, which increases inflammation. Foods high on the glycemic index—sugar, white flour, white potatoes, and other starchy foods—cause a surge in blood sugar and a corresponding surge in insulin levels. In turn, high insulin levels increase the levels of arachidonic acid in the blood and activate the immune system.

As you can see, chronic inflammation is a complex issue. But it’s an important one: Research shows a strong link between inflammation and diabetes and heart disease; in fact, some propose adding inflammation to the group of factors indicating metabolic syndrome. (You might recall from a previous Health Bite that metabolic syndrome is a cluster of three or more risk factors including excess weight, high triglycerides, low HDL cholesterol, high blood pressure, and high blood sugar). Other diseases related to chronic inflammation include cancer, Alzheimer’s, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, and other autoimmune diseases.

Blood tests can reveal the markers of inflammation: high sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), interleukin-6 (IL-6), fibrinogen, and



Foods That Increase Inflammation

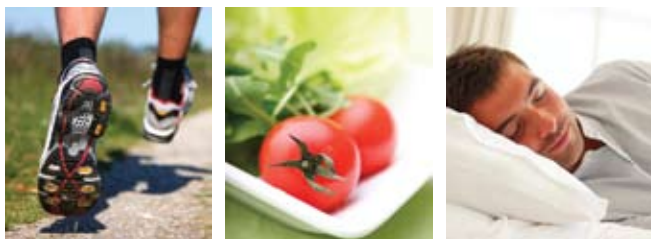
- Safflower, sunflower, corn, peanut, and soybean oils
- Refined carbohydrates—sugar, white flour, etc
- Trans fats/hydrogenated oils
- Common allergens like casein (found in dairy products) and gluten (found in wheat products)
- Possibly: eggs, dairy, soy, and, for some people, nuts



Foods That Decrease Inflammation

- Fish oil (high in omega-3 fatty acids; use in moderation due to risk of mercury contamination)
- Flaxseed and walnuts (high in omega-3 fatty acids)
- Dark leafy greens and other brightly colored vegetables
- Herbs such as turmeric, oregano, garlic, and ginger and green tea and blueberries (contain bioflavonoids and polyphenols that limit free-radical production)
- Grapeseed oil for cooking and olive oil for salad dressings

plasminogen activator inhibitor (PAI-1), and fasting blood insulin level. Though fasting insulin level is a test for diabetes, it can be a helpful marker of inflammation as well: The higher the insulin levels, the more inflammation present in the body.




Get Better

To combat chronic inflammation, lose weight. Extra weight, especially in the abdominal region, creates extra cytokines (inflammatory messengers) and hs-CRP. Avoid trans fats, which increase LDL cholesterol (the bad kind) and in turn trigger inflammation.

Exercise regularly to lower blood sugar and insulin levels—and be sure to include strength training, which helps combat insulin resistance. Get plenty of rest. Even things like dealing with difficult feelings and maintaining social connections are important; research shows loneliness decreases the body's ability to handle inflammation.

Certain types of food either increase or decrease your body's inflammatory response. Conveniently, anti-inflammatory foods will also help you lose weight: fresh vegetables and fruits and a handful of nuts or seeds every day (especially flaxseed and walnuts, high in anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids). If your blood work reveals signs of inflammation, eliminate the following: trans fats/hydrogenated oils, sugar, refined carbohydrates (like white flour), gluten, food additives (like artificial coloring), and preservatives. These are most important. But eggs and dairy, soy, and even nuts are common irritants as well. Consider going organic and using only natural cleaning products to reduce the toxic load on your system.

In one study, statin drugs reduced hs-CRP in heart disease patients. However, a control group that received only lifestyle intervention (exercise and dietary changes resulting in weight loss) experienced a greater reduction in hs-CRP levels, *even after they had stopped losing weight*. This experiment just goes to show you the importance of lifestyle over popping a pill to solve your problems!

It seems I end nearly every Health Bite with this advice, so you might be tired of hearing it. But the message bears repeating, because it seems to be the solution to so many health issues: Eat primarily foods as close to their most natural state as possible; consume a variety of vegetables, fruits, beans, whole grains, nuts, and seeds; use meat and dairy products as condiments rather than the main dish, if at all; and exercise vigorously and often. 

Tax Time Witness



Shortly after Jane Elliot mailed her tax package to her accountant, Shirley, she received an email: "I noticed you donate to Amazing Facts." Surprised and excited, Jane called Shirley, who said she and her husband had found one of Pastor Doug's Sabbath messages online. It convicted them to keep the Sabbath, and Shirley even closed the office on Saturdays despite it being a popular day with clients.

Jane then sent Shirley a Glorystar satellite dish so she could watch AFTV! Since then, the two have become good friends and await together the coming of our Lord.



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