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India NOW!

*While the
Door is
Still Open!*

Join Us in India

By Pastor Doug Batchelor

It's not commonly known, but hundreds of years before Copernicus enlightened Europe, the India astronomer Aryabhata correctly observed that the earth spins on its axis. Called the Newton of India, Aryabhata wrote many books on algebra and geometry and has his name stamped on the first Indian satellite. But perhaps his most ironic discovery was determining how solar and lunar eclipses actually occur. You see, up to that time, Hindu belief was that eclipses were caused by a demon called Rahu, a snake who would swallow up the sun and moon.

This is ironic because despite his sophisticated ability to understand God's masterful creation mathematically, he was a devoted, practicing Hindu—a religion caught up with millions of pagan gods. And today, the sad fact is, most of India suffers the same condition. Despite India's emergence as a global economic power and increasingly influential player in the computerized world, it suffers from terrible physical and spiritual poverty.

It's nothing short of heart-breaking. When I went to Madras, India, in 1999, I was deeply affected by the darkness covering like a shroud nearly every area of life there. India is like another world entirely, with the vast majority devoted to the fatalistic beliefs of Hinduism, which shackle these beautiful people in a mental and moral slavery that affects every level of their society.

Yet with God's grace, we made a big difference there in 1999—simply by telling already eager listeners about the Lord they long to know. More than 450 were baptized then, and when we go there in November 2006, we could see 20,000 souls buried in sin and resurrected to new life. They want to live the truth, but we must be willing to share it with them.

Amazing Facts has such a rich history in India. Even before Joe Crews co-founded this ministry, he worked in India as a missionary. And today, we've had a consistent presence there for the last six years, teaching Christ, baptizing new Christians, building churches, and showing pastors and lay workers how to reach others.

"So why the urgency, Pastor Doug?" Well, with all that we have learned and with even better technology, we can do so much more there now. But most important, because of pressure from Hindu

extremists on government leaders, the open door to Christian preaching looks like it might be closing.

Frankly, I fear for the eternal destinies of the many millions there as the Christian faith comes under heavy persecution and sharing Christ becomes dangerous in various parts of that nation. Laws are being drawn up that will make it illegal to evangelize and, in fact, to convert from Hinduism. Not only that, in some parts of India, the threat of violence against Christians looms like it did when we were there in 1999.

Still, I have great faith so that as long as we are bold enough to go, always giving glory to God and sharing the good news, our Lord will do the miraculous.

As He placed a protective hedge around our Madras meetings, He'll do the same here and direct His Holy Spirit to touch every heart that's ready to receive Him.


However, we must go—and we must do it now.

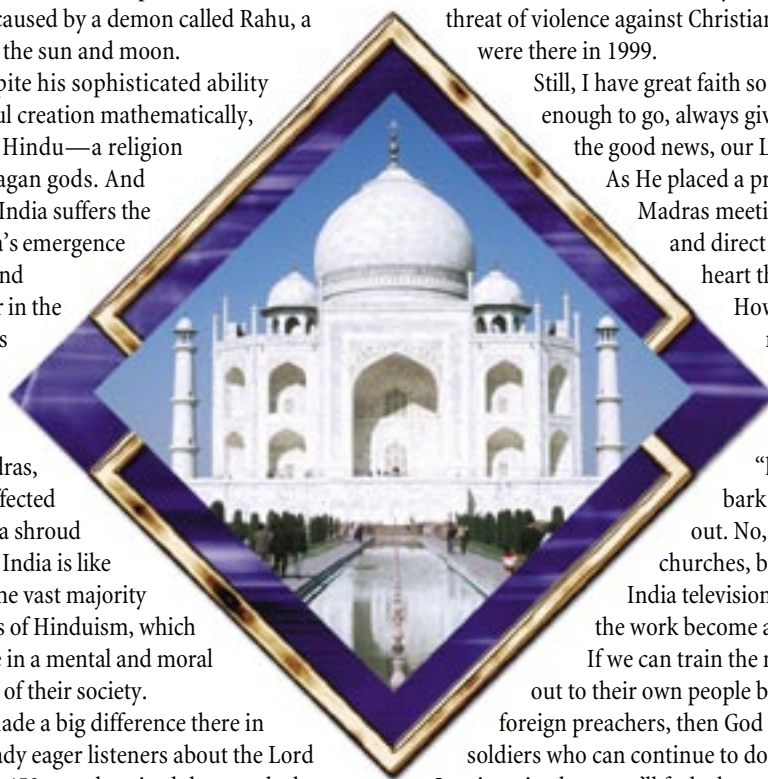
I also want to promise you that Amazing Facts isn't going in to perform "hit and run" evangelism: to bark the good news and then pull out. No, we plan to train leaders, plant churches, broadcast our programs on India television, and do all that we can to help the work become anchored and rooted.

If we can train the new Christians there to reach out to their own people before the door closes on foreign preachers, then God will have an army of faithful soldiers who can continue to do the work until Jesus returns.

Just imagine how you'll feel when you see perhaps millions of Indians worship alongside you on the sea of glass because of what we do in November.

In AD 400, Aryabhata used the beauty of science to stamp out a pagan snake-god; but we're going to use the brilliance of the gospel to show potential millions in India how the Son of God crushed the head of the snake once and for all (Genesis 3:15). I wonder if you will join me and Amazing Facts in reaching these people before the door closes. I hope that after you read what we plan to do in India in this special issue, you'll take up this great effort with us and do all that God calls you to do to help make it possible.

Amen. 





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What the World Needs Now



A few days ago I was sent a little booklet called *Heaven ... Is it for Real?* from a friend in Canada. When I read that brilliant and inspiring book, I saw the inside of the back

cover where I found your website. Now that I have thumbed through your web pages, I have to admit that this is what people need ... to have a website and publications that are short enough to be read quickly but also give so much information. I'm so happy that there are books about jewelry, alcohol, and other things that are growing problems in the church. I'm thrilled you have so many resources to call prodigals back to Jesus and to follow His example. *Hungary.*

Genius Evangelism

I'm a college accounting instructor, and I've found a unique way to witness to my students. If I'm in a computer lab, I'll pull up the Amazing Facts website and play one of your video Bible studies or the *Storacles*. It never fails to attract the students' attention, and then I give them your website address to learn more on their own. It's a great way to use the technology and combat the blatant materialism and sexual content on the internet with spiritual food. *Mississippi*

Preaching Unity

I frequently visit your website and listen to *Central Study Hour*. On one broadcast, Pastor Doug addressed the break down of our congregations along racial lines. I grew up in a "black church" with a "white church" just around the corner, and I could never comprehend the racial division among Christians in general, but particularly in our church. Some 25 years later, while there has been progress, I'm still seeing much of the same. In my current city, the churches are divided along the same lines. It breaks my heart, and I worry about its affect upon our witness and on those who are in the valley of decision. So I wanted to offer a heartfelt "thank you" to Pastor Doug for what is the first time I've ever heard one of our ministers even bring up the subject, and call it what it is ... "shameful." This has been a burden on my heart for so many years, but much more so recently. I believe that the Lord has some work for me in this regard. *Ohio*



Amazing Café

I have been wondering about "the abomination of desolation" for a long time, and I am a traveling missionary without much access to books. But recently, I found an internet cafe and the first thing I found on your site was about just that topic, and now I have much more insight into the matter!
E-mail



Teach Us to Pray

I want Pastor Doug to know how much I appreciated his sermons about the Lord's Prayer in the *Inside Report* last summer. Several insights were new to me, and I had never fully appreciated the prayer before. I am so very thankful for it and use it as my daily prayer guide. God bless you! *Kansas*

Editor's Note: Both parts of Pastor Doug's series on prayer are now available in one sharing book called Teach Us to Pray. Look for it and our new prayer journal in the middle of this month's magazine or order them online at www.amazingfacts.org.

A Calendar Full of Blessings

Thank you Amazing Facts for all the many blessings the Lord has poured out on me due to your ministry.



Just the other night, I was in the kitchen and noticed that my mother had purchased a new calendar from a movie store. I prayed, "Lord, I wish I had a calendar full of different scenes from nature, instead of the calendar like this one full of things of this world." The next day, I received a calendar from you that's just full of God's wonderful creations. It's so neat how the Lord answers even the simplest heartfelt prayers. *Tennessee*

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REVIEWING YOUR ESTATE PLAN



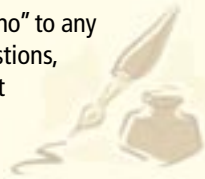
Most information written about estate planning is geared to the individual who has no estate plan. Therefore, we often think that once we have signed our wills or planned our estates, we can forget about them.

But this is simply not true. Estate planning is a continuing process.

The following checklist will help you determine whether or not you need to review your estate plan. Please take a minute to answer these questions.

1. When you established your present estate plan, did you realize that God was the owner of all, and was your estate plan designed under the direction of the Holy Spirit?
 Yes No
2. Do you have a durable power of attorney to manage property in case of incompetency prior to death?
 Yes No
3. Has your estate plan been reviewed within the last three years?
 Yes No
4. Do you have a letter of instructions for the distribution of household goods and personal effects?
 Yes No
5. Have you considered the many advantages of a living trust?
 Yes No
6. Have there been substantial changes in people, property, or plans for your estate?
 Yes No
7. Have you done everything possible to avoid interpersonal conflicts among family members?
 Yes No
8. Is the ownership of your property coordinated with your estate documents?
 Yes No
9. Have you provided for guardianship and property management for minor children?
 Yes No
10. Are you totally comfortable with your existing estate plan?
 Yes No

If you answered "no" to any of the above questions, it's important that your estate plan be reviewed.



How Do I Review My Estate Plan?

The review of your estate plan will follow much the same process followed when you created your original estate plan.

Many individuals have found the material our staff has designed to assist our friends in the estate planning process to be just as valuable in the review of their estate plans.

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The Door to Sharing
the Gospel in India
Might Soon Be Closed!

By *Anthony Lester*
MANAGING EDITOR



An Amazing Fact: Indus Valley civilization, one of the oldest in the world, has suffered under political and religious strife nearly constantly since Aryan tribes invaded 1,500 years before the birth of Christ. Later, Arabs seized control in the 8th century, Turks in the 12th, followed by European traders around AD 1500. Then in the 19th century, colonial Britain assumed political control of most Indian lands, until the nonviolent resistance led by Gandhi finally brought political independence in 1947. But today, most of India remains mired in a continual state of religious darkness, as less than 3 percent in a land of one billion have taken the name of Christ.

Here's another sobering fact that should wake you up: In August 2005, the influential Hindu party World Hindu Council began calling for nationwide anti-conversion laws in India. If such a law was passed, it could mean heavy fines, expulsion, and even 10 years of imprisonment for Christian missionaries who share the gospel as required by Christ's great commission.

Though it might seem unbelievable in this day, anti-conversion laws are already enforced in four states across India. Tragically, for people living in these areas, it is not only illegal to worship Jesus or proclaim the gospel, it is actually forbidden for Hindus to convert to Christianity.

Moreover, the proposal itself is already enflaming religious passions—on August 22, six Christian Bible workers were abducted on their way back from an outreach in a nearby village. Not only was their gospel literature confiscated, they were taken to a holding cell

where they were beaten and threatened. When local police finally intervened to free the Christians, Hindu extremists expressed outrage by rioting the next day.

Indeed, incidents of persecution like this are on the rise. One report estimates that there are more legal cases against Christians in the past five years than the previous 100 years combined. And in November, the threat of arson on churches once again hung over Christians determined to fellowship and praise Christ in their places of worship.

The Time Is Now

Clearly, a battle is growing rapidly for the soul of India. Says Pastor Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts, "Our team has been prayerfully considering where we can minister most effectively and meet the greatest needs of the world. I believe the answer to our prayer is clear for 2006: *We are to return to India before it's too late and the doors slam shut to the gospel!*"

In November 2006, Amazing Facts is planning to launch a tremendous outreach to the people of India. It will be unlike any effort Amazing Facts has attempted before, but we know that with God's grace and the financial and prayer support of our devoted friends, millions more of these precious people will hear the gospel. Indeed, for many, they will be given the chance to accept Christ for the first time ever in their lives.

"I believe God will use our friends to reach thousands who desperately need to know the name of Jesus Christ and hear what



India QUICK FACTS

Name: Republic of India

Capital: New Delhi

Size: 1,269,345 sq. miles (About 1/3 the size of the United States)

Population: 1,080,264,388

Religions: Hinduism (80.5%), Islam (13.4%), Christianity (2.3%)

Languages: Hindi and 14 other official languages;
English is well known

Economy: agriculture (60%), industry (17%), services (23%)

Poverty: More than 250 million live below poverty line

He has done for them,” adds Pastor Doug. “But I also know it will be a spiritual battle that the devil will attempt to thwart at every level. Please pray for every aspect of this effort!”

The Effort to Begin Soon

Amazing Facts is targeting 75 “villages” with a combined population that reaches into the millions. Pastor Doug will speak at a major event center, while a large team of volunteers, lay evangelists, and alumni from the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) will conduct simultaneous meetings at nearby locations. In addition, we’re working to prepare a large medical team to provide much needed medical treatment in these villages.

Reaching our goals will depend on our pioneer Bible workers, so Amazing Facts will offer advanced training in India to the teams launching pre-work in the area, as well as to others. In addition, each lay evangelist will be supported by an entire Spirit-led team, including experts on health talks, children’s programs, and additional team members who will distribute Christian literature and provide a great amount of personal prayer support to the thousands attending the meetings.

With this plan and God’s grace, we expect a significant harvest of souls! As the meetings progress, word of mouth will help attendance snowball, climaxing into an all-village finale with an estimated 50,000 in attendance.

Our goal is clear: to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to as many who will listen, because “there is no other name given among man whereby we must be saved!” (Acts 4:12). In faith, we are praying for 20,000 baptisms as a result of this effort.

Of course, our commitment to saving souls in India will continue long after we wrap up the meetings in November. Trained Bible workers will stay in the villages for three years to ensure continuing discipleship and church growth, doing the critical follow-up work with those who have been baptized. What’s more, a new church must be constructed in every village within a few months, else we risk many new believers falling away. Our experience has shown that by building churches right away, new Christians really take root in the faith and church membership often doubles in three years! Maranatha Volunteers will join hands with us for this effort.

Though this is one of our most ambitious ventures ever, God has also given Amazing Facts the qualified personnel to reach into India and make an incredible difference for eternity. With countless years of experience between them, our team members know how to use every scrap of resources to its fullest potential in one of the most populated yet spiritually dark nations on earth. “There are a billion people in India,” says Pastor

Doug. “It’s unimaginable to realize that the vast majority of them don’t even know about Christ, so we’re sending quite possibly the most experienced team of Sabbathkeepers ever to evangelize India to reach as many of these precious souls as possible.”

A History of Friendship Evangelism

Amazing Facts has had a long and rich tradition of touching lives for Christ in India. Even before the ministry’s establishment, founder Joe Crews and his wife Lu Ann served God’s work as missionaries during a time of great cultural resistance to Christianity.

But beginning in 1998, Amazing Facts’ commitment to India evangelism reached an entirely new level, sponsoring several evangelistic meetings, training workers, providing translated Study Guides, and even broadcasting on national television on a regular basis.

For instance, in 1999, during another calamitous time for Christianity in that nation, Pastor Doug Batchelor reached out to Madras, India, with amazing results. In an auditorium designed to seat 1,600 people, more than 2,000 attended on opening night, and throughout the series, the complex accommodated overflowing crowds by allowing them to sit on the floors and steps around the seats. In fact, many chairs were being shared by two people!

More than 450 people were baptized immediately following those meetings, and countless more were being prepared for baptism. And all this at a time when Christians in India were under attack. Tragically, an Australian missionary and his two children were burned alive for their work on God’s



behalf, yet people still came from far and wide to hear the Word.

Explains Pastor Doug, “Even in such adversity, I’d never quite met with a group so willing and ready to accept the message of Christ.” Even the local and national Indian press at the time gave favorable reports as churches in other parts of the country were being set ablaze by Hindu extremists. “In spite of the growing persecution in India going on right now, I believe God will once again turn His hand to anyone who might instigate an uprising against His work. But we must be bold, and we must act now before time runs out.”

Taking Root in India

For many years following the Madras series, Amazing Facts employed regular staff in India. Among these dedicated workers were Richard and Michelle Calderon, who coordinated ongoing weekly television programs, held pastoral training classes, translated ministry Bible studies into local languages, presented prophecy seminars, gave health talks, and even planted churches. They now work for Amazing Facts in Rocklin, California, and they’ll play a key part in organizing IndiaNOW!

If you’ve been receiving the *Inside Report* since 2000, you might have seen many of their inspiring reports and awesome testimonies as a result of this couple’s hard work. In their first year after the Madras series, they helped plant 10 churches and trained 50 church leaders to tend their flocks.

A year later, they nurtured 40 pastors who switched their congregations to be Sabbathkeeping churches. The following year, they coordinated the editing and translation of *Millennium of Prophecy* into Hindi that is now airing on television networks across India. They even translated the *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons into Hindi, which are currently being offered for free as part of our continuing mission to reach Indian people.

Still, even with our work continuing there, Amazing Facts strongly believes that it’s now time to return and reap an abundant harvest while the doors remain open for full-scale evangelistic work.

The Spiritual Battle Looms

For Jim Ayer, event coordinator, the often chaotic and violent spiritual struggle in India became evident on a day that otherwise was one of happy celebrations. As a large crowd gathered to witness hundreds of baptisms, the beauty of one baptism was broken as a pastor attempted to raise the head



of one woman above the muddy baptismal waters. Contorted and struggling, the woman seemed to fight to stay underneath the water. With all his strength, the pastor fought to save her life as the devil attempted to drown her on her day of commitment to God.

Still writhing in struggle, she was led to the soft clay bank of the river. Jim grabbed hold of her and demanded in the name of Jesus for the demons to come out. The Lord answered by power and in a moment, the little Indian lady stood tranquil in the sunshine of the day.

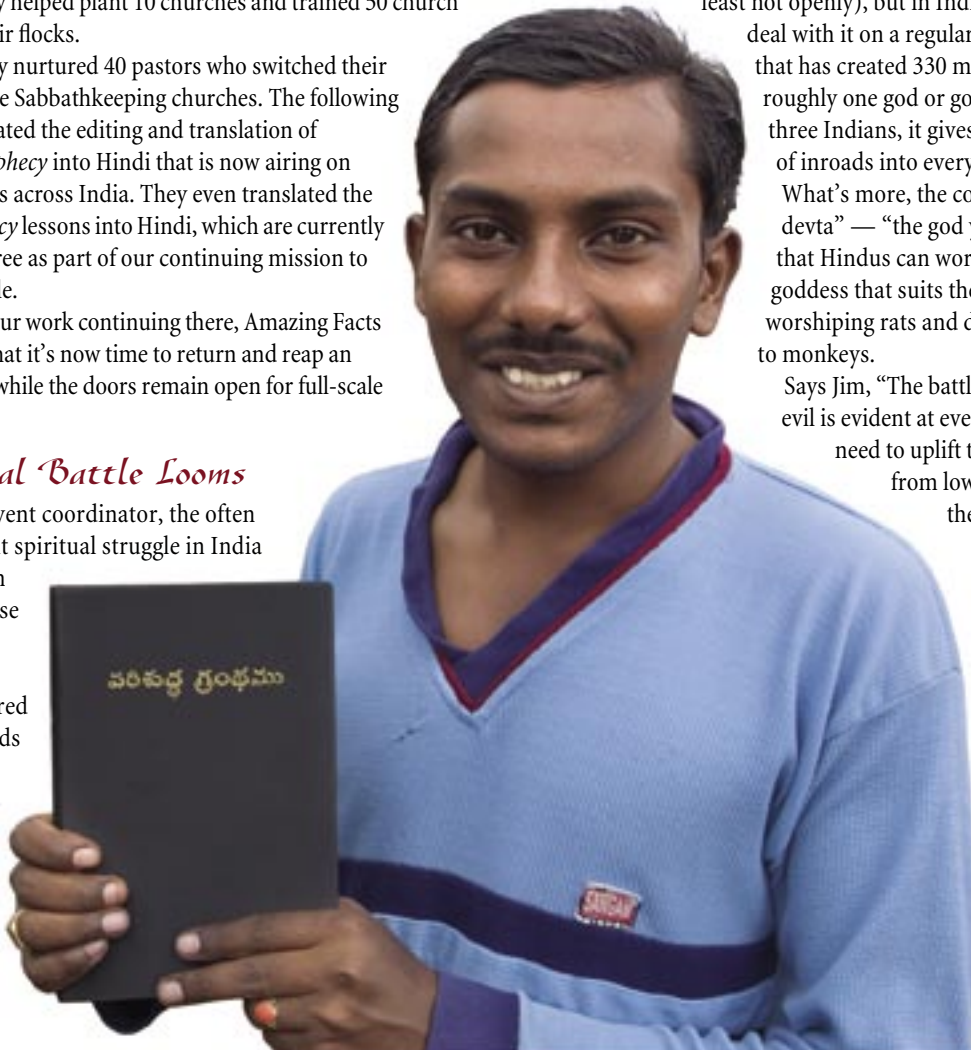
In America, demon possession isn’t a common everyday crisis (at least not openly), but in India, Christian pastors

deal with it on a regular basis. In a land that has created 330 million deities, or roughly one god or goddess for every three Indians, it gives the devil plenty of inroads into every soul living there. What’s more, the concept of “Ishta devta” — “the god you like” — means that Hindus can worship any god or goddess that suits their fancy, including worshipping rats and dedicating temples to monkeys.

Says Jim, “The battle between good and evil is evident at every turn in India. We need to uplift their spiritual senses from lowly rats and help

them focus their eyes upward on Jesus.”

And according to Jim, God is already laying the foundation and opening opportunities for Amazing Facts to accomplish a great work. “There was a time when the devil had very



little competition in that great land, but now is God's time! The Spirit of God is working mightily in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people looking for truth and deliverance from the bondage of sin and deception."

However, time might not always be on our side. Warns Jim, "The devil is not going to give up without a fight. Just as he attempted to drown that helpless woman in baptism, he is fighting to hold control over the entire nation by persecution and restrictive laws."

All Things Are Possible

When you start thinking about 20,000 baptisms, it's easy to forget the very personal life-changing power that God has effected through Amazing Facts in India. With the more than 450 people that were baptized in the Madras effort, thousands more Indians have since made that eternal decision because of the ministry's commitment to India.



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It would be impossible to show you the face of every heart already touched in India, with the smiles and gladness they feel when Jesus takes possession of their hearts. Many of these would travel for hours standing up in the back of old dump trucks, in the driving rain, just to hear the gospel. Words can't possibly convey the ongoing, desperate need.

Strangely, you might have even heard how Hindu leaders decry evangelism efforts at all, suggesting that conversion for Hindus is an impractical idea. Yet their hostility toward evangelism and our experience suggest something completely different.

Ganesh, a 25-year-old Hindu, said he "was pushed by unseen hands" into a meeting hall where a Madras follow-up series was being held. After the end of the first meeting, he'd given his heart to Jesus. That night, he stayed awake basking in the "huge peace" that had taken over his heart and mind. Not only did he continue going, but he brought a friend too. This is just a small taste of what could happen all over again in India this November.

You Can Help Enlighten a Nation

Jim Ayer explains, "I once asked someone in the know, 'Why India now?' His response made a lot of sense. 'If all the fruit on the trees ripened at the same time, we couldn't pick it all and it would fall to the ground and rot. The same is true with God. He ripens

countries at different times so we have opportunity and resources enabling us to pick the fruit.'

"Exactly! Russia once opened up her doors to evangelism, and we had an opportunity to do a great work there. Then the door began to close again. Right now, it's India's turn. The door is open and now is the time to pick the ripened fruit." The people of India are yearning to be delivered, and we must act while the opportunity is still open. Adds Jim, "I believe the door is almost ready to slam shut and this opportunity in time will soon be gone—perhaps forever."

That's why Amazing Facts is asking for your help right now. Approximately \$1.3 million in funds are needed to cover the costs of the meetings, Bible workers,


Bibles, and construction of churches in every village we reach. That sounds like an enormous sum, but the tremendous need of the Indian



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people requires this equally substantial response. Yet in terms of individual lives, it's also so little per baptism that we believe the Lord will make possible a great harvest. Indeed, for a gift of just \$65, you can provide everything needed for one person to be baptized into God's church.

Of course, whatever you can give, God will use it to make

miracles happen in the lives of multiplied thousands. Every penny will be worth it, and no gift should be considered too small. Please see pages 10 and 11 for more ways to make IndiaNOW! our greatest outreach success ever! 



**TURN
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TO SEE HOW
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20,000 PEOPLE ... just imagine! This number reflects real human lives who will be saved from the darkness of worshipping cows, monkeys, and thousands of other idols that offer no hope.

But we can't do it on our own. We need your help ... the help of dedicated, sacrificial, Spirit-led Christians to accomplish God's plan for India.

The need is staggering. Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with us to save these brothers and sisters who are perishing without hope before the door to sharing the gospel in India is closed forever!

Please use the pre-paid envelope in the center of this magazine to send us your gift-of-life to hasten God's end-time work in India. Thank you in advance for your faithful support and prayers.

INDIANOW! SPONSORSHIPS MAKE ETERNITY POSSIBLE

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- Sponsor a Bible Worker for 3 Years:** A gift of \$2,520 will enable a seasoned, national Bible worker to teach others about Christ in a village for three years.
- Sponsor a Village:** A love gift of \$1,500 will help an entire Indian village to attend the IndiaNOW! event, which could mean thousands of people hearing about Christ for the first time!
- Multiple Village Sponsorship:** A sacrificial gift of \$10,500 will sponsor up to seven villages, ensuring that tens of thousands will finally know the love of Jesus and salvation.
- Sponsor a Truck:** A gift of \$600 will help transport up to 200 villagers to the entire series of local meetings.
- Sponsor a Baptism:** Amazingly, \$65 will make it possible to baptize one person into God's end-time family.
- Sponsor 10 Bibles:** A gift of just \$30 will help distribute 10 Bibles to Indians who need God's Word in their own language.
- Sponsor 100 Bibles:** A gift of \$300 will make it possible to give 100 Bibles to villagers.
- Sponsor Bibles for an Entire Village:** A gift of \$900 will help pay for the cost of Bibles for an entire village.

An Amazing Fact: "A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

—Mahatma Gandhi, about Jesus



DIFFERENCE FOR ETERNITY IN INDIA

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INDIANOW!

Would you like to go to India? Would you like to play a vital role in bringing the light of Christ to the “land of a thousand gods” and preparing thousands for His imminent return?

Yes, we’re asking you to make an incredible commitment by joining Amazing Facts as a much-needed volunteer for our IndiaNOW! evangelistic series—you could be a key part in awakening many Hindus to the one true God whose name is Jesus Christ!

We’ll be assembling a team of at least 50 Spirit-led people to assist in a number of village meetings near Pastor Doug Batchelor’s main meeting location. We need volunteers to preach, do visitation, provide health and children’s talks, and so much more. This event is going to be too big for us to handle on our own, and that’s why we need people like you to join us in this special last-day work.

Of course, working in India is not for the faint of heart or body, but we promise you that it will surely be a life-changing experience if the Lord leads you to join us. The people there are some of the most wonderful on earth, and we guarantee that if you take up this work with Pastor Doug and the Amazing Facts team, you will come home a changed person!

THE DETAILS

Our projected dates for this exciting project will be October/November 2006. By the time we travel, conduct the many

meetings, and perhaps do a little site seeing at the end of the journey, it will take up much of that month.

Because India can be a country of adverse health conditions as well as emotionally challenging, we ask that children under 13 years old do not join the team. Anyone 18 or younger will also need a parent or guardian to attend.

If you are interested in joining us and would like more details regarding this wonderful opportunity to do evangelism together, please e-mail Jim Ayer at indiateam@amazingfacts.org and include your name, address, phone number, profession, church office, age, previous mission experience, and a brief statement of what you can bring to the team. Jim is experienced with evangelism in India, so he’ll be able to answer your questions and assist you with plans to join us.

Since space will be very limited, we will not be able to accommodate all who apply. —

Your generosity today will help bring the Bread of Heaven to those living in the midst of a spiritual famine. Please join me in bringing God's Word to India ... to those who are hungry to know His salvation.
— Pastor Doug

For a complete report on how God miraculously led us to minister in India, see testimonies of changed lives, and learn more about this project, please visit our website at www.amazingfacts.org/india. And check back often for the latest IndiaNOW! updates. Don't forget, you can make a difference for eternity by helping us in India today.

A New Vision of Training



by Alan Parker, Vice President of Evangelism

India has experienced some of the most rapid evangelistic growth of any nation in the world, and with our efforts in November, we believe hundreds of thousands more will come to accept Christ as their Savior and be baptized into God's church. As the church rapidly grows, it raises the question of what will happen when the evangelists leave. When the door is closed to foreign evangelists, what will happen to the work in India?

In the last five years, Bible and pioneer workers have been rapidly trained to help nurture these new believers and to grow the newly planted churches.

Amazing Facts, in our commitment to complete evangelism, has seen a tremendous need arise. These Bible and pioneer workers need more thorough training in evangelism and grounding in their understanding of Bible truths. Many of these pioneers serve as lay pastors of the new congregations and need a crash "seminary" course to prepare them for their new duties.

The Plan

Amazing Facts plans to send some of its highly qualified staff and its most experienced Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism graduates to give training seminars for pioneer workers, pastors, and those training the pioneer workers in India.

Our goal is to strengthen local training institutes by providing quality materials, training, and vital evangelism techniques. We intend to cover such areas as personal evangelism, public evangelism,

sermon preparation, health evangelism, Bible doctrines, prophetic subjects, and pastoral ministry. If we provide these much-needed materials and training, we believe that many more people will accept Christ, and better, they will be more deeply grounded in Bible truth and more nurtured by faithful shepherds.

It is important now that we train workers in the India field so that when the door does close to Amazing Facts, God's work will continue.

The Need

In order for this training to be effective, we will need both materials in the local languages as well as ongoing local training courses. Some of our needs include:

- Translate and print our Study Guides into Telugu, one of the largest language groups in India
- Translate and print our training materials into Telugu
- Produce *Final Events* DVD in Telugu
- Have training videotaped for future training sessions
- Sponsor at least six professional trainers to go to India
- Prepare and translate sermon guides

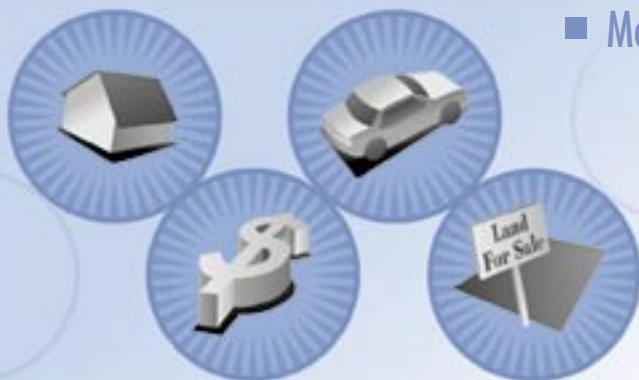
We ask all our ministry friends to prayerfully consider helping with the enormous costs of preparing the people of India for the return of our Lord and Savior. Please see pages 10 and 11 for more ways to help our IndiaNOW! project.

■ More Ways to Support God's End-Time Work

You can do even more to further the cause of Christ with even more giving options now available! Do you have a non-cash gift you would like to donate to help reach souls lost in darkness?

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International Ministry

AFCOE Graduate Works in Venezuela

by Richard Calderon

Richard Calderon, AFCOE assistant director, recently traveled to Venezuela to consult for a new Bible training school started by a former School of Evangelism graduate.

As always happens in international travel, our flight out of San Francisco to Caracas, Venezuela, was not without its usual “memory making” experiences, as my wife calls them. But by God’s grace, we arrived safely after a long but comfortable flight.

The next morning, we flew out of Caracas for the eastern side of Venezuela to catch the bus for a 12-hour ride to our final destination. When we boarded, the majority of the seats were in a reclined position—but when I tried to raise some to their upright position, I discovered they were all broken! It was a very “laid-back” trip.

Before reaching our destination, the bus pulled over at a military checkpoint. Soldiers required everyone on board to take out all their luggage to be inspected. Of course, I was the lucky one who actually got called into the captain’s office for inspection and interrogation.

Praise God that except for questions about how much my lap top computer cost, what I thought about marriage licenses for gay couples, and what I think about Arnold Schwarzenegger as a governor, I got out of there with all my things. I have learned that a friendly smile, pleasant voice, and cooperative spirit make for a much smoother experience.

But most interesting, things really sped along when the captain saw my Bible nestled in my bag. He asked, “Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?” I said, “Yes.”

“That would be all,” he said, and he let me out the door.

We finally arrived at Santa Elena de Uairen, a small town near the Guyana and Brazil border. It’s where we met the leader and staff of Escuela Bíblica “EKAMATA,” which means “Go and Preach Bible School” in the indigenous dialect.

Michelle and I enjoyed a 90-minute ride by jeep to the new Bible training school. The property was donated by the village elders of Chirikayen, a village comprised of Sabbathkeeping Christians. Chirikayen means, “the place of the small parrot.”

The school started in 2004 to train and prepare laymen to go into previously unvisited villages to share the gospel. The program runs for six-months, and the students are mostly young couples with small children. When we arrived, Ekamata’s second group of students were just completing training and some were already making plans to go where God was leading them to share what they learned.

During the last 6 months, students made five mission trips to distant villages, some a two-day walking journey. What is most impressive is not how quickly the campus building has gone up, or how the enrollment jumped from just 12 students in 2004 to 25 in 2005, but the age

and dedication of the leaders and staff.

Joshua Alderman, director and administrator is 22 years old and a graduate of the four-month School of Evangelism program, where he learned the

important skills of Bible training. Other staff includes Eldine Rada, a 22-year-nurse and health instructor; Oscar Gris, a 20 year-old assistant administrator and Bible teacher, and Craig Veroneau, 27, the grounds supervisor. The secretary for the program is the wife of a retired pastor, and they also have an indigenous couple who work as Bible workers.

Michelle and I taught classes for a week on the Bible and natural remedies. We were greatly impressed by the team there . . . though young, they have gone through some hard experiences that help them deal with the challenges and difficulties of running a Bible training school. They also have a strong love for their Lord and are committed to the success of the project.

They do have an urgent need for better transportation. Their 1986 Jeep died the day before we left, and it’s their only source for buying food, evangelism outreaches, and emergency transport for the surrounding villages. Joshua would like to replace it with a dependable 4X4 Toyota Land Cruiser pick-up truck. A two-year old vehicle would run about \$25,000.

If you feel impressed to help them meet this need, please send your love gift to Amazing Facts for “Venezuela Bible School Vehicle” by using the envelope provided in the center of this magazine.

It’s amazing to see the Lord continue to exponentially increase the dividends of AFCOE training. Please pray that all our AFCOE graduates and students continue to follow God’s will in these last days, and consider if He would have you join the program to become a well-trained soldier in His army.





BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



What does it mean when the Bible says that Lucifer's angels are in chains?

Jude 6 says, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment."

Angels are spiritual beings, so you can't really physically "chain" them to anything, so this is probably figurative language. Indeed, fallen angels are in "bondage" because they are restricted to this planet.

Remember the demons that possessed the man by the Sea of Galilee? They said, "Jesus, have you come to torment us before the time?" They were "reserved" for judgment—so they knew they were awaiting their judgment on this world. But while demons like them wait, they tempt and torment people to try to take us with them. That's why the demons pled to Jesus, "If you're going to cast us out of the man, at least let us possess the pigs."

Peter tells us a little more about the nature of these chains. "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (2 Peter 2:4). Even a dog can be dangerous on a long chain. In Job, Satan tells God that he came "[from] going to and fro on the earth" (1:7). The Bible adds, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Satan and his angels are restricted to this planet and are even restrained by good angels. "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds ... that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree" (Revelation 7:1). God protects His own from the evil of fallen angels (Job 1:10).

Moreover, compared to the brightness of God's presence where fallen angels used to live, you can imagine how dark this world is to them. So Jude's "chains of darkness" is the contrast of their first estate in heaven and the darkness on the earth. Additionally, these chains are related to the great chain that the angel uses to bind Satan during the 1,000 years. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years," (Revelation 20:1, 2). But that's another study.

For more information on this topic, order our pocket book *Satan in Chains*. BK-SIC ... \$0.95

See page 17 for ordering info.



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



In Genesis 9:3, God says, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be [food] for you." However, in Deuteronomy 14, he appears to limit meat eating. Is this a contradiction?

This is a good question because it appears that God is changing His mind; however, this is where being a good Bible student really becomes important. First, we must look at the entire evidence from the Word of God and resist taking one verse to establish doctrine. Along with what Genesis says about diet rules, we also have to look in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Taken together, these are the complete statement on diet from God.

First, remember to whom God is speaking. If a football coach says, "Tackle anything that moves!" his players understand he doesn't mean the fans in the stands or the referees. They know he means the opposing players. Likewise, the Lord didn't need to itemize to Noah what animals were clean, because His faithful servant already knew what was clean and unclean when he got on the ark.

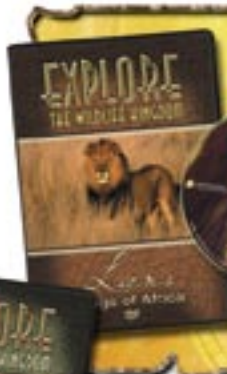
Plus, if you keep reading in Genesis 9:3, after the phrase with "green herbs," you read "but." So God is saying, "But I've got something else to tell you about what you ought to eat." He then says we shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. So on one hand, He's saying, "I'm allowing you to eat everything among the clean animals." But on the other hand, He's saying, "But there are some things that I know you're not supposed to eat, and so I'm going to tell you about those things."

God does say that there are clean foods we can eat and unclean foods that we should never eat. In Isaiah 66:17, the Bible says, "They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together." In other words, those who eat things that God clearly condemns are an abomination.

Modern medicine is still trying to catch up with God. Those animals that He pronounced as unclean are the most unhealthful for food. If you have high-blood pressure, the first thing a doctor will tell you is to not eat pork or animal fat. We should follow God's advice. Sure, it can be hard to change your diet. But if you're willing to be faithful to God, He will bless you immeasurably.

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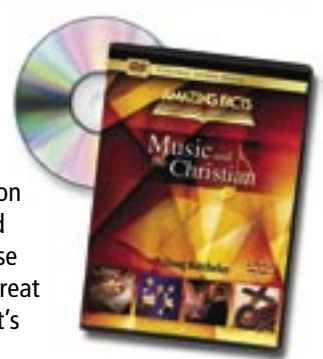
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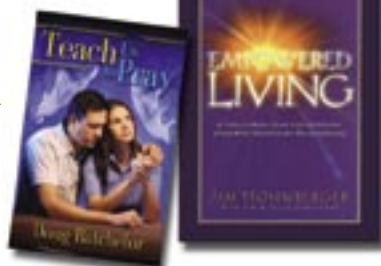
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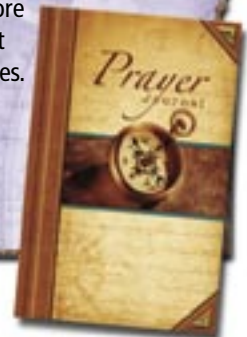
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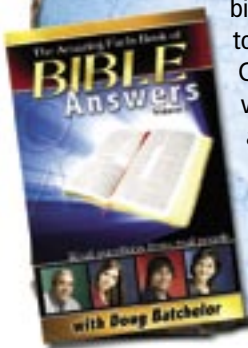
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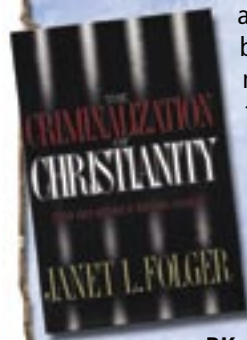
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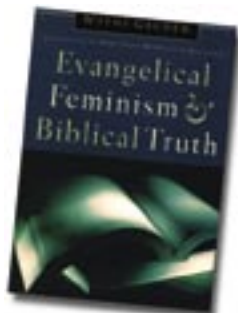
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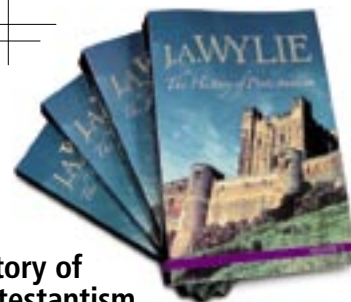
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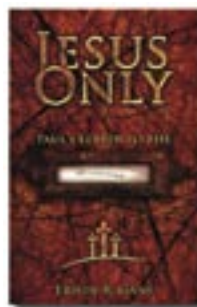
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Witnessing Corner

How to Share **Final Events** Door-to-Door



Michigan Conference Bible worker Staci Osterman has graciously permitted Amazing Facts to share the strategy behind her highly successful door-to-door ministry using the *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* DVD. Since we featured her in the September/October 2005 issue, we've received dozens of calls and e-mails asking for specific advice and direction. Says Staci, "It is exciting to see so many people interested in going door to door! I believe this is the only way the work will be finished—when we take the truth to the people rather than inviting them to come to us for it."

A. Purpose

To find people interested in studying Bible prophecy.

B. Overview

In this ministry, *Final Events* is loaned to interested people to preview for one week. When the DVD is picked up, a follow-up survey is done to get feedback and determine further interest in studying prophecy. Bible studies are also offered to those interested.

C. Going Door to Door

Visit 1:

1. Choose a street in the community to survey.
2. When a person comes to the door, you'll fill out the *Final Events Prophecy Survey* with them.
3. If they answer "Yes" to the last question, lend them a DVD to preview for one week. Tell them it was recently released and you are really interested in getting their feedback.
4. Schedule an appointment to pick up the DVD for the following week. (Be sure to request their phone number in case you happen to miss them the next week. People usually give it.)
5. Use the Survey Record Sheet to keep track of the homes on your street, including name, address, and phone.
6. If no one is home, try that house again another time. But also be sure to indicate those simply not interested in the survey or DVD.



Visit 2:

1. When you return for your pickup appointment, tell them you would love to get their feedback on the DVD. Fill out the *Final Events Prophecy Follow-Up Survey*.
2. Offer a follow-up! The survey is designed to lead into personal or drop-off Bible studies. However, you can use it to lead into other offers: a Daniel and Revelation home small group, a prophecy seminar, a satellite series, etc.
3. Schedule time and date for personal Bible studies, if interested.
4. Drop-off lessons are best for those who seem hesitant about other study options but want to learn more. Try to offer drop-off lessons only when they seem reluctant about personal studies.
5. If inviting them to an event or study group, provide a brochure and map.
6. Mark on your Survey Record Sheet the day and time of the scheduled study and any further notes.

D. Tips for Door-to-Door Surveying


1. Pray that God will lead you to those looking to heaven and wanting to better understand His Word.
2. Walk on sidewalks—not across yards
3. Ring the doorbell SLOWLY or knock seven times
4. When the door opens, take a step back.
5. SMILE!
6. Be positive—remember Jesus stands beside you and is impressing their heart!

E. Addressing Denominational Questions

Q. What church are you with?

A. I am representing Amazing Facts, a Christian ministry that provides Bible study resources for people of all different faiths. My goal is to encourage others to read the Bible and learn how to find God.

F. Follow-Up Bible Lesson Offers

Although Staci draws on numerous Bible studies from several Spirit-led ministries, she does follow-up many of her leads with Amazing Facts *Storacles of Prophecy* and our popular Study Guides. 

Final Events

PROPHECY SURVEY

Hello. My name is _____. Today I am representing Amazing Facts and doing a short community opinion survey of seven questions. I'm not selling anything and this will only take a few minutes.

1. In your opinion, what is the greatest problem in society? _____

Do you believe there is a possible solution? _____

2. Do you believe in God? YES NO

3. When you watch local and international news, are you ever apprehensive about the future? YES NO

Is there a reason why? _____

4. Do you believe that Jesus will come to earth again? YES NO

If yes, do you believe it will occur in your lifetime? YES NO

5. Do you believe that the book of Revelation can help us understand America's role in current world events?

YES NO NOT SURE

6. What do you think the Mark of the Beast is? _____

7. If you had the opportunity to learn how to unlock the symbols and better understand the prophecies

in the books of Daniel and Revelation, would you take that opportunity? YES NO

Wonderful! Let me tell you about something I'm sure you will be interested in! For a limited amount of time, we are offering an exciting multimedia DVD called *The FINAL EVENTS of Bible Prophecy*. It is packed full of Scripture references and amazing facts about Bible prophecies for our time. We cannot give this DVD away, but we are leaving it on loan for ONE WEEK. There is absolutely NO FEE involved!

Is this something you would be interested in watching?

Great! Here is your DVD. Would next week at this same time be good for picking it up?

Also, what is your phone number in case we miss each other?

Great! I'll see you next week. And at that time, I would be interested in knowing what you thought about the DVD.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Accepted DVD: YES NO

Appointment for Pick-Up

Day _____ Time _____

Final Events

PROPHECY FOLLOW-UP SURVEY

1. Did you have the opportunity to watch *The FINAL EVENTS of Bible Prophecy* DVD? YES NO
(If the answer is "No," ask if they would like to keep it one more week.)

2. Seeing that it is newly released, I'm interested in getting your opinion. What did you think of it?

3. What part of the documentary interested you the most? _____

4. Was there something that was new to you? _____

5. Did it help you better understand some of the events to take place before the return of Christ? YES NO

If you liked this DVD, let me show you something else I know you will like! (Pull out a sample lesson to show them.) This is one of our free lessons on Bible prophecy that go along with the *Final Events* DVD. You may have noticed that this documentary only gives a quick overview of prophecy. There was not enough time to answer questions like:

- What do all those symbols of beasts in Daniel and Revelation represent?
- Which prophecies especially speak about our days?
- Is America mentioned in the book of Revelation and if so what role does it play in the final events?
- What is the Mark of the Beast and how and when could a person receive it?

These questions and many more are answered in these lessons. They are fascinating! And easy to complete.
(Show how they fill out the blanks using their own Bible.)

6. Would you be interested in receiving these FREE lessons? YES NO

Wonderful! Let me leave this first lesson with you. It looks at a prophecy in Daniel chapter 2 that shows us why we can trust the Bible and how near we are to Jesus' return. This is one of the most fascinating prophecies in the whole Bible!

7. Would you be willing when I return next week to drop off your next lesson for us to spend a few minutes together looking at this fascinating prophecy? It would take only about 30-45 minutes and it is so exciting. I know you would love it! YES NO

Great! Is this time next week good?

(If they are not sure about personal studies, give them the option of doing it on their own and receiving the next one as they complete each one.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Studies: YES NO

Appointment:

Day _____ Time _____



NEWS NOTES

Come Join in the Lord's Work!



As Amazing Facts continues to be blessed with growth and God's grace, we're seeking qualified candidates for several open positions. If you feel God calling you to respond and join in His work at this ministry, please contact us via e-mail at personnel@amazingfacts.org to submit your cover letter and resume or call 916-434-3880.

All positions require a history of Christian dedication and willingness to relocate to the Sacramento area.

Media Director/Producer

We're seeking a hard-worker with a degree in media studies, television production, or equivalent education with five-plus years of experience. Need strong supervisory experience and good people skills.

Producer/Editor/Director

Amazing Facts is also seeking a team player with proficiency in Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, Mac OS X, and DVD Studio Pro programs to produce and edit various media projects as assigned. Applicant must be able to write scripts and create storyboards, be able to direct live programs at church, and elsewhere as needed.

Video Graphics/Editor

We're looking for a team player with proficiency in Lightwave 3D (or similar 3D program), Final Cut Pro, Photoshop CS, Illustrator CS, DVD Studio Pro, Mac OS X, and InDesign (optional) programs to produce various 3D and 2D animated projects as assigned. Applicant must be able to edit opens, closes, and commercials together as required.

Webmaster/Web Developer

The ministry is seeking a webmaster with software development skills in ASP and ASP.Net. A minimum of 3 years experience writing website applications accessing information from Microsoft SQL database is a must. Experience with Photoshop and website design experience a major plus.

Marketing/Public Relations

Amazing Facts is seeking a multitasking self-starter to oversee and develop a comprehensive ministry marketing and public relations program. Need strong communication skills, design, and advertising knowledge, and a portfolio of proven results. Prefer MA in marketing and three years experience. Some travel required.

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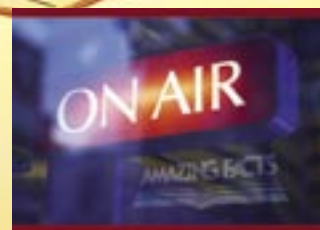
Amazing Facts to Blitz Media in 2006

The media department has begun preparation on a new weekly, 30-minute television program that will feature Pastor Doug's best sermons and make

them available to a much bigger audience than ever before. With completely redesigned graphics and more focused ministry promos, this new program will present Amazing Facts as an awesome Bible resource warehouse! We want viewers around the country to think of Amazing Facts as *the* source for biblically based study materials, family life information, online resources, and much more. This new format allows us to share the three angels' messages in a whole new way, while at the same time promoting life-changing Christian literature and media, like *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* DVD.

The weekly program will also be closed-captioned, allowing us to share the gospel to our brothers and sisters who are hearing impaired.

In addition, the media department is also working with 3ABN to get *Bible Answers Live* carried live on their far-reaching radio network. Thus far, it's been carried as "repeat programming," but now, listeners like you will be able to call in live and ask Pastor Doug your more perplexing Bible questions and get answers straight from the Bible.



New Amazing Facts Family Member Arrives

Vice President of Evangelism Alan Parker and his wife Nicole were blessed with their newest addition, Seth Christian Kian Parker, who made his entrance into the world at a robust 9 pounds 6 ounces. Says Alan, "Nicole was amazing, and we are extremely grateful to God for the life and health of our new child. It's amazing to welcome God's gift into our lives."

THE AMAZING FACTS EVANGELISM TEAM



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



Doug Batchelor



Emanuel Baek



John Bradshaw



Byron Corbett



Eric Flickinger



Lowell Hargreaves



Tyler Long



Brian McMahon



Jason Morgan



Jack Pefley



Dennis Priebe



Adam Ramdin



Jason Sliger

Doug Batchelor

February 16
3ABN Today

February 18
Dallas First Adventist Church
4009 North Central Expressway
Dallas, Texas

February 19 – 21
National Religious Broadcasters
Convention
Dallas, Texas

John Bradshaw

January 4 – February 4
Riverside High School Theatre
501 Oravetz Road
Auburn, Washington

February 17 – March 18
Tacoma Southside Church
230 South 94th Street
Tacoma, Washington

Byron Corbett

January 6 – February 4
Williamsburg Library
515 Scotland Street
Williamsburg, Virginia

February 24 – April 1
Nanaimo, British Columbia
Call 250-758-1334 for details.

Eric Flickinger

January 13 – February 18
Seminar Auditorium
46 Villa Street
Salinas, California

February 24 – April 1
Seminar Auditorium
2175 Newmark Avenue
Coos Bay, Oregon

Lowell Hargreaves

January 6 – February 11
Sedalia, Montana
Call 573-445-2712 for details.

February 24 – April 1
Ankeny, Iowa
Call 515-964-3182 for details.

Tyler Long

January 6 – February 11
Modesto Central Church
1614 H Street
Modesto, California

February 18 – March 25
Church Auditorium
600 North Lake Road
Claremore, Oklahoma

April 21 – May 27
Best Western Hotel
1250 Halyard Drive
West Sacramento, California

Brian McMahon

February 24 – April 1
Church Auditorium
2301 Asheville Highway
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Jason Morgan

February 24 – April 1
Memphis, Tennessee
Call 901-386-6166 for details.

Jack Pefley

February 1 – March 31
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference
Bowling Green, Kentucky;
Powderly, Kentucky
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee;
Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

Dennis Priebe

January 7
San Andreas, California

January 13, 14
Cloverdale, California

January 20, 21
Weimar Institute, California

Adam Ramdin

January 6 – February 11
Auburn City, Washington
Call 253-833-2560 for details.

Jason Sliger

March 17 – April 22
Burbank, Illinois
Call 708-598-5775 for details.

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THE Harvest REPORT

Revival in Nebraska

Hasting Church Comes to Life During Revelation Seminar

by Jason Morgan

"It's a boy!" the mid-wife exclaimed as we all eagerly awaited the outcome of the sonogram. I turned to witness the expression on my wife's face to find her weeping tears of joy.

It is an inexpressible happiness to look forward to the precious gift of a new life. Still, we can only faintly imagine the heart's desire of our heavenly Father to see all of His children come into His loving arms. Indeed, He calls each and every one of us to seek out all those whom He has paid such a tremendous cost to save—the death of His dear Son—to bring Him newborns in the faith.

God gave Amazing Facts this opportunity, to feed those who were starving for His Word, in Hastings, Nebraska. Upon arrival, we were told Hastings and the surrounding area were very difficult to evangelize. "It's been nearly 10 years since we have had any type of outreach," said Loren Wheeling, a leader in the local church. With just a few active members left, some were wondering if anything at all could possibly help their dying church come alive. Yet to their great surprise and anticipation, God was preparing the hearts of many in this community to receive His message of truth!

Fighting the Good Fight

A well-known truth in the effort to share God's last-day message came from the lips of Joe Crews, founder of Amazing Facts. He said, "There is never a good time to hold an evangelistic series! Why? Because the devil is going to compete with you every single time." The devil always steps up his efforts when God has many precious souls ripe for the reception of His gospel. We experienced this phenomenon early on in our meetings.



The day before opening night, the meeting hall we had arranged for the seminar was cancelled on us. A special committee had gathered at the local hall to disrupt and cancel the meetings due to the unpopular truths that would

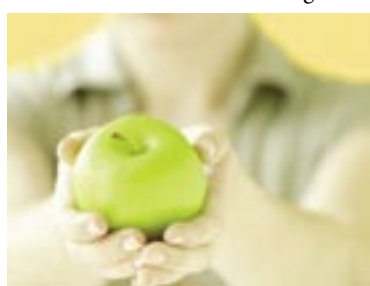
be presented. Having already mailed out all the invitations, we were perplexed as to what we should do.

Then the verse came to us: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1). The church family was soon praying for God's intervention. That very same day, the hall coordinator called us back with the good news that the decision was reversed and we were welcome to continue with the Revelation seminar as planned! Praise the Lord! When giving the gospel commission, Jesus promised us that He has all power in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18).

His Healing Hands

Pam Burr attended a college of medicine in Lincoln, Nebraska, and eventually received her degree as a veterinarian physician. She shared a successful practice in 1996 until a tragic horse accident left her with three herniated discs and a broken vertebra in her back.

Pam had always wanted to know more about Bible prophecy. She explains, "I was tired of all the lifeless sermons I heard every Sunday. I wanted to hear what the book of Revelation had to say for us in these last days!" At that time of searching, she received our handbill in the mail and decided to go learn more about Revelation. As she came night after night, Pam was amazed to discover that man had tried to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. "It only makes sense," she said as she searched the Scriptures for herself. "God would never change His law!" "For I am the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6).



Having also learned the Bible's simple plan for better health, she has experienced significant pain loss in her back. "I feel so much better now that I have eliminated unclean foods from my diet.

The church is helping me to learn how to prepare food that is healthy for myself and my family too." Most amazing is that Pam, along with her mother Donna and sister Kathy, committed her life to Jesus in the waters of baptism!

The church family had a revival as God used them to bring new life to the remnant fold of God. The Lord blessed us with 10 baptisms, one profession of faith, and 10 more souls who are in preparation for baptism. "Hastings is working together now," says Loren, reflecting on the harvest. "It's so nice to get to church now and see something happening!"

THE CRY OF INDIA

PREPARING A NATION
FOR HIS RETURN

By Dr. M. Wilson
Ministerial Director
Southern Asia Division-India



Excitement filled the village; the truck had come to take the people to the river for baptism. Yet Sita-mma was in the valley of decision. “Should I go or not? I have been worshiping idols all my life, but I’ve never found peace in my heart. Yet how do I break down and cross over to the new God, this Jesus, who has come to my village? I am so scared that the idol sitting in my house might get angry and kill my family members by taking food away or the curse of a disease. What shall I do?”

The people gathered in the village square. For Sita-mma, it was clear that this new God she was learning about seemed to be more powerful than the one she’d been worshiping. She wished someone could help her make the decision.

“God of the Christians, if you are more powerful than the god I have at home, do something before the truck moves away.” As she spoke those words, the white man who had been giving the messages to the large gathering began to move toward her. Was it mere coincidence, or was it the leading of Jesus? It was the same man who prayed over the devil possession the night before, immediately causing the young, noisy man to calm down. It was an amazing demonstration of the power of the Christian God, proof that Jesus was more powerful and real than idols.

“Still,” she thought, “I have no courage to talk to Him. Maybe I shall consult the pastor, but if he asks me to join the group going for baptism, then, what shall I do with the idol still sitting at home? How would I get rid of it without provoking their anger?”

A LIFE OF CONSTANT FEAR

Since Sita-mma was born, she’d lived with My-samma, the family’s goddess’s name, offering a yearly sacrifice to protect them from cruel gods and other enemies. But they always lived in a constant state of fear, and she was tired of it. She was determined

to no longer live like that. “Shouldn’t I worship a better God who loves and cares for me?” It seemed so, especially when the pastor explained the previous night, with the big presentation on the screen, how Jesus Christ came in search of sinful man and died on the cross to change man’s destiny from bad to good.

Soon the pastor approached her, making a final list of those going to the baptism. People were preparing to board the truck that would take them to the river. “You have been coming and listing to the messages for the last two months, and the messages from the white man at the meetings with all the pictures. Would you like to join?”

It was all so fast, and it was all she could do to answer. “But sir, I am a poor widow with two young children. Two years ago my husband died of pneumonia and people told me he died because my family goddess is angry for not appeasing her properly.” Sita-mma struggled. “I want to come. Oh, I might miss the chance, but what shall I do with the idol sitting in my home? Who would dare remove it from my home? If someone has the courage and has the power of Jesus, come, dig, and throw that idol out. Then I shall sweep the house, take a bath, and put on the new dress I have been preparing since I have seen the miracles happening in the name of Christ. I am longing to join this group of happy people. I want to worship this God. Can you help?”

When the call came for Sita-mma to go and be baptized, she prayed in her heart for the power of the mighty God who is above all. Soon two gospel volunteers gathered and sang for the power of Christ. Some gathered spades and crowbars, and after reading the Scriptures and prayer, the idol was broken and removed from her home. It was taken far from the village so no one could be influenced by it or have to fear because of it ever again.

The crowd that gathered surrounded Sita-mma and prayed. She got up from her knees with a great sigh of relief, and then shouted,

“Hallelujah!” With a big smile on her face, she quickly cleaned her house and got ready to join the others for baptism.

THERE ARE MORE TO REACH RIGHT NOW

Sita-mma was the most surprising person among the villagers to join the family of God that morning, but there are millions of Sita-mma’s in India who are waiting for the opportunity to change. They are longing to experience a loving God, longing for a missionary to touch them and pray with them—to tell them of the casteless God who is all-powerful.

Amazing Facts has been working in India for many years to touch the lives of millions here just like Sita-mma. The *Millennium of Prophecy* seminar was one significant event that has opened the eyes of many here for the straight Bible truth. Thousands of homes witnessed via satellite the Bible being explained clearly and systematically. Many people, particularly Christians who are relegated to a low caste with whom one should not mingle, sat in their homes and secretly watched because in their hearts they love and worship Jesus.

When Amazing Facts sent Mr. and Mrs. Richard Calderon to translate Amazing Facts videos into the local vernacular, it was amazing how the Lord worked. Many, especially in urban centers, are watching today and learning about the coming of our Lord and noting how Bible prophecies are being fulfilled.

Many have started asking questions about the end-time events and last-day church, making the printing of the Amazing Facts Study Guide series such a great help to the people of India. These regular presentations on television, the Bible lessons, and evangelistic programs are a boon and blessing to India.

Amazing Facts has already established a strong base in India. Until now, we only hoped that Doug Batchelor and his team would return to India for a new, much-needed series of meetings. God is clearly at work! We also prayed that the Lord

of the harvest will send our land committed missionaries through organizations like Amazing Facts to come and explain in the cities, towns, and villages of India about the One who is soon to come.

Many outreaches have been done already, and there is even more need for pastoral care. Without it, the work done might be wasted. Nationals are doing some of the work, but there are certain things only the missionaries can do. We need gospel volunteers to care for the new believers and churches for worship. Time is running out. We have hundreds of cities, towns, and villages requesting to hear the love of God.

Amazing Facts wants to help do all these things, and so this outreach will be a great blessing!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Almost a sixth of the world population lives on the Indian sub-continent. This nation remains a great challenge for gospel ministry because of the mystery of many religions, cultures, and traditions passed down through the centuries. It all has served only to confuse people and drive them away from the truth.

However, now the time has come to turn them to Jesus. We need your prayers and participation, whatever you can do could never be too little. An encouraging word, sharing the resources you might have, or even if possible come in person to participate in sharing and fellowship with people who are living in ignorance.

Our worldwide church recently adopted the vision and commitment to “Tell the World.” It is the vision for how the gospel of Jesus will be shared by the Sabbathkeeping church until 2010. It focuses the church on its identity as a called-out community and its end-time mission of proclaiming the good news to “every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6).

So the vision is clear: to invite every person in the world to respond to the good news about Jesus and His soon coming. Will you be one of the first to respond to this vision and call and share Jesus through Amazing Facts India outreach? —



From Cult to Christian

by Ákos Balogh



Lowell Hargreaves travelled to Budapest, Hungary, late last year to call searching souls to the Lord through a Revelation seminar. The following is the testimony of Ákos Balogh and Anna Christina Pozderka on October 22, 2005, as given by Ákos on the day of their baptism.

My name is Ákos Balogh and along with Anna Christina, who has been my wife since yesterday, we had to travel a long way to finally arrive here. We were both trapped in the web of a false prophet, who was communicating with spiritual beings and continuously provided several seemingly undeniable proofs that he was led by the Lord. He showed us an apparently very simple and pure way of living, but he mixed it with—from a biblical standpoint—false and harmful teachings and principles. According to this religion, we had to leave our parents and all of our relatives. Anna was told she had to leave her two children, and I left my mother and sister. During those two and a half years, we gradually cut ourselves off from the world more and more, breaking almost all physical ties.

Then one day I left this strange sect, though Anna decided to remain in the man's company. But then she soon came to visit me. She told me that the leader himself was ordered by spiritual entities to leave their home. He too had failed in his ways.

So she came to me as her probably last handle of rope to which to cling. We tried to start a new life as friends, because for those three years she was with that man, there was nothing between us. It was indeed hard to start anew, for the first time in our lives, without any guidance. We had been living a very strict lifestyle ... probably 10 times more self-sacrificing than the Bible even asks us to be. For instance, I drank only vegetable broth for nutrition those few years.

Clear Hearts

However, we soon started to open up our minds to the world outside of our small circle. We carefully watched the signs of the times swirling all around us, and we put our trust in the Lord. We also felt the importance of the Bible, so we bought a New Testament. Slowly but surely, the ice that had developed on our


hearts and enabled us to leave our loved ones began to melt.

But in our search to find a way out, while already working in regular jobs again, we took notice of a poster for a prophecy seminar. We had always believed in and had known that there would be a final judgement and that the whole universe was being prepared for that. We had been following the signs that seemed to indicate that it was all pretty close. Anna and I felt that this seminar might be that certain help from the Lord that we had long been looking and asking for.

We began to attend the presentations every day. The speaker, Lowell Hargreaves, explained God's Word very clearly. It still took one or two weeks to become fully aware that we had found the way to the truth, because our first "teacher" taught us that the Bible was only partially true and that the book of Revelation has the "most truth." He told us that the Bible as a whole, however, was not to be trusted since "it had been modified and re-written" in the past.

So this is where we say a big "thank you" to Pastor Lowell. He was able to present us God's Word with such clarity and authority that by his help, we began to realize, step by step, what sinful deeds we had committed. Having become aware of our sins and mistakes, we immediately changed the positions with which we had long been accustomed.

Apparently, by God's grace, we had not been so brainwashed as to not be able to hear and listen to the truth. Convicted, Anna and I immediately decided to marry, and we also decided, having understood God's commandments, that leaving the parents without just reason was sinful and that we should re-establish contact with them. Thus, as a result, I first saw my mother and sister after three long years at our wedding yesterday!

I can tell you, and my wife would confirm this, that our life has started to go in the right direction in every respect. Our heart is clear again. And all this has been crowned by this beautiful day! 





Special



Special Recognition



In Loving Memory

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Harold Brockmann from Ethel Simeone, his sister
Milford Brown from Millie Brown, his wife
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Alex Burns from Albert and Patricia Marion
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Sharon Burton from Spurgeon Lail
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Glen Byers from Bonnie Byers
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Edward Flower from M. Florence Flower, his wife

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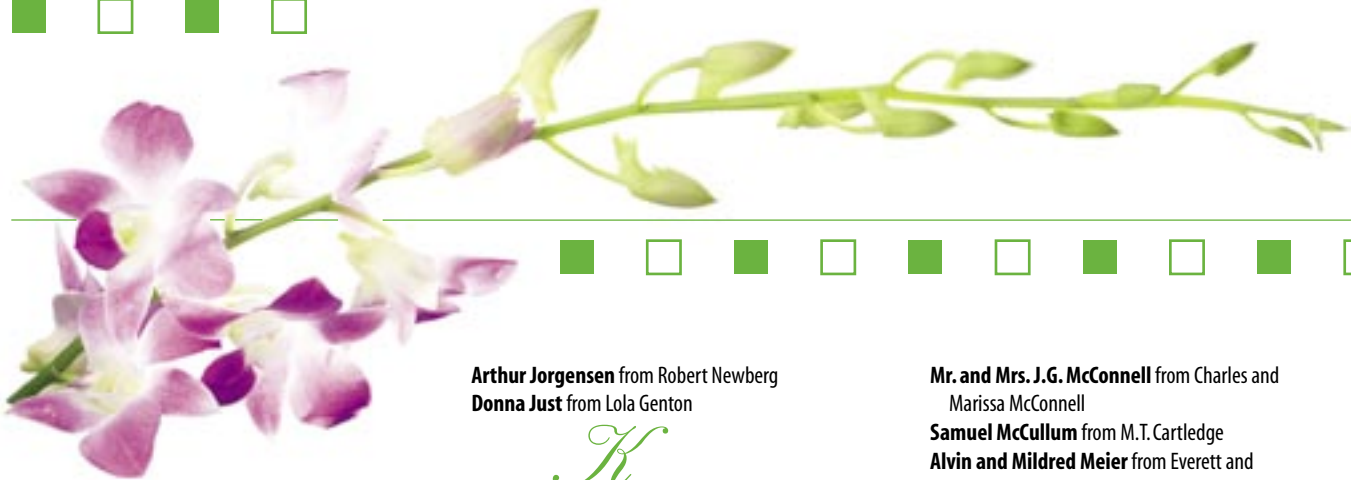
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Ann Law from Lucille Bush
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Joe Nixon from Ron and Millie Beardsley
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Carol Ann Phillips from Wally and Geri Dunks
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Duane Smick from Barbara Steward, his sister
Sam and Leah Smick from Barbara Steward, their daughter
Stan Smick from Barbara Steward, his sister
Pastor David and Wilda Smith from Wesley Smith
George Smith from Nancy Smith, his wife
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Elizabeth Stiles from Roger and Betty DePaep
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Purla Swanson from Jean Swanson; from Eileen Christenson; from James Curtis; from Marilyn Gepford
Denzil Sweat from Terry and Wendy Gates
Robert Swenson from Alma Swenson, his wife

T

Alan Tattrie from Jennie Tattrie, his grandmother
Duane Tattrie from Jennie Tattrie, his mother
Roy Tattrie from Jennie Tattrie, his wife
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Dean Turner from Jean Turner; from Alvin and Carol Ratzlaff; from Jim and Linda Trana

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James Ummarino from Jean Ummarino, his wife

W

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Douglas and Ardys Brown (60th) from Lucille Bush
Myrle and Anna Dean (66th) from Pastor Thomas and Helen Ipes
Don and Joyce Dick (50th) from Alice Tornow
Dr. Gene and Anne Krashingner from Lucille Bush
Durward and Joan Wildman (50th) from William Mulske

Happy Birthday

Dave Akerman from Dorothy Akerman
Tena Baehm (70th) from George Baehm, her husband
Bryan Ensminger (18th) from Ed and Bonnie Ensminger, his grandparents
Florence Van Dolson from Leo and Bobbie Jane Van Dolson
Thelma Herzberg (83rd) from Kathy Woodhall, her daughter; from Michael and Debra Fechik
Mary Krysowaty (90th)
Frank Potts (91st) from Bob and Marcie O'Quinn
Frank Waxter (91st) from Ruth Waxter, his wife

In Honor Of

William and Marie Gaines from Elaine Waters, their daughter
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Health Bite

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*Adapted from the NEWSTART®
Lifestyle Seminar Handbook.*

If you're unfortunate enough to catch a cold or flu this season, here are some strategies to minimize symptoms and shorten their duration.



Take a contrast shower. At the first sign of a cold or flu, give yourself one of these. The sooner you do it, the more effective it is! This treatment increases the number of circulating white blood cells and can ward off a full-blown infection.

Turn the water as hot as you can tolerate (105 to 110° F).

After a few minutes, turn the cold water on. Start with a mild contrast. Jumping up and down and rubbing your skin while in the cold water will help. Leave the cold on for about 30 seconds. Never leave it on so long that you actually feel chilled. This will have an undesirable effect (if you feel chilled, turn the hot water back on until you feel warm; then try a shorter application of cold or milder temperature). Repeat this contrast three times, ending with cold. Dry yourself briskly and go to bed for at least one hour. Repeat this treatment 1 to 2 times daily.

Note: If you have diabetes, heart disease, or other circulatory impairment, use only a very mild contrast.

Rest! Continuing your normal level of activity usually results in worsened symptoms and a longer illness. Particularly if you have a fever, go to bed so that your body can do the work of healing without interference.

Avoid antibiotics. Colds and influenza are caused by

viruses. Antibiotics fight only bacterial infections such as strep throat. They can also upset the healthy bacterial balance of the digestive tract. Try an herbal preparation such as garlic, echinacea, or Airborne Formula®. These can help the body fight infection without harmful side effects. (Use echinacea only when fighting an infection; otherwise it can lose its effectiveness.)

Take Vitamin C at the first sign of symptoms. Vitamin C has been shown to reduce the severity of symptoms and shorten the duration of a cold or flu (one gm in the morning, 500 mg in the afternoon).

Eat simply. Avoid sugars and fats and limit juices and fruit, especially dried fruit (citrus fruits are preferable). Eliminate dairy products, which aggravate mucus-related symptoms. Drink plenty of fluids. Water, soups, and broth are all suitable, up to three quarts a day.

Keep hands, feet, neck, and ears warmly clothed. Blood flow to the nasal structures falls as the temperature of the extremities falls. Viruses prefer the resultant lower temperature and sluggish circulation of the nasal passages. This is why a chilled person has lowered resistance to upper respiratory infections.

Get fresh air, but avoid drafts. Keep your room warm (68 to 72° F), but not hot. Do deep breathing exercises.

Get a little sun outdoors (but don't allow yourself to get chilled). Sunlight boosts the immune response and also raises beneficial hormones that will help you feel better.

Don't be too eager to reduce a fever.

Fever is a defense mechanism the body uses to fight infection.

If you feel chilled, you are in the heating stage of a fever.

Take steps to warm yourself.

When you feel hot and are sweating, you have moved into the cooling stage of the fever. This is often referred to as the fever breaking.



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For nasal congestion:

- (1) Drink hot broth or hot tea, such as peppermint or ginger.
- (2) Add plenty of garlic and onion to soups and eat while hot.
- (3) Use saline nose drops: Dissolve 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon baking soda in 1 cup warm water. Use with a clean eyedropper or nasal spray bottle.
- (4) Use a water vaporizer with eucalyptus essence.
- (5) Apply a hot sinus compress.
- (6) Use "breathing strips" found in the First Aid section of drug stores.

For a sore throat:

- (1) Gargle with salt water: 1/4 teaspoon salt to 1 cup warm water.
- (2) Use zinc lozenges.
- (3) Use a water vaporizer, especially at night.
- (4) Apply a hot compress to the throat.



For a cough:

- (1) Drink hot peppermint or ginger tea with a teaspoon of honey.
- (2) Honey mixed with fresh lemon juice can also soothe a cough, but use sparingly.
- (3) Use a water vaporizer with eucalyptus essence.
- (4) Apply a hot chest pack.

Take an Acidophilus preparation. This may help fight off viral and

bacterial infections by ensuring an abundance of beneficial bacteria in the bowel.

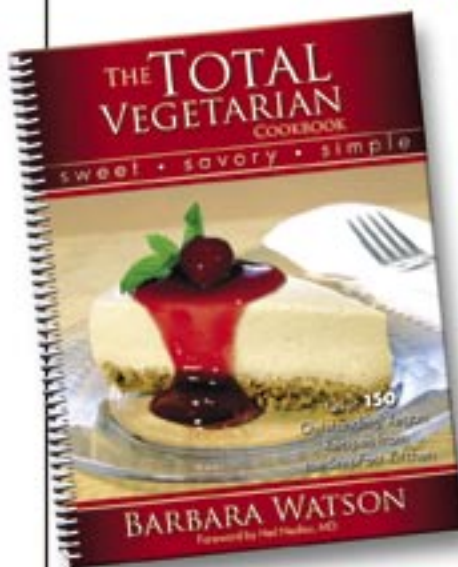
Reduce stress. Avoid dwelling on how bad you feel or how much you're missing. Read light and uplifting material or listen to soothing music. According to research done at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, the more positive your attitude, the less severe your symptoms may be.

If symptoms are severe, see a physician. Severe symptoms include a fever above 104° F or one of 102° F that lasts more than a day, severe or persistent sore throat, ear pain, stiff neck, wet chest sounds, colored mucus or sputum, a cough that lingers more than a week after other symptoms have cleared, etc. These symptoms may indicate a more serious illness.

Avoid spreading the infection to others. Stay home and use disposable tissue to cover coughs and sneezes and for blowing your nose. Don't prepare food for others, or sit or stand close to others, and wash your hands frequently.

When you start feeling better, don't shift back into full gear. This usually results in a relapse. Make a gradual transition to normal activity.

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