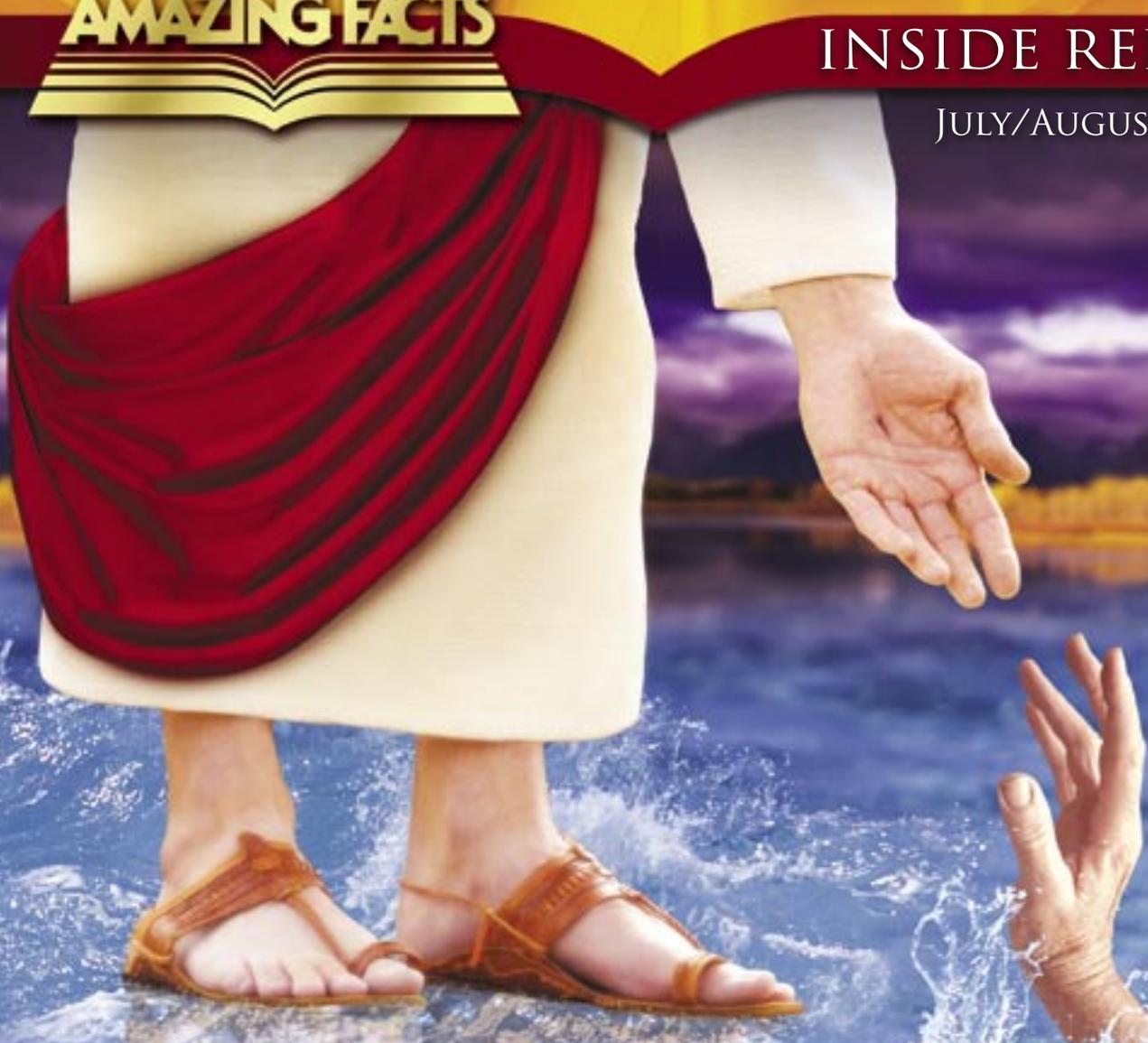


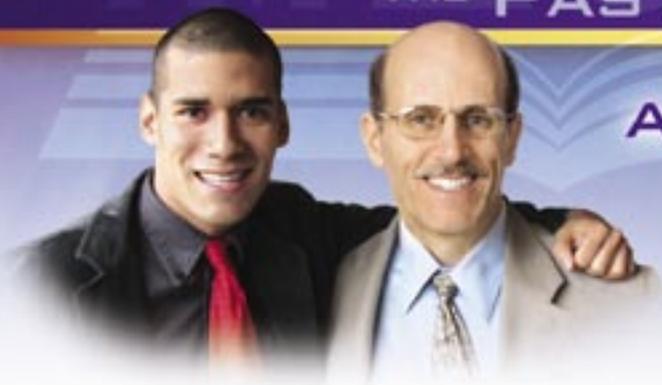
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Ministry



AN AFCOE LEGACY

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

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Cassano Luque loved evangelism. In fact, like me, Cass, as he liked to be called, seemed to have a *burden* for evangelism. His friends always found him talking to someone about the Bible. He even reached his own mom and brother for the Lord. But he also wanted to become a better witness, which is why he was thrilled to attend our Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) this past spring.

However, I'm saddened to report that Cass passed away last May from brain cancer, before he could graduate. It devastated his AFCOE classmates. But even so, there is joy to be found even in his last remaining days.

Why? During Cass' time in the hospital, he began to visit with one of his nurses who was a confirmed atheist. Even as his condition weighed on him, he still reached out to her with the gospel. And after she listened, and watched him deal heroically with pain and uncertainty, she said, "Because of your faith, I believe."

Here's an amazing fact: Did you know that you are genuinely connected to Cass? You are, because he was won to the Lord through Amazing Facts television programs and literature. And because you gave, not only was Cass' mother and brother saved, but a hospital nurse also found the path to the kingdom. It really is a miracle of ministry.

You might be surprised at how often this happens. On our staff and in our AFCOE classes are many who found the Bible truth through Amazing Facts and have become, in turn, a powerful part of the great commission.

I believe Cass leaves an important legacy. We are all part of the same team, and to be our most effective, Amazing Facts needs your willingness to share truth as much as we need your financial support to keep our work going. When you share a ministry pocket book or point people to our websites, you do evangelism and help grow our outreach exponentially.

I know many loving Christians feel ill-prepared to share the last-day message with others, especially those we care about most—whether it's a co-worker, neighbor, or even a family member.

But a little training and encouragement can make all the difference. "One worker who has been trained and educated for the work, who is controlled by the Spirit of Christ, will accomplish far more than ten laborers who go out deficient in knowledge, and weak in the faith" (*Evangelism*, p. 109).

That's why we established AFCOE. Whether you want to reach out as part of a church program or simply in your own sphere of influence, we can help you be a powerful part of the great commission. How much can it really help you? Many

of our graduates have gone on to become Bible workers and pastors around the nation, overseas missionaries, and even become Amazing Facts evangelists!

Of course, you don't have to become a professional evangelist. If all you want to do is reach that lost close friend or call your fellow Christians to God's Sabbath, AFCOE can help you develop the confidence to share Bible truth in a winsome, loving, and Bible-based manner. You will find the courage and knowledge to stand for truth and lead souls to baptism. Our



program is so effective that churches around the world send their pastors and evangelists for training.

And now we have more than one training option. You can come to our four-month course, where you will take part in an actual evangelistic series—or you can take advantage of our new weekend AFCOE-to-Go program. Either way, you will get incredible training that will sustain your outreach for a lifetime.

I hope and pray that you will seek out our ad on page 23 for more information and contact us today if God is calling you to prepare your heart and mind for evangelism.

Finally, it's a fact that evangelism is front and center at Amazing Facts, as it was in Cass' life. That's why we have dedicated this *Inside Report* to showing how you and this ministry can team up more effectively to share the three angels' messages. Cass did it and changed lives—just imagine what God will do for you if you commit to the great commission too. 

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A Worldwide Blessing

I'm an evangelist in South Africa, and I just want to thank you for the *Final Events* DVDs that are being distributed in my country. So far I've shown it to more than 300 students in a college where I'm working as a chaplain, and I have forwarded the DVDs to the multitudes. God bless you and let Him multiply your blessing. Many young people have been so blessed by this presentation! *South Africa*



Sharing the Blessings

It is because someone gave me three tapes of Pastor Doug that I was baptized, and now I am forever grateful for his passion and knowledge and for what the Master's touch can accomplish! About 9 years ago, I watched Pastor Doug preach about the state of the dead and the fact that there is no eternal burning in hell. He has an inspired way of showing God's truth compared to all the error out there. I was a drug addict, but I have watched as myself and several old friends have changed from their drug use and began following Jesus! I learned so much truth that while I shared it, others were brought to our Lord also. I also have purchased the *Hidden Truth* magazine to give out, and many saw truth there too! God is so good! *California*



Never-Ending Source of Inspiration

This is the third time that I have done the Amazing Facts Bible studies, and I have found them to be very enlightening. I am going through them this time online and printing them and putting them in a binder to keep for future reference. I really enjoy doing them online, where I can watch and listen to your lectures. *Indiana*

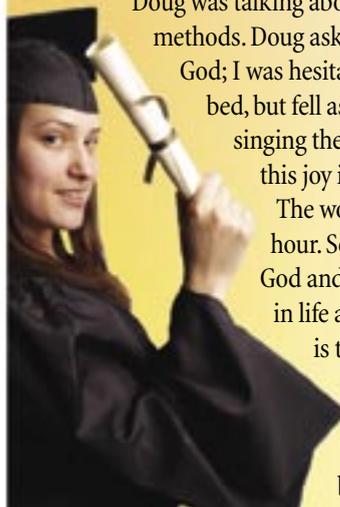


Sharing the News

I have been watching the sermon "The Mark of the Beast" online in England this morning. It is fantastic! I already know a lot about Revelation ... but this has been an even deeper revelation confirming what I have gathered from it. I will be showing this around to my brothers and sisters, so please don't delete it! *England*

A 'Feel Good' Story

Yesterday, I found out that I received two bad grades in two of the most important courses I was taking this past semester. Though I am graduating, the news really affected me, and I felt very depressed and even angry at myself. I had trouble sleeping or even getting up this morning. I turned on the Hope Channel and Amazing Facts' *Everlasting Gospel* was on. Pastor



Doug was talking about how Jesus used to heal the young and old by various methods. Doug asked if people believed in the supernatural healing power of God; I was hesitant to answer yes. I listened to the whole message while in bed, but fell asleep five minutes before the end. When I got up, they were singing the closing song. However, I felt different; I felt stronger. I had this joy in me that I had no idea where it came from. The worries of the bad grades are gone in just one hour. So I wanted to reassure you of the power of God and His mercy toward us. One of the nice things in life about the work that Amazing Facts is doing is that a sermon preached at one time can be a blessing years after. Thank you very much for letting the Lord uses you to do His marvelous work. Truly His blessings will be at your disposal. *New York*



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The Miracle of Ministry

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR



I once heard an old pastor say, “People usually live about as long as they feel they’re needed.”

That might be a broad and speculative generalization, but it does encapsulate a principle I have often observed in this world. I read somewhere that people die twice as fast in the first year after the demise of their spouse. The wife of Louis Armstrong, the famous jazz musician, had a heart attack and died while singing at her husband’s funeral. Likewise, many people spend their golden years caring for their ailing partner. When their loved one dies, the survivor’s health often quickly deteriorates if they find no other useful purpose.

Perceptive people who are eligible for retirement often say, “If I stop working, I will die.” We have all heard of the person who retires anticipating many years of idle ease, but because they have abandoned any fruitful goal, within a year their friends have gathered over their casket to inaugurate their ultimate undertaking of idleness.

This reminds me of a Scripture passage: “And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto

him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (Luke 12:19, 20).

So maybe that old pastor’s philosophy bears some spiritual truth after all: God seems to be inclined to keep people around longer when they are busy. Even more than that, after Dorcas died, her friends gave Peter evidence of how industrious she was, and then the apostle resurrected her.

Power With a Purpose

God designed man for productive activity, and the best of all occupations is to help and serve our fellow man. This was Jesus’ creed, and the Father endorsed His ministry with spiritual power for doing it.

Acts 10:38 teaches, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” As God sent Jesus, so He sends us. (See John 20:21.) And it is safe to conclude that as He empowered Christ for His work, He will empower His followers for ministry.

Notice how many times in Scripture that the promise for supernatural power is directly connected with active ministry. “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. . . . And



as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:1, 7, 8).

And in Matthew 28:18, 19, we learn, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Put simply, God anoints the ones He appoints. “But *ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me* both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8, emphasis added).

God Calls Doers

The power of the Spirit is not only given for witnessing—but it is especially reserved to the ones who are witnesses. And God always seems to call people of activity. Moses was tending sheep, Elijah was farming, and Peter was fishing. Gideon was busy threshing wheat, and Ruth was gleaning barley. Amos was gathering sycamore fruit, and Saul was busy searching for his father’s lost beasts. Nehemiah was serving as a royal butler, and Jesus came walking to the disciples on the stormy sea when they were rowing their hearts out. (See John 6:18 – 20.)

And those God calls, He qualifies. Those He qualifies,

He uses. And yes, God calls men and women when they are busy. Have you ever heard the expression, “If you want to get something done, ask a busy person”? Conversely, Satan knocks on people’s door when they are idle. David fell for Bathsheba during a time of leisure at the palace, when he should have been out with his soldiers on the field of battle.

The sin of Sodom was brought on by an “abundance of idleness” (Ezekiel 16:49). Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Activity is contagious.” Christian happiness consists of activity. It’s a running stream, not a stagnant pool. But at the same time, with the high-tech era we live in, it’s easy to confuse activity with accomplishment, to be fooled into thinking that the sound of gears and pulleys or a humming hard drive is the sound of something important being done.

Ministry Instigates Miracles

There is no question about it: God regards the ministry of saving others as the noblest enterprise. “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30). And the Lord will pour His power on and work His wonders for those who endeavor to do this great work.

Notice this simple but profound pattern: The majority of God’s miracles are connected with ministry. The first disciple to experience being beamed from one place to another was giving a Bible study and baptizing believers. “And when they were



come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:39).

Paul was preaching when he raised Eutychus, blinded the sorcerer, and delivered a girl from demons. God miraculously delivered Peter, Paul, Silas, and the 12 apostles from prison when they were actively preaching and teaching the truth.

Of course, most of the miracles in the Old Testament were seen on the battlefield, with Samson, David, Gideon, and Jonathan. Likewise, if we are willing to don the armor of God and fight His battles, we too will experience the marvelous workings of His Spirit. It’s when we are engaged in feeding the multitude with the Bread of Life that He will multiply the bread.

Some are so fearful that they will do something wrong in witnessing, they instead do nothing very well or at all. But I have consistently observed that those who humbly commit their gifts to God and step out in faith will win tremendous victories.

Ministry Is Part of the Saving Process

Some have also thought they would gladly work for God, if only *they felt holy enough*. It’s true that dirt clings to a rusty shovel, making the work more difficult, but the best way to clean a shovel is to just start digging with it again.

Might I also suggest that ministry is part of our sanctification process? After three-and-a-half years of following Jesus, we still find selfish strife among the apostles. They were obviously still not completely converted or sanctified. Jesus confirmed this when He said to Peter, “But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren” (Luke 22:32).

In one 24-hour period before the cross, the 12 apostles demonstrated abundant room for progress. They were arguing among themselves and vying for the highest position, bewildered and confused by Christ’s teaching, and sleeping when Jesus said they should be praying. They even forsook Jesus when the mob came, with Peter of course denying Jesus publicly three times—the third time with swearing and cursing.

Yet a few months before this, Jesus sent out the 12, and later the 70, to preach, with outstanding results. “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name” (Luke 10:17).

Active ministry is clearly part of the conversion process, as surely as exercise is part of a child’s growing process. Remember, the 10 lepers were cleansed while in motion. “And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed” (Luke 17:14).



The Cure for Ailing Congregations

This dynamic not only holds true for people—but churches too. Those congregations that exist as an exclusive social gathering for their own amusement and gazing, hypnotized by their own reflection, atrophy and die. In fact, one of the best chicken-soup remedies for just about any and all ills a church might experience is to do evangelism.

Short on funds? Do evangelism! When Peter needed money, Jesus sent him fishing. “Go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee” (Matthew 17:27). If you fish for men every now and then, you will find one with gold in its mouth.

Are the members lacking in zeal and enthusiasm? Do evangelism! A good evangelistic series will not only attract new souls, but it is the best way to awaken and revitalize the existing sheep. Is your church bogged down in a quagmire of doctrinal confusion, scandal, or family feuds? Do evangelism! A sound series of evangelistic seminars will work wonders to harvest new wheat into the garner and help the existing members put aside their differences and recalibrate their compass of truth.

Mechanical equipment that sits idle quickly deteriorates and requires more maintenance. It is impossible to stay up on a stationary bicycle or turn a sailboat on a windless sea. Likewise, churches that neglect the great commission and

lose their evangelistic momentum are consumed by internal problems. As they say, “A mobile home seldom gets termites.”

Do you doubt this principle? I recommend a simple test: Ask God to lead you to someone today, before whom you can be His witness. Ask Him to help you recognize the opportunity when it comes, do your part, and then stand back and watch what He does! He has never failed to answer that prayer for me.

One time, about 25 years ago, shortly after becoming a Christian, I was living like a hermit in a cave, high in some remote desert mountains. I sincerely prayed that God would use me as a witness for His kingdom, having no idea how God would accomplish this feat for such an isolated recluse. Within a week, a helicopter with a news crew from NBC flew up to my cave, and I was able to share a brief testimony on national news. They played it three times in one day!

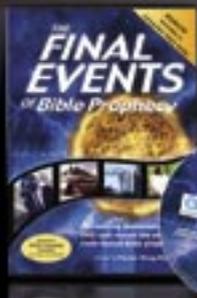
God is watching and waiting for opportunities to activate His power and commission angels on behalf of those who will do His bidding and work in the great commission! One of my favorite scriptures promises, “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro ... to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV).

God is looking for willing workers. He’s looking to recruit you. Get busy now doing whatever work you find close at hand, no matter how humble or seemingly insignificant. Then pray, “Here am I, send me” and just watch what He does! 



Witnessing WITH AMAZING FACTS Literature

The Amazing Facts product catalog features incredible tools you can use to easily witness to anybody. Here are some of our staff's favorite resources and how you can use them to reach another soul for Jesus. See pages 16 to 19 for even more great resources at affordable and even awesome bulk prices.



Douglas Garcia, media dept., recommends *Final Events*.

"In many cases, those who will reject a witnessing book will often much more likely be intrigued by the presentation found in this DVD. It's been used effectively to start Bible studies and begin prophecy discussions in group settings and is a great opening wedge to engage coworkers and family members in Bible-related issues. Carry them in your car everywhere you go!"



Cyndee Holm, correspondence, recommends *Broken Chains*.



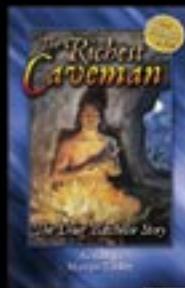
"We hear from so many people who are hurting and broken, very unsure about whether God loves and cares for them. Many of them think they've committed the unpardonable sin and are condemned forever. That's why the message of this book is so reassuring. God's grace is high enough, wide enough, and deep enough to forgive, and His love can break the chains of our carnal nature that keep us in bondage to the evil one. In addition to the grace that assures us of sin forgiven, the message of hope comes through on every page."



Shirley Givens, receptionist, recommends *Panorama of Prophecy*.



"At Christmas time, my husband and I put a POP CD, a little gift like a Bible bookmark, and a personal note in a little cellophane bag like you use for kid's party favors. We tie a ribbon around the top and pass them out to everyone on our block in our neighborhood. We had a great time going door to door and giving them away."



Bonnie Ensminger, secretary, recommends *The Richest Caveman*.

"The Richest Caveman has been a great resource for witnessing around the world. The story of how God turned a cave-dwelling hermit into an international speaker will give hope to anyone who reads it. Share this book with a special friend who needs encouragement that Jesus cares for them, but tell them to give themselves enough time, because they will not be able to put it down!"





FROM **Crime** TO **Evangelism**

AMAZING FACTS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Wesley readily describes his old life as “one of riotous living,” full of drugs and petty crime. However, his dangerous lifestyle soon created an air of such suspicion around him that when police were investigating some very serious crimes in his neighbourhood, they brought him in for questioning. And although he had been raised a Christian, his notorious reputation even got him a rejection notice from a Bible college.

Those traumatic experiences brought him to the realization that only God could save him from a life that was now completely out of control. Wesley says, “I got to the point where I cried to God for weeks. Then one day I was listening to the radio online and found Amazing Facts.”

A New Amazing Message

As he started listening to the programs, he also began studying his Bible intently with the same biblical focus of what he was hearing. What caught his attention especially was the information he’d never heard before about death, hellfire, and the truth of the Sabbath.

He soon realized that he wasn’t hearing just one man’s spin on the Word of God. Rather, everything he was hearing was strictly from the Bible. “And the more I listened,” he explains, “the more I studied. Looking back, I may have really wanted to find some fault in something that was being said. But that gradually changed as I prayed that God would let me discern truth from error.”

Not long after, Wesley began taking the *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons. And soon after completing those, he tackled the Amazing Facts Study Guides, hungry for more knowledge straight from God’s Word. For him, these Amazing Facts’ resources were “heaven sent.”

By God’s grace and through much prayer and study, Wesley’s life changed completely and he accepted Jesus as his Savior. He also knows that Amazing Facts was a big part of what led to his baptism, and he now considers himself to be an avid member

of the ministry. “There are an enormous amount of things I have learned by listening to Amazing Facts. I have no doubt whatsoever that those days of me crying out to the Lord were answered. God heard me and answered my prayers!”

A Life Completely Changed

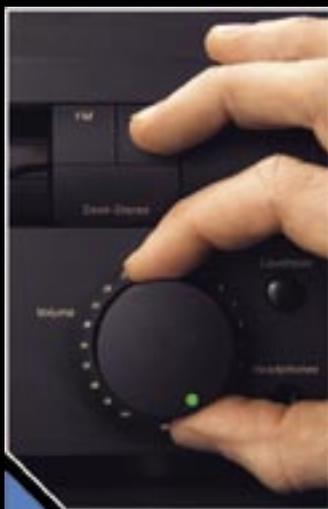
One of the most important things Wesley has learned from Amazing Facts is how important it is for God’s people to reach out to others with the same transforming light. He says, “The ministry taught that the sharing of the Word helps us to remember God’s will and to be more proficient on His behalf.”

He’s turned that new conviction for evangelism into something more—reaching out to his family and others with the lessons that ended up changing his life. Today, he subscribes to our online newsletters, watches *Central Study Hour*, and the *Everlasting Gospel*, all online. He explains, “I always pray for the Holy Spirit to allow me to be a part of the great commission, any part of it, big or small, just as long as I’m involved and not idle.” Amazing Facts’ resources and media proclaiming Christ

is allowing many of our ministry friends to do just that on whatever level they are able.

“The work that God has given each of us is truly valuable,” he adds. “Not long ago, I listened to Doug preach on Matthew 20 on *Central Study Hour*. He was talking about the workers in the vineyard who had more work to do, but time simply ran out.” This powerful message should be motivating all Christians to reach out to anyone who will listen, before time runs out on them.

And time is running out. Explains Wesley, “I realize that the devil is waging his attack on Amazing Facts because of how God is using you through the working of His Holy Spirit. I hope and pray that God will give you all the strength to carry on the race—that He will continue to bless you and that many more people will be reached through your ministry.”



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Bible School



For the past 40 years, our Study Guides have been a very successful outreach tool in both church outreach efforts and for individual witnessing, reaching countless seeking souls and reviving inactive church members. Our vibrant Bible School department is still one of our most exciting ministries today – and is an awesome resource that you can use to reach anyone you know for Jesus.

Carolyn Moxley, Bible School director, recommends Amazing Facts' enrollment cards.



"I think of enrollment cards as seeds being planted for God and watered by Him. As you distribute enrollment cards, God will lead people to enroll and study truth for themselves. Our students have joined our program after finding our eye-catching enrollment cards in the trash, on the ground, at a bus stop, on a park bench, at rest areas along the highway, at public laundry facilities, in business offices, and bulletin boards. God's providential leading is seen over and over again. You never know where the cards will go or who will find them, so I encourage you to distribute them like the leaves of autumn and then pray for a harvest of souls for the kingdom!"



How can you use these cards to reach the lost and searching?

1. Distribute the enrollment cards door to door in your community. It is best to make contact with a family member and personally offer the free Bible course to them. If no one is home, the cards can be left in the door or where they may be easily seen when the family returns. (A word of caution: It is illegal to place the cards in a postal box or to attach the card to the box in any way.)



2. The cards can be left at local laundromats, grocery stores, and with permission, doctor's offices or local businesses. A simple sign or note could be made to encourage others to enroll in the free Bible correspondence course too!

3. Ask your church to sponsor a mailing of these great cards to ZIP codes in your area. Since the card is small, it can also be inserted in a local paper or flyer to be mailed. Check with your local newspaper for more information about costs and procedures.

4. Enrollment cards can also be included in envelopes with your monthly bills or in letters to your friends and family.

Sarah Brandauer, in the Bible School, adds, "Bible enrollment cards offer both the mail-based course and the online course ... but some of the advantages of the online course are video presentations by Pastor Doug to go along with each lesson and more than 35 pocket books available to read and print out. Each course also features a personal online assistant to answer questions and offer encouragement and prayer. But don't hesitate to advertise the course by word of mouth and through an email. A personal invitation from a friend is always the most effective!"



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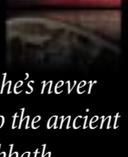
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BIBLE Answers

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In Matthew 5:48, Jesus says, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” What does He mean?

This is a really big question for the brief answer that this space affords, but the subject of Christian perfection has often divided the church and can sometimes, ironically, stir Christians into behaving very imperfectly—so I feel it is important to address it at some level.

When some read this verse, they see Jesus asking us to be some sort of stainless-steel, sterile, angelic “android,” but perhaps we all should look a little more closely at the original language for a better and more full understanding.

In the New Testament, the word “perfect” appears 42 times in the King James Version, and is usually translated from the Greek *teleios*, which means, “complete in labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc. of full age” (Strong’s).

Here are a few other Bible passages in which *teleios* is used:

- John 17:23 — “I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made *perfect* in one.”
- Philippians 3:15 — “Let us therefore, as many as be *perfect*, be thus minded.”
- James 3:2: — “If any man offend not in word, the same is a *perfect* man.”

In the Old Testament, the word “perfect” is found about 57 times, again in the King James Version. It’s usually translated from the Hebrew word *tamiym*, meaning “entire, integrity, truth, without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely, sound, without spot, undefiled, upright, whole” (Strong’s).

Some Bible texts that include *tamiym* are:

- Genesis 6:9 — “Noah was a just man and *perfect* in his generations.”
- Genesis 17:1 — “I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou *perfect*.”
- Deuteronomy 18:13 — “Thou shalt be *perfect* with the LORD thy God.”
- Job 2:3 — “Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a *perfect* and an upright man?”

So does Jesus want us to be perfect? Yes, because for a holy God to want anything less would be an endorsement of sin. Moreover, a Christian is also a follower of Jesus, who gave us a perfect example to live by. “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). Christians are invited to be imitators of this perfect Savior.

But we all realize that no sane Christian feels worthy to actually claim perfection. The apostle Paul said, “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me” (Philippians 3:12 NKJV). So what are we supposed to think about Matthew 5:48?

Let’s look at how Luke 6:36 words a similar statement from Jesus. “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful,” implying that God is looking for a perfection or “completeness” of character regarding mercy or love (NKJV). Jesus wants us to love like the Father loves!

But whatever the ultimate essence of this perfection, it must be possible for us to possess it—else it wouldn’t be fair to command. I personally will be satisfied if I can have the experience of Moses, Enoch, or Elijah, because they made it to the place where I want to be.

It’s also much safer to aim too high in holiness than to be satisfied compromising with a lower standard. I like the way Dr. A.J. Gordon says it: “We gravely fear that many Christians make the Apostle’s word, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,” the unconscious justification for a low standard of Christian living. It were almost better for one to overstate the possibilities of sanctification in his eager grasp after holiness, than to understate them in his complacent satisfaction with a traditional unholiness. ... If we regard the doctrine of sinless perfection as a heresy, we regard contentment with sinful imperfection as a greater heresy.”

Ultimately, the Lord is looking for a people who will obey Him consistently. That’s why the Lord told Moses, “Oh, that they had such an heart in them that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!” (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Notice also the Lord is asking for us to keep each of His commandments always, not to make us miserable, but for the ultimate happiness of us and our children! Following Him is an opportunity, not a burden. God wants our consistent submission

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to His will because that is what is best for us in the long run. As King Darius said to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you" (Daniel 6:16 NKJV).

So what is Christian perfection? It's when we come to the place in our walk with God where we are consistently willing to lay aside our will in preference for God's will. It's when we love the Lord so much that we would rather go to a fiery furnace or lion's den than knowingly disobey Him.

In other words, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself."

Q **What is the best way to reach someone with the good news?**

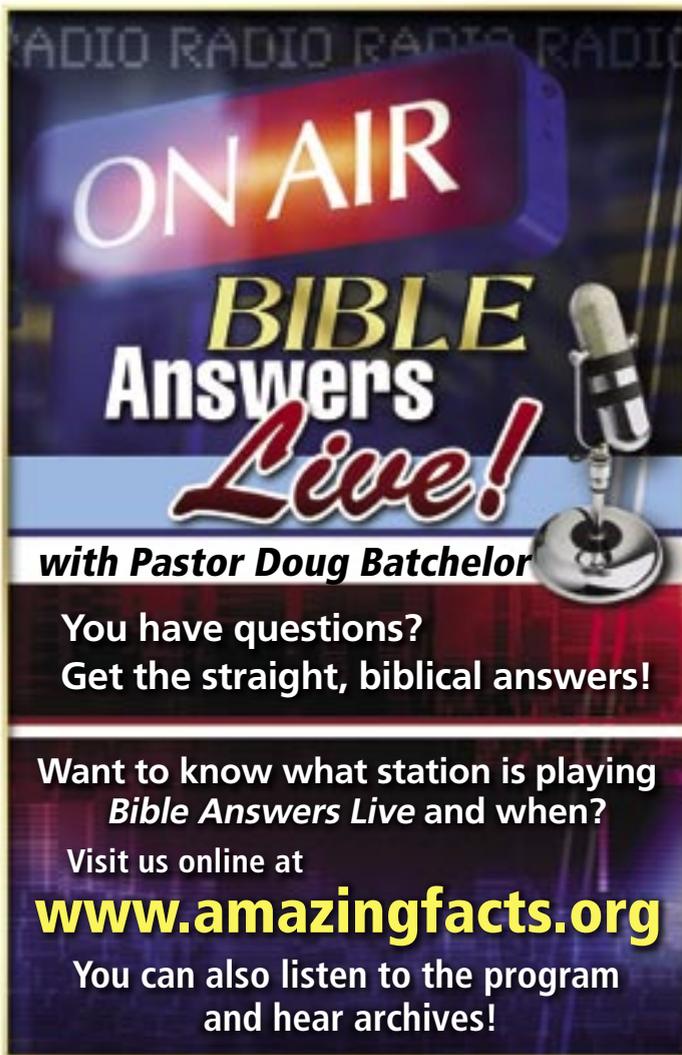
A In my experience, there are really just three primary ways we reach others. They can be summarized in three simple words: pray, practice, and present. Let me explain each briefly.

First pray. Sometimes people think of prayer as a last resort, like a little hammer that is used to break the glass and pull the fire alarm in case of an emergency. "Well," they determine, "I guess there's nothing left to do but pray." Prayer should be the first spring rain that moistens every seed of effort to reach someone for Christ. Depending on how strong Satan's hold is on the individual, you may even want to fast and pray. (See Matthew 17:21). If you are not sure who to witness to, start by praying that God would give you opportunities and help you recognize existing opportunities to share what He has done for you.

Next is practice. All that we say about the truth should be reflected in our lives. Many times people will read our walk before they hear our talk or read our Bible studies. Our personal witness and example will go a long way in touching hearts and preparing them to hear what we say. As it has often been repeated, "People generally do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care." Winning people's trust and confidence by genuine concern and friendship is definitely a powerful way to witness. It really was the first way Jesus reached so many people. If they see Christ exemplified in our lives and conduct, it will do much to attract them to the third point. "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV).

Present the truth. This can be done by giving a verbal Bible study or sermon or sharing literature. If a person is open to information, simply present the truth to him. It's also good to determine what kind of bait to which your fish are attracted. If they are couch potatoes, give them a set of prophetic videos they can watch on their TV. If they are more gregarious, invite them to a group Bible study. If they are computer savvy, you can direct them to one of the

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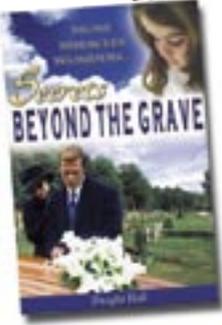
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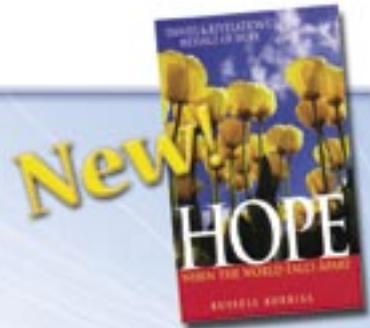
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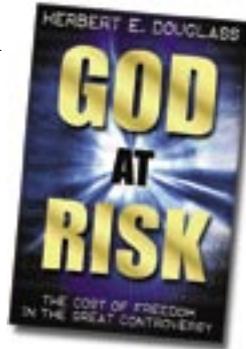


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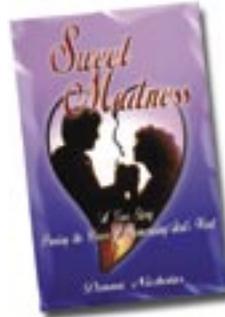
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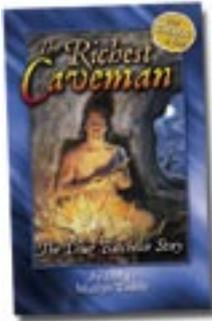
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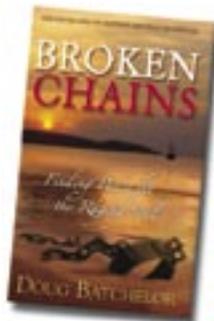


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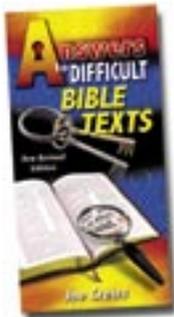
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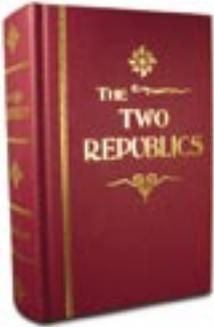
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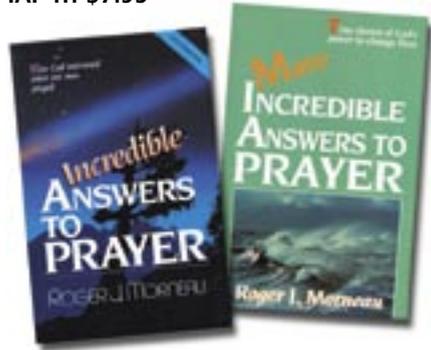
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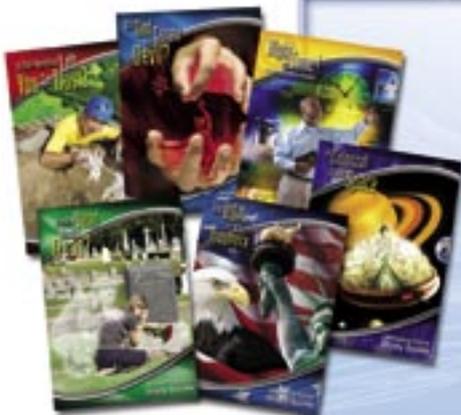
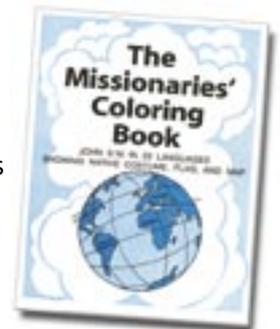
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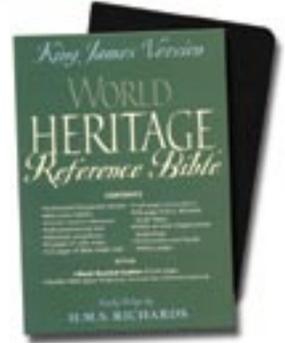
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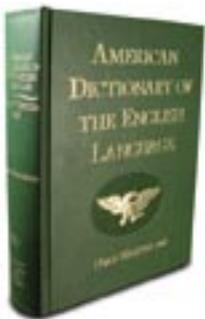
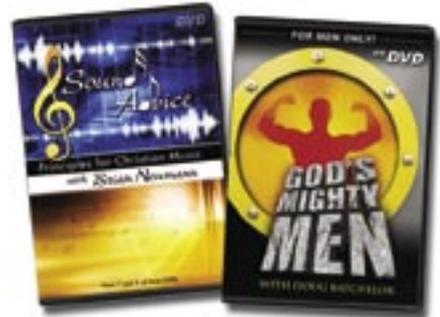
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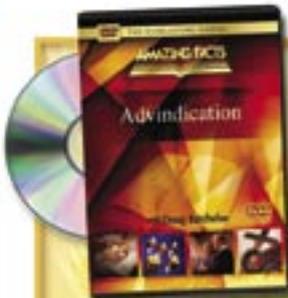
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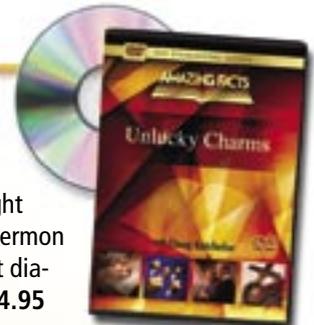
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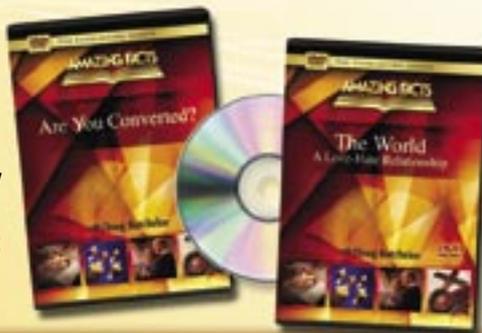
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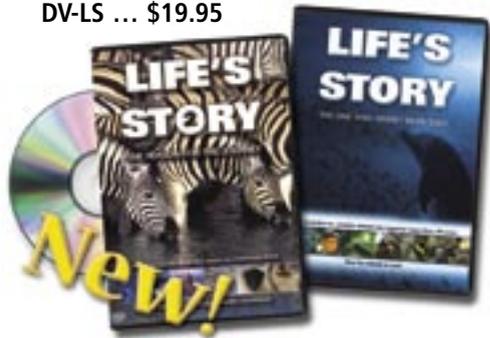
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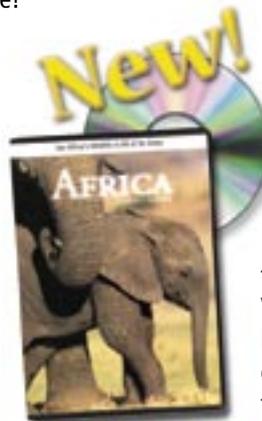
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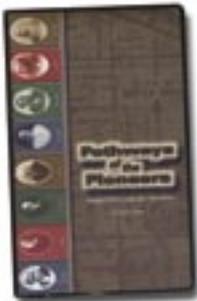
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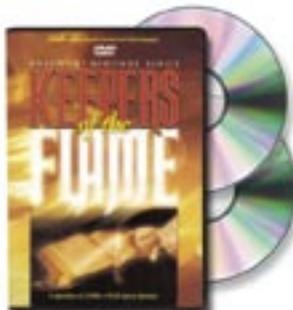
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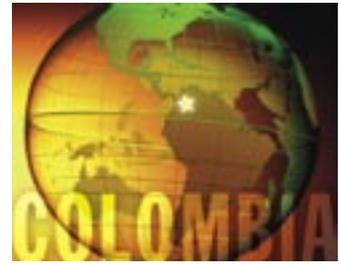
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A team of experts has completed translation of our Study Guide course into Romanian and German, which are now available online. They have also made steady progress on pocket books, many of which are featured in our free online library. And more languages, like Swedish, are on the way — making it possible for Amazing Facts to reach more people than ever!

Final Events International Blitz



Did you know that we have mailed 116,000 *Final Events* DVDs to New Zealand? Several New Zealand Christians have raised funds for an exciting large-scale distribution of *Final Events* DVDs, which will target northern rural areas in their country. The challenge was for Amazing Facts to devise an inexpensive system that would enable these friends to get as many DVDs as possible with the money they raised.

The solution: Instead of using the normal DVD casing, we're using tiny cardboard sleeves that are as colorful as the regular case. We also printed the local New Zealand Bible study program contact information on the sleeve, so viewers can follow up on what they learned in the video. This exciting effort will reach nearly 400,000 seeking souls, and similar projects are occurring in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Special Opportunity for Your IRA

It's now easier to donate money from your IRA to Amazing Facts. But there is only a small window of opportunity to make this tax-wise gift! In 2007, a person 70-1/2 years or older can take a tax-free withdrawal from their IRA! If the withdrawal is donated directly to a charity, it is excluded from your income. Special conditions apply, so please contact our estate planning specialists at 1-800-436-2695 for more information.

Join the Team! Volunteer ... From Home!



Our website generates a ton of Bible questions that our correspondence team works hard to answer. We have a group of volunteers who dedicate an hour a week—and up to 40 a week—connecting to souls with the answers and encouragement they need. We are now looking for more volunteers who can work in their own home and in their own time. Are you interested? Email Michelle Stanhope at michelles@amazingfacts.org or call 916-434-3880, ext. 3061.

Project Opportunities

Building His Kingdom Together

Project: Here We Stand – '07 Revival

Many Christians and churches in America are losing their spiritual vitality by compromising their faith with the temptations of the world. But Pastor Doug and Amazing Facts are taking a stand to counter this dangerous trend by presenting a powerful 10-day satellite revival series that will be an excellent opportunity to reclaim former or inactive members

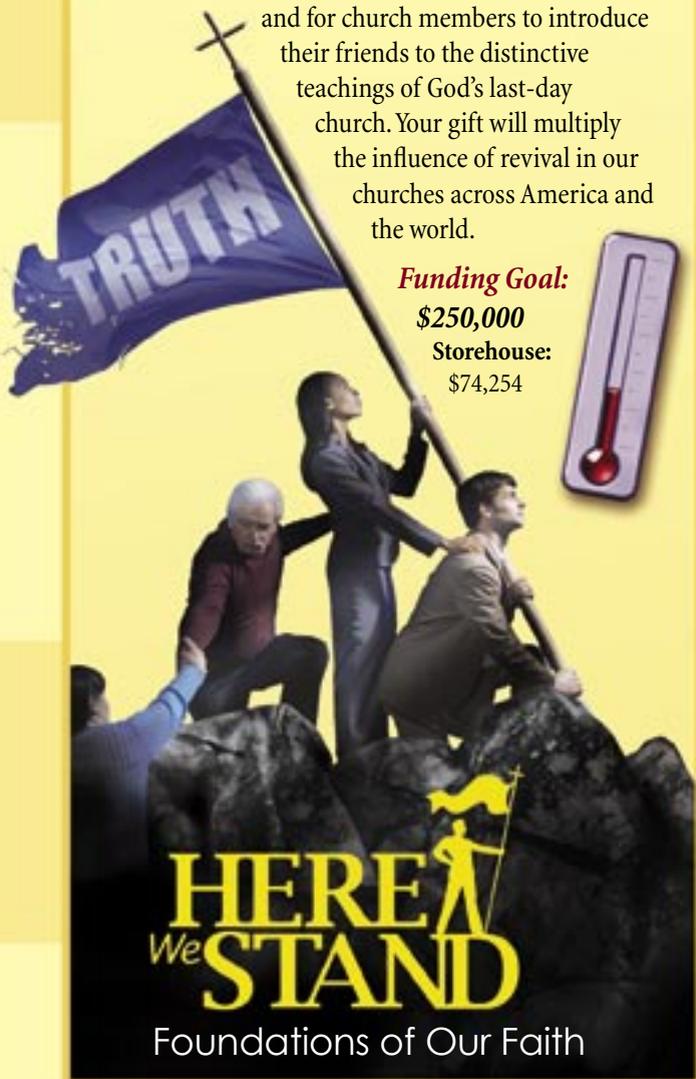
and for church members to introduce their friends to the distinctive teachings of God's last-day church. Your gift will multiply the influence of revival in our churches across America and the world.

Funding Goal:

\$250,000

Storehouse:

\$74,254



Project: Great Controversy DVD

Amazing Facts is producing a thrilling documentary based on the classic *The Great Controversy*. We need to raise funds to help inform millions about God's incredible master plan of redemption for the human race. It's a great way to share the remnant church's message before the return of our Lord! It's the perfect evangelism tool!

Funding Goal: \$1,500,000

Storehouse: \$669,576

Project: China Outreach

If you could reach more than a billion people for Jesus, would you step out in faith to do it? That's the door of opportunity that God has opened to Amazing Facts in the beautiful but spiritually dark nation of China. Amazing Facts is preparing to reach China with a sophisticated outreach using websites, literature, and more in a nation where sharing the gospel is forbidden. But we need your help to do it!

Funding Goal: \$300,000

Storehouse: \$49,136



More Ways to Support God's End-Time Work



- You can now further the gospel through even more giving options! Do you have a non-cash gift you would like to donate to help reach souls lost in darkness?



- Amazing Facts gladly accepts vehicles, stocks, mutual fund shares, and real estate that we can convert into soul-winning resources.



- Call us at 1-800-436-2695, ext. 3029, and we'll assist you with the paperwork and how you can benefit with the best possible tax deduction.

THE AMAZING FACTS Evangelism TEAM



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

You are invited to meet the members of our dynamic evangelism team at our many seminars and revivals throughout the year—and please invite a friend! Go to www.amazingfacts.org to get exact times and locations!

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

Doug Batchelor

September 7 – 15
Here We Stand: '07 Revival
Lansing, Michigan
See back page for details.

Emanuel Baek

July 27 – September 1
Milwaukee NW Church
7711 West Lusher
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Darrin Bartell

July 20 – August 25
Clarksville, Arkansas
Call 916.434.3880 for details.

Byron Corbett

September 7 – October 13
Greely, Colorado
Call 916.434.3880 for details.

Eric Flickinger

July 20 – August 25
Church Auditorium
10131 - 111th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

September 7 – October 13
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Call 504.755.1629 for details.

Lowell Hargreaves

October 19 – November 24
Church Auditorium
2509 Roxie Road
Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Brian McMahon

October 20 – November 24
Church Auditorium
1633 North Central Avenue
Ceres, California

Jason Morgan

September 7 – October 13
Hermiston, Oregon
Call 541.567.8241 for details.

Jack Pefley

September 4 – October 7
Church Auditorium
6475 West Port Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana

Adam Ramdin

July 20 – August 25
Church Auditorium
1537 Country Club Road
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Jason Sliger

July 20 – August 25
Thousand Oak, California
Call 805-373-0320 for details.

Dennis Priebe (Revivalist)

August 4 (Revival)
Inchelium Church, WA
Call 509.722.3096 for details.

August 10, 11 (Revival)
Onalaska Church, WA
Call 828.245.3802 for details.

Dennis Priebe (continued)

August 17, 18 (Revival)
Raymond Willapa Harbor
Church, Washington
Call 434.685.1336 for details.



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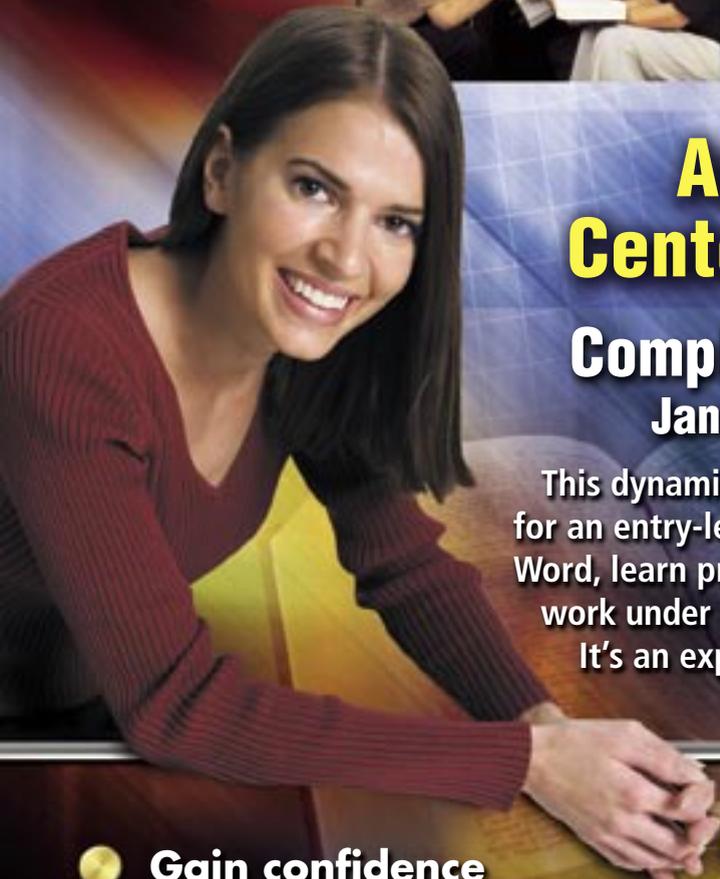
Upcoming Meeting Locations



Symbols with a black circle are detailed above. Symbols without it will be detailed in upcoming magazines as the dates draw closer. Check our website for more information, as not all locations are marked.

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Are we doing a disservice... **and more**

people about Jesus when
God winks at our ignorance?

BIBLE Answers

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many Amazing Facts websites containing Bible studies and truth.

Even though I have presented three primary avenues that work best together, God is not limited to just one method. He will use each individual's spiritual gifts in unique ways. Some are timid about verbally approaching others, but they are mighty prayer warriors. Others are bold to publicly share their faith like evangelists. Still others by their good deeds of mercy and charity have a powerful personal witness. I would encourage you to take the time to evaluate your own talents and ask for God's leading in how you can witness more effectively.

Just keep in mind, though, you should not be motivated by guilt. Sharing God's love will come as a result of being inspired by all He has done for us. Witnessing is not something we do *in order* to be saved, but is a natural outcome of being saved and responding to God's promptings. One does not have to be able to give great theological discourses in order to be a Christian.

It is amazing what God can do with simple, humble instruments. Here is a quote of encouragement for you today. One of my favorite writers put it best when she wrote, "There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God." (*Christian Service*, p. 254).

Our catalog has some materials that are helpful in witnessing. Whether you use our books or some other ministry's, I encourage you to get yourself acquainted with all the resources out there. In addition, you might

consider getting some special soul-winning training. Often, pastors or conferences will offer special seminars for this very purpose. Here at Amazing Facts, we have a school of evangelism that is a very exciting program for teaching the basics of effective witnessing. Go to our website and check it out.



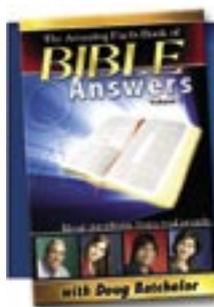
Are we doing a disservice by telling people about Jesus when the Bible says God winks at our ignorance?

We have to balance the concept of God "winking at man's ignorance" with the command of the great commission in Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The gospel is "good news," and we can never selfishly keep that to ourselves. The knowledge and experience that has transformed our lives needs to be shared, and everyone needs to be presented with the possibility and privilege of a fuller and deeper spiritual life. Whether or not they accept what we share as good news is not our responsibility. So you don't need to feel guilty for sharing what you know, as long as you are sharing it in a loving spirit, and leaving the person free to make their own decision without forceful pressure.

The spirit in which we share what we know is captured well by John in his first epistle: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full" (1 John 1:3, 4).

And finally, remember that Jesus is the truth. And truth, the Bible tells us, sets us free. People without a knowledge of Jesus are in a prison that Satan can exploit. By giving them Jesus, we give people all the tools necessary to withstand the devil. 



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Do you want to lead people to Christ?

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For more than 40 years, Amazing Facts has proclaimed the gospel through television, radio, national and international evangelistic events, and our many Bible schools. The result is a multitude of lives radically transformed through the power of Jesus Christ.

One of our most popular Bible-teaching broadcasts today is *Bible Answers Live*, which can be heard on the airwaves around the world in more than 100 cities and live on the internet. Every Sunday night, seekers and Bible students get faith-affirming answers to some of the most difficult and confusing Bible subjects, giving them a reason to believe.

This would never be possible without the faithful monthly financial support of people

just like you, people who really want to change the world for the Lord.

And now you have a better opportunity than ever to be a part of this work. For a monthly commitment of just \$50 or more—an annual commitment of \$600—you can help the soul-winning ministry of Amazing Facts continue the work until the return of our Savior. You'll share in the harvest of souls won to Christ and have the satisfaction of making an eternal difference!

Simply complete the coupon below and return it with your first monthly Partners in Evangelism gift. And as a special blessing to you, you'll receive a special two-disc DVD set (available only through this program) called *Walk With Christ* for your personal enrichment.

You will also be kept informed of how your gifts are being used through a special Partners in Evangelism quarterly report.

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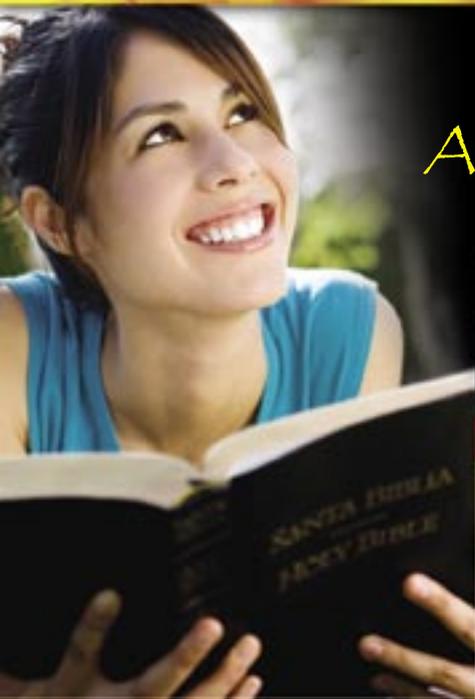
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"Thank you for *Bible Answers Live*. It is a real blessing as I led Jesus into my life only a few months ago."

— Switzerland

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La Verdad Antes Escondida – Ahora Revelada!

The Hidden Truth – Now Revealed!



Fast Facts about Colombia*

Official Name: Republic of Colombia
Capital: Bogota
Size: 439,735 sq. miles (3 times bigger than Montana)
Population: 42,954,279 (July 2005)
Religion: Roman Catholic, 90%; All others, 10%
Language: Spanish

*From the CIA World Factbook

The church in Colombia needs our help!

In the city of Medellin, Colombia, they are doing all they can to reach that nation for Jesus Christ, but they have urgently asked Amazing Facts and Pastor Doug to help maximize the harvest and lead many souls into the heavenly kingdom.

Says Pastor Doug, “This is a massive evangelistic blitz that will dramatically impact the Colombian people. I have agreed to speak because I know this could spark a spiritual movement that will have a ripple effect of revival and restoration throughout all of Latin America!”

This month, with your help, Amazing Facts will present a thrilling reaping series with the support of an entire network of dedicated church workers. More than 1,000 youth-led evangelistic outreaches and outreach training has already taken place.

But they need Amazing Facts to “bring it all home,” and we’ll do just that from July 14 – 21. More than 4,000 souls will gather in a city stadium and hear a powerful call on their lives from Jesus Christ through Pastor’s Doug presentations. More than that, millions of people in 35 nations throughout the region will also hear this message during HopeTV’s live broadcast and through rebroadcasts, DVDs, and the internet.

Prayer for Protection

Although Medellin has a history of drug trade problems, things have changed for the better. However, the threat of random violence and kidnapping still remains. Even though God is moving powerfully through the church in that nation, it can still be a dangerous place to share the gospel.

Our crew needs God’s protection, and we ask for your prayers as we boldly move forward. Frankly, the rewards far outweigh any risk. Explains Pastor Doug, “One of the great benefits of this outreach is the opportunity to raise up a new generation

of Christian leaders. The youth participating in the series will be given the keys to evangelism, drawing people to the Lord until His return.” Pastor Doug will also personally speak to these youth about their relationship with Christ, proclaiming salvation and victory through the truth.

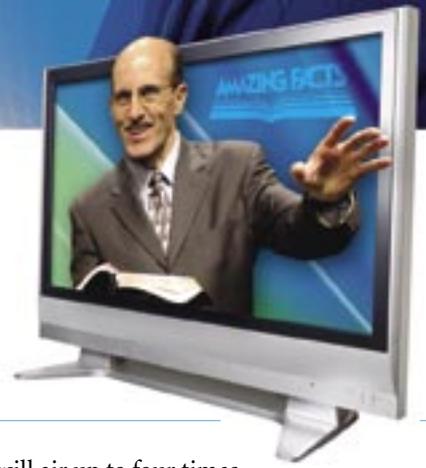
We are also thrilled that the church in Colombia will be using our Spanish-language *Final Events* DVD as a powerful witnessing tool during this series, offering it to people who have requested it in response to our promotional campaign and passing them out door to door. Their powerful message will surely open doors to salvation.

Finally, Pastor Doug adds, “This is no ordinary speaking engagement. It’s a remarkable, even miraculous opportunity for ministry. Working together with God’s church in Medellin, we believe a mighty harvest can be won in Colombia and throughout Latin America. Please join us in prayer and support.”



The advertising, production, and broadcasting of this extraordinary outreach to 35 nations will make a huge difference for Christ. But we need more than \$80,000 to reach potential millions with the last-day message! Imagine the lives that will be changed with your gift! If God is leading you to help reach the people of Colombia and Latin America with end-time truth, call **800.436.4298**, visit www.amazingfacts.org, or send a gift using the envelope found in this magazine!

Amazing Facts Media Keeps Getting Better!



Allow me, for a moment, to paraphrase a Bible passage for this 21st century: “Broadcast ye therefore into all the world, teaching them by TV, radio, and internet to observe all things.”

Well, that’s what Amazing Facts does. We have a powerful, multi-pronged approach to sharing the good news of salvation—through television, radio, and the internet that is reaching and changing lives all around the world!

Television

Pastor Doug has a wonderful gift of sharing the gospel in a way that just about anyone can understand and relate to. His messages are helping turn hearts toward the Master.

To get that message to as many people as possible, Amazing Facts has aggressively pursued bigger media outlets in America and around the world. For instance, we recently added several new stations to help share the love of God, including ABC Family, The Church Channel, WGN, and The Word Network. This adds more than 170 million potential viewers to our current reach!

We also get tons of testimonies on a daily basis; in fact, viewer response to Amazing Facts TV is up 64 percent over last year! Amazingly, we received this letter from an employee of one of our new media outlets: “The programs are really exciting. It is so different than the normal programs selling holy water and other trinkets. Pastor Batchelor preaches the straight truth from the Bible.”

It’s such a wonderful blessing to know that even the programmers and network executives who have been in the “Christian media business” for years are also experiencing a revival through Amazing Facts television!

Radio

Our radio program *Bible Answers Live* can be heard all across the nation, and even the entire world via the internet. Every week, callers are able to seek answers for even the most perplexing Bible questions.

Radio ministry is still a very viable way to share the message. With that in mind, we will be launching a new 30-minute radio program in the summer of 2007. This

brand-new outreach will air up to four times a week in various markets. Please keep this project in your prayers as we expand our reach to all of God’s children.

Internet

The internet’s tremendous influence is making information that was once hidden now easily accessible to the world at the click of a button. Amazing Facts wants to be there when people are looking for spiritual truth.

That’s why we’ve made available online hundreds of hours of video and audio messages for inspiration and encouragement, as well as teaching the Bible truth. Every week, hundreds of individuals download *Central Study Hour* to supplement their study life, while many of those go on to share these messages with a laptop and projector in church as part of their morning worship and study services.

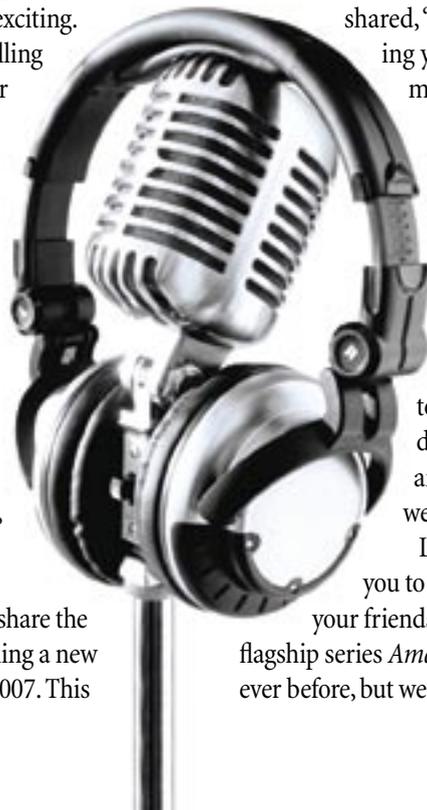
We’re also reaching out to people who might never come to our site by placing our television programs on other Christian websites, such as LightSource.com, as a way of meeting the spiritual needs of people where they are.

An account executive from one of the more popular websites shared, “During the short time you have been streaming your programs, your ministry has shown monthly increases in individuals watching while other ministries have seen a decline.” We feel humbled that God is increasing our ministry so many more people can make a decision to stand with Jesus.

You Make a Difference

Did you know that before we film a program, the production crew gathers together to ask for God’s blessing? All of us—from the directors, editors, producers, camera operators, and volunteers—also feel our lives changed as we do His will for His glory alone.

Likewise, the staff at Amazing Facts encourages you to pray for our programs, but also to tell all of your friends and family members about them too! Our new flagship series *Amazing Facts Presents* will enter more homes than ever before, but we need you to help get the word out. —



Special

In Loving Memory of:

Dr. William Merle Allen from Warren and Phyllis Wright
S.L. (Buck) Alvarez from Jane Alvarez, his wife
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Pat Atil from Jose Atil, her husband
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Gladys Hagen from Mary Jane Cook

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Charles Hall from Robert and Jean Johnson
Jackie Hall from Robert and Jean Johnson
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and Susan, her children
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Harold Wright from Warren and Phyllis Wright,
his parents

Dr. Roderick Yip from Paul Kobayashi

Bill Zima Jr. from Patricia Zima, his mother
Bill Zima Sr. from Patricia Zima, his wife

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Katherine Swenson

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Frances Piper de Vries, ASN



How often do you eat with your brain's health and performance in mind? Did you know that what you eat affects your intellect, your mood, your memory, and your energy level?

Brain cells need good nutrition to carry on their tasks. For instance, the myelin sheath, involved in message transmission, is partly composed of fatty acids. A deficiency of the proper kinds of dietary fats impairs nerve-impulse transmission. Neurotransmitters, such as serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine, are composed of amino acids. They affect mood, thoughts, and actions. Dietary proteins and carbohydrates affect the function and availability of these hormones.

Unfortunately, the typical American diet deprives the brain of nutrients it needs and adds altered foods and chemicals that cause it harm. The remedy? That good ol' natural, plant-based diet that provides plenty of unrefined complex carbohydrates, healthy fats and proteins, and a generous supply of vitamins and minerals. What's good for the body is good for the brain.

Here are some delicious, brain-building recipes that include all of the above:

Tofu & Spinach Stir-fry

- 1 pound extra firm tofu
- 1-2 teaspoons cold-pressed soy, canola, or olive oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 1 teaspoon cumin seed
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, rinsed well, cut into 3/8-inch shreds

Drain tofu thoroughly and cut into cubes. Coat a large skillet with the oil and add tofu. Sprinkle with seasoning salt and cook over medium-high heat, browning on all sides.



Meanwhile, in a dry skillet or wok, toast cumin seeds. Add onion and garlic and cook until soft, adding a little oil if necessary to prevent sticking. Stir in spinach. Cover and cook for two minutes. Combine with tofu and cook one more minute. Serves 4.

Garbanzo Rice Casserole

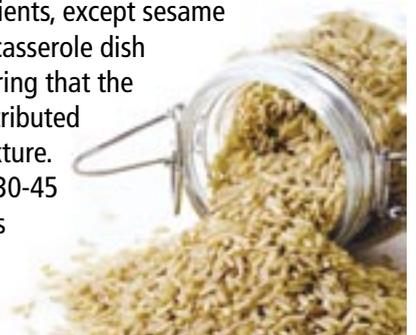
- 3 cups cooked brown rice (Look for frozen, ready-cooked brown rice)
- 1 can seasoned diced tomatoes
- 1/2 can garbanzos
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/4-1/2 cup sesame tahini
- 2-3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or other fresh herb
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds

Combine all ingredients, except sesame seeds, in a square casserole dish and mix well, ensuring that the tahini is evenly distributed throughout the mixture.

Bake at 375° F for 30-45 minutes, until top is beginning to brown.

Remove from oven and

sprinkle with sesame seeds. Return to oven and cook for another 10-15 minutes. Serves 4-6.





Stovetop Granola

- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup coarsely shredded, unsweetened coconut
- 1/3 cup sesame seeds
- 1/3 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2-3/4 cup dried fruit, such as raisins, blueberries, currants, or cranberries

Toast oats and walnuts in a large heavy skillet for about 5 minutes over medium heat, stirring frequently (coat skillet with a little cold-pressed soy or walnut oil, if desired). Add next 4 ingredients and cook another 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add honey and salt and cook for 3-5 more minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature, stirring a few times to break up clumps. When cool, stir in dried fruit. Serves 8.

Tangy Bean & Avocado Salad

- 1 can beans of choice, drained and rinsed
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled and diced
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 2-3 radishes, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cold-pressed, extra virgin olive oil
- grated fresh lemon peel, to taste
- seasoning salt, to taste



Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and toss together. Marinate for a several hours, stirring occasionally. Serves 4-6.

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