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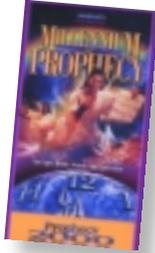


# LETTERS

## Ready to “Take the Plunge”

I recently watched the videos from NET New York '99. I am actually now on video #21. You have changed my life—more importantly my eternal life. Doug Batchelor does a magnificent job in portraying the messages in a way that is logical and understandable. I am currently in baptismal classes and can hardly wait to “take the plunge.”

KM  
Colorado



## A Happy Member

Because of the prayers and witness of my wife, Glenn, and your Millennium of Prophecy seminar last year, I am now a Sabbathkeeper and a happy member of the Greeneville Church!

DF  
Tennessee

## A Blessing All Over Again

I'm writing to let you know that I am very grateful to God for you and your course of 27 Bible Study Guides. It's been two years since I finished them, and I have my diploma on the wall to prove so. I want you to know that I frequently go back to them and find just as much enjoyment and knowledge as when I first started receiving and completing them. Just recently I have gone back to Study Guide #8, “It's Headed Straight Toward You.” This was really a blessing all over again.

MF  
Louisiana



## I Have Been Changed

Last night I finished watching the Millennium of Prophecy seminar videotapes loaned to me by the pastor of the St. Paul First Church, which I have started attending. I can't put into words how this seminar has changed my life. I have accepted Jesus as my Savior and am studying hard so that I can be baptized as soon as possible.

The Holy Spirit is at work in me. My husband and two young kids have noticed a change in me. Finding Christ has changed my life and probably saved my marriage.

SM  
via e-mail

## Useful Links

I enjoyed the Millennium of Prophecy seminar, which I followed in South Africa. I also like your website with all of the online information and useful links. Well done! Congratulations, and may the Lord bless your work.

MF  
New Mexico

## Gift From a Piggy Bank

My 5-year-old, Laura, sent Amazing Facts a donation a few weeks after we did. She saw Pastor Doug's thank-you letter to us and then immediately went to her room to get money from her piggy bank. A few minutes later she brought down \$6.21. Bless her heart! She is so excited to share with your ministry. We very much appreciate Doug's holy boldness.

This is Laura's personal message that she dictated to me that day: “Thank you so much for the letter you sent when my mom gave Amazing Facts some money. I love you so much. When I get to heaven, I want to talk with you.”

WC  
California



## The Plainest Yet

We are enjoying the Amazing Facts prophecy seminars here at Williamsport. Evangelist John Bradshaw has been really good. I've heard many seminars, and his is the plainest yet.

HK  
Pennsylvania

## Hunting for Buried Treasure

I loved the article “The Red Robe of Rahab,” which made for an excellent Sabbath afternoon study. It was exciting—like hunting for buried treasure! The parallels and symbolism were awesome. Thanks for this magazine.

LM  
Oregon



## Your Tapes Make My Day

I believe that Amazing Facts is the most truth-filled, spirit-filled ministry on the planet. I pray for you all daily and love the monthly tapes. They really make my day when driving to and from work. Sometimes I'll just sit in the parking lot because I don't want to turn the player off. Praise God!

DB  
Michigan

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BY EDITOR  
DEBRA J. HICKS

## From Daniel to Revelation

Something unusual happened on one of my recent trips from Tennessee to California. My body clock never made the transition from Eastern to Pacific time. I normally have no trouble sleeping straight through the night until daybreak, but during this particular week I awakened at 3 o'clock sharp every morning.

I decided to make the best of it by going out to my friends' living room, where I could comfortably have my morning devotions and do some stretching exercises without awakening anybody else.

The trouble with that plan was that my friends' two birds were sleeping in the living room, and turning on the light switch had the same effect as pressing the play button on a high-amp cockatiel stereo system.

To my chagrin, turning the light back off wasn't equivalent to pressing the stop button. The damage had already been done. I had roused the little songbirds from their slumber, and there was no turning back. (I was relieved to find out later that my hosts are heavy sleepers and that the early-morning concert was a private one!)

This ritual took place every morning for eight days, and during that time I learned a lot by observing the two enthusiastic amateur musicians.

My friend Donna had named the older bird Daniel because when she got him 10 years ago, she prayed that God would keep the little captive safe from the two hungry cats that shared his home. Years later Revelation, the younger bird, got his name because Donna's husband had purchased him secretly one day, and when she came home from work and found him in her office, it was indeed a revelation!

Both birds are great singers, but Daniel is undoubtedly more experienced. He has a repertoire of three songs: *Here, Kitty Kitty, Dixie*, and another number he composed himself that incorporates tunes his owners have whistled to him through the years.

Revelation does his best to imitate his companion, but invariably he either skips a few key notes or else he gets creative and starts to slur two different songs together.

A couple of hours into my first three-song cockatiel concert, the choleric side of my personality kicked in, and it was all I could do to refrain from correcting Revelation when he strayed from the score.

On several occasions I marveled at Daniel's incredible patience. Not once did he chime in and try to correct his understudy. Instead, he calmly waited so Revelation could have his full turn in the spotlight.

Another thing I thought was neat was that no matter how many times Revelation sang a song incorrectly, Daniel never forgot the proper tune.

Apparently those three songs have been so indelibly etched in his memory that even countless hours of hearing them wrong does not confuse his tiny bird-brain. He simply continues to sing the songs correctly when it's his turn to perform, perhaps confident that Revelation will improve in time.



**I had roused the little songbirds from their slumber, and there was no turning back.**

If we could learn to treat new believers the way Daniel mentors Revelation, I bet many more people would begin imitating the Christian life!

Successful teachers know that the most effective method of instruction combines two key elements: example and practice. People can pick up a lot by watching an experienced teacher do something correctly over and over again, so demonstration is crucial. In addition, instructors must allow ample time for them to practice—and make mistakes.

If you're a professed Christian, then people are watching you. The way you treat others will either help draw them to or repel them from Christ. So remember the birds, and dare to be a Daniel!



BY JUDY  
KJAER

# Chased BY A Chicken

## **An Amazing Fact:**

*A woman who had just returned from a trip to Mexico frantically called the Los Angeles Police Department to report that a live rattlesnake had been placed in her overnight bag. Police went rushing to the scene with sirens screaming. They slowly approached the menacing bag, which the woman had heaved out of a window onto the sidewalk. Cautiously they scattered the contents of the bag—only to trace the rattling sound to her electric toothbrush, which had accidentally turned on!*



I carry with me a photograph of a log cabin in Washington state. Although we visit this mountain retreat winter and summer, we never stay long enough for it to become a common place to us.

There's a variety of wildlife on this mountain, from the faithful hummingbird sentinel at the top of a tall, leafless sapling to the elusive elk, whose hoof prints tell us they frequent the top of our mountain. Some are industrious, like the crew of five chipmunks who volunteered one morning to clean up the grass seed we had scattered next to the house. Others are indolent, like the packrat who had to be evicted for poor housekeeping. All teach us valuable lessons from our Creator's book of Nature.

## **Queen of Deception**

One day last summer, my husband came in from a walk and told me he had been chased by a chicken. This wasn't any ordinary barnyard hen; it was a wild mountain chicken. The correct name is ruffed grouse, but they're commonly called partridge in our mountains. The male is heard seasonally in the distance, beating his wings together so as to imperson-

ate a lawn mower starting up. But the female is the queen of deception.

Kim had encountered the Mamma Hen not far from the cabin. Fearing he was after her chicks and apparently wanting to compensate for her small size, this hen's bold, protective instincts drove her to assume a clever disguise. She fluffed and bristled up her feathers to their fullest volume and ran at Kim for all she was worth.

Before he had a chance to get a good look at his attacker, which was obscured by the tall grass, Kim's fight-or-flight mechanism kicked in and he followed his instinct to run. However, eventually he looked back and realized he was being chased by a chicken. And, of course, he came to his senses and stopped running.

I enjoyed his story. Then, a few weeks later as I went walking by myself, I heard a flutter and turned to see a huge, dark, mysterious creature hurtling itself down the hill toward me at breakneck speed. Naturally, I did what most sensible folk would do—run now and figure it out later!

I ran about 20 feet, realized it was just Mamma Hen again, and then stopped. She had already slowed her pace considerably since I was cooperating by running for my life. After all, she needn't waste time pursuing someone who no longer posed a threat to baby partridges. When I looked back and saw her, still facing me with feathers fluffed to the max, it was hilarious. I wished I'd had a video camera.

Chickens really ought to run from us. We're bigger than they are, and if we wanted to we could have them for lunch. If my husband and I had not been taken by surprise, we could have faced the chicken and she would have run from us. Next time, we console ourselves, we'll do better. We'll know she is nothing to fear.

## A Master of Surprise

Being tempted by the devil is a lot like being chased by a chicken. He hides in the tall grass, fluffs himself up and charges at you, hoping you won't recognize how small he is in comparison with your Savior. He catches you off guard, when you're thinking about something else. Your first reaction is to run, but if you stood up to him in the name of Jesus Christ, he'd run from you. It reminds me of the lions in the book *Pilgrim's Progress*, which frightened poor Christian one night with their deafening roar because he couldn't see that they were securely chained.

God's Word tells us we can call the devil's bluff! "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). We can face the tempter in God's strength and Jesus' name, and he must go. However, like any skill, resisting the devil requires practice. We are naturally inclined to do things his way. Even after we are born from above and have new motives and purposes, we must continually choose to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

The crafty deceiver has been practicing his art for 6,000 years and has mastered the element of surprise. In order to help us discern the enemy's varied deceptions, God gives us opportunities every day to develop habits of resisting. It's the power of choice that needs to be trained.

## Bothered by a Bear

The forest service trailheads around our home post signs showing the difference between a black bear and a brown bear. The brown bear, or grizzly, is dangerous. Black bears, on the other hand, generally have a meeker reputation. They're more scared of you than you are of them. They can't see very well, so unless you get between a mother and her cubs, they are not very aggressive. At least, that's what I've been told.

One evening, Kim and I were peacefully reading together, resting securely inside our cabin's thick log walls. I went to the kitchen for a glass of water and

glanced out the window. There was a black bear at the edge of our yard where the woods start. We watched as he turned toward us, perfectly framed in the picture window like a Montana postcard.

Dave, the original owner and builder of our cabin, said a bear had visited his property about once a year when he lived there. With true mountain storytelling flair, he described the snowy night he had played tag with Blackie around the trash can, armed only with a broom.

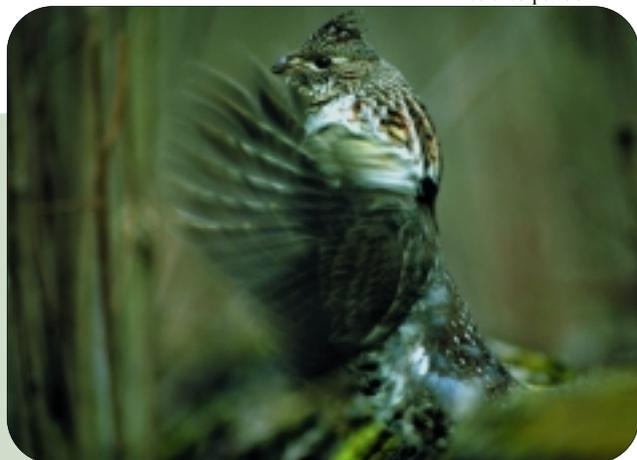
If Blackie comes around just once a year, we figured he would probably visit while we're gone, which is most of the time. We hadn't really expected to see him ever, and after seeing him once, we knew the chances of seeing him again that year were very slim.

I had two deeply held theories about the bear. One was that if I ever met up with him away from the house, he would turn and run—or at least lumber—in the opposite direction. The other theory was that he lived on the other side of the mountain and rarely visited the side where people live.

One Monday before breakfast I took my usual half-mile walk down the mountain to our nearest neighbor's driveway. I started running, but halfway down I slowed to a walk, talking with God and feeling free. As I rounded the switchback, I saw Blackie. He was about the same distance from me as he had been the first time. However, now there was no protection of log walls separating us. He and I were on the same road, and then he turned and faced me.

At that moment, my number one theory about bears evaporated. Blackie did not run, lumber, or even amble away from me. In fact, he began to move toward me! I quickly decided to turn around and started running home. The major problem with this decision was that my run uphill is more like a slow walk—not exactly spinning my wheels, but close to it. Where was all that adrenaline you're supposed to be able to count on in an emergency?

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### An Amazing Fact:

*The ruffed grouse is one of the smallest of 10 species of grouse native to North America, weighing from 17 to 25 ounces. These brownish-colored birds are somewhat larger than pigeons, living their entire lives in wooded areas. When the cock is in full display—either in defense of his territory or when showing off to an interested hen—its long, shiny neck feathers are extended into a spectacular ruff which, together with a full fanned tail, makes him look twice his normal size.*

I eventually rounded the bend and headed home, praying. Twice I looked back. Blackie had not yet made the curve. I figured that if I saw him behind me, I could start planning my funeral. Then I heard a commotion in the woods to my left, which meant the bear was no longer on the road. He had headed up the mountain a different way, for which I was most grateful.

I stopped, and the noise stopped too. What to do? I calculated that if Blackie was headed uphill by the direct route, he'd hit the road just about where it curves again in front of our house. I might meet him there. I waited a minute or so and didn't hear anything, so I started walking toward home. I was out of breath when I got there, but I was safe. Problem solved.

## Facing Our Fears

Now that my top two theories about bears were utterly demolished, how could I ever again walk the mountain unafraid?

Years ago, I read that when Ernest Hemingway met a bear in the woods, he talked to it. That didn't seem a useful option for me, so I decided to consult the experts and consider my alternatives.

Here are the options I came up with:

1. Play dead.
2. Jump up and down, making as much noise as possible. (I don't know how I would combine these first two.)
3. Sing while walking.
4. Run downhill, because bears aren't good at that. (Their front legs are shorter than their back ones.)

That last one held promise, but what if the bear just tumbled down the hill and steam-rolled me? I also thought of getting a dog, then a gun (to fire into the air, not to shoot the bear). But what goes up must come down.

What Would Jesus Do? "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7). I choose to trust in God, since "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7). Had I not been already delivered from the bear in answer to my prayer? Why walk in fear, when "God hath not given us the spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7)? I concluded that the same God who delivered Daniel from the lions and David from the bear could still protect me.

## Not Playing by the Rules

Both the chicken chase and the bear scare were true-to-life object lessons. The bear

didn't obey the rules of nature, which said he should run away. He scared me; but unlike the chicken, he really was bigger than me. It looked as if he were coming after me, but it was all a bluff. It worked; I ran.

In a similar way, when I come face-to-face with the devil, he doesn't seem to know that the rules say he should run away. He scares me, and he's bigger than I am. It looks as if he's coming after me, so I run, which is just what he wants me to do.

But wait. The promise that the devil will flee is dependent on me doing something first. James lists three events in order (James 4:7):

1. Submit yourself to God.
2. Resist the devil.
3. He will flee from you.

The devil doesn't flee till I do two things: submit and resist. Submitting and resisting are opposites. As I submit to one, I resist the other. Submit to God, resist the devil. Submit to the devil, resist God.

Only after we submit to God do we have the faith and power to resist the devil.

The next verse adds two additional events:

4. Draw nigh [near] to God.
5. He will draw nigh to you.

Once again, it is my turn first. I choose my master. God has already made the promise, and He will not force Himself on me.

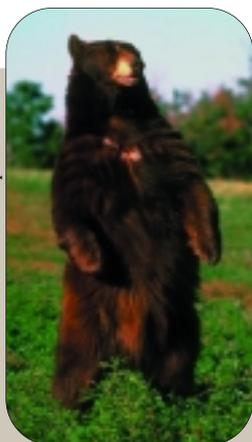
## Doing My Part

To sum it up, I have three things to do. Submit, resist, and draw near. Submitting and drawing near to God are habits the Christian should cultivate every waking moment. They are also called surrender and communion. If I really trust God, I will surrender everything I have and am to Him. Of course, the main thing He wants me to surrender is my will.

Submit means "yield." Surrender means "give up." In practical terms, it means I pray and give myself—my life, my will, my allegiance, my thoughts, my plans, my time, my talents, my money, my stuff, my everything—to God every day. It's all His now, and He's in control. At the point of temptation, I repeat the surrender, giving my will to God in that very thing I'm tempted on and giving up all my rights and preferences regarding it.

If I'm tempted to covet my neighbor's house, I need to yield my will to God, following the example of Jesus in the garden when He said, "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42). This surrender must include the particular area of my life where there's a temptation: houses. Knowing that Jesus had no place to lay His head, I choose by His grace to be willing to follow Him.

Sometimes I may not really be willing, so I must surrender my unwillingness too, saying, "Lord, I'm willing to be made willing to live as You lived on this earth. Please make me willing." And He will because I've submitted myself to God.



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### An Amazing Fact:

*The black bear's name is deceptive. It is a species name and does not refer to the animal's color. In actuality, black bears can range in color from pure black to cinnamon to blonde. Black bears in the East are nearly black, while those in the West are black to cinnamon with a white blaze on their chests. The black bears in Alaska can even have a blue or white color phase to help them blend with their snowy surroundings.*



### **An Amazing Fact:**

*Although the largest of all land carnivores, bears produce the smallest young of any mammal. For example, a 440-pound polar bear will give birth to one or two cubs weighing a little over 1 pound each. Newborn cubs weigh only about 1/420<sup>th</sup> as much as their mothers, whereas newborn humans weigh about 1/20<sup>th</sup> as much as their mothers.*

The second thing I must do is to resist the devil. It's not enough just to submit. Submission must be followed by action. Too often we concede the battle by saying, "I don't have the strength to resist. That's my whole problem."

Not true. If we believe God's Word, that's not the problem at all. Having strength is not our part. It is God's part. He has promised a way to escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). He is a present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). He is able to keep you from falling (Jude 24). Only when we are without Christ are we powerless.

No, strength is not even an issue. The promise is: Resist, and the devil will flee (James 4:7). You haven't been asked to engage in hand-to-hand combat with the devil. The battle with the devil is not yours, but God's (2 Chronicles 20:15).

But isn't there a struggle? Yes, we have all experienced it. However, the struggle is not with the devil. The struggle is with self. The struggle comes before we surrender. Once the full surrender is made, self is dead and struggles no more.

The third thing we do is draw close to God. Some of the sweetest communion we can enjoy with God is when we immediately pour out our thanks to Him for victory over temptation. God is very real to us then.

It's simple. Submit to God. Resist the devil, then the devil flees. Draw near to God, then God draws near to you. Do you remember the parable of the prodigal son? As soon as the father saw his son coming home, he ran to meet him (Luke 15:20).

### **Staying in Focus**

What if I mess up? What if somehow I don't do my part and fall under temptation. The answer is simple.

Get up (Micah 7:8). If you take your eyes off Jesus and start to sink, then look back to Him, and like Peter say, "Lord, save me!" John wrote his second epistle so we wouldn't sin, but he added that if we do sin, Jesus is our advocate (1 John 2:1). If we confess our sin, He forgives and cleanses us (1 John 1:9).

Peter said that we escape corruption by claiming God's promises (2 Peter 1:4). Yet he recognized that often we are deceived by the devil into forgetting we've been cleansed, or purged, from our old sins (2 Peter 1:9). We act as if we were still in bondage to our old habits, when in fact we have been set free. We let the bear bully us.

Doesn't faith play some part in this? Yes, the Bible says our faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4). A favorite trick of the devil is to convince us that we don't have enough faith. However, Jesus said that if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed (Matthew 17:20; Luke 17:6), we could accomplish amazing things.

We don't need a lot of faith; we just need to exercise the faith we have, and it will grow. Faith is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). The Bible says that every one of us has a measure of it (Romans 12:3), so a lack of faith is not the problem. God merely asks us to exercise the faith He has given us.

What is the problem, then? Sometimes it's not spending enough time at the cross. Without a vivid sense of God's love for us, we lack motivation to submit to God, resist the devil, and draw near to God. If we daily take time to prayerfully consider Jesus' sacrifice, God's love will be increasingly real to us, and "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). In other words, when we know we are walking hand-in-hand with Jesus, we will not panic every time we are chased by a chicken or bluffed by a bear.

Next time you're under attack, stand your ground in the armor of God (Ephesians 6:11), and let the devil do the running. 

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Just recently, Amazing Facts has helped launch two new groundbreaking ministries in conjunction with the Southern Asia Division. Richard Calderon, who is coordinating our work in India, is beginning a three-year certification program for 30 independent pastors who have accepted the three angels' messages and were baptized last October. Amazing Facts will provide several circle leaders dedicated to working closely with these interested pastors. During the three-year process they will fine-tune the practical aspects of each pastor's ministry, such as beginning Bible studies with their church members, conducting communion services, and dealing with any problems that arise in their churches.

In addition, Amazing Facts is providing five instructors and all of the materials needed to train 55 men in a new six-month training program for lay pastors, which includes four presentations a day on two Sundays a month for the next six months.

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The College is still accepting applications for the spring session, which runs Feb. 4 to June 9, 2001. In addition, a condensed two-week course that covers the essentials of evangelism (personal witnessing and public evangelism) will be held Jan. 14-27, 2001.

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## Genevieve Gage Fills Empty Spot in Order Department

Amazing Facts welcomes new staff member Genevieve Gage, who has filled a vacancy in our



bustling order department. She is taking a break from college after completing three years toward a double major in biblical counseling and English. By living simply and saving as much money as possible in the next several months, she hopes

to be able to complete her education overseas.

Genevieve grew up in the Pacific Northwest and enjoys backpacking or just about any outdoor activity. She also likes to write and read.

## Karen Carter to Assist Full-time in Marketing and Media Departments

Our newest full-time staff member is Karen Carter, who is using her passion for writing to assist the



directors of the media and marketing departments. Karen will handle a variety of public relations and media relations details, including writing press releases and public service announcements.

For the past two years, she worked at Weimar College as its recruitment coordinator. In addition to promoting the college and its affiliated secondary school, she also prepared copy for the school's website and bulletin.

Karen spent the four years prior to that as an English and Bible teacher at foreign-language insti-

tutes in Korea, Japan, and Thailand. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in English in 1991 from Southern College in Collegedale, Tenn.

## Register by December 10 to Attend Faith Summit Weekend January 12-13

Register now for the upcoming Amazing Facts Faith Summit Weekend. This spiritually renewing event will take place at Forest Lake Academy in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 12-13, 2001.

Guests will be able to meet Doug and Karen Batchelor and share in the challenging vision for finishing the Lord's work through Amazing Facts. Don't miss this faith-building opportunity to hear moving testimonies and uplifting sermons, experience thrilling music, and enjoy Christian fellowship. Music will be provided by violinist Jaime Jorge and vocalists John Lomacang and Paul Saint-Villiers.

The theme of the weekend is "Finding Peace, Power, and Purpose for Your Life." At the Friday night meeting, which begins at sundown, Doug Batchelor will present a message entitled "Finding Peace." Sabbath activities will include more powerful preaching by Pastor Batchelor, thrilling personal testimonies, and a concert. During lunch on Sabbath, guests will get to hear reports of our latest evangelism projects.

To register, call Amazing Facts at 916-434-3880 or send an e-mail to [faithsummit@amazingfacts.org](mailto:faithsummit@amazingfacts.org) by Dec. 10, 2000. There is no charge to attend; however, transportation and accommodations are at each guest's expense. Information on discounts at area hotels and some local attractions will be available to those who register.

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*Karen & Doug Batchelor*



*Jaime Jorge  
Violin Virtuoso*



*John Lomacang  
Vocalist*



# NET

It's been one year since the Millennium of Prophecy seminar was broadcast live via satellite from New York City. Yet scarcely a day has gone by when someone on the globe



Millennium of Prophecy tapes are available on video and audio cassettes.



More than 100,000 Storacles of Prophecy Bible lessons have been printed and distributed in English in the past year.

## "It Added Up"

**G**uy and Theresa DeJager were baptized in Wyoming, Mich., on June 24, 2000. They praise God that Amazing Facts supporters have a vision for television ministry because, as Theresa says, "The media is a great way to reach people who are looking for more truth."

The DeJagers hadn't heard of Amazing Facts or Doug Batchelor until the day they found the NET New York '99 meetings while randomly flipping through channels on their TV set at home. Since they had their Bibles handy, they started looking up the Scriptures and quickly saw that what he was saying added up.

The fourth time they watched, Doug Batchelor said that he was part of a movement that most closely matched the Bible in its beliefs. "That grabbed our attention," Theresa recalls. "It seemed to be a direct answer to our prayers. We looked up that church in the yellow pages, and it turned out that it was near the church we used to attend."

When they contacted Pastor Philip Colburn, he invited them to church the next morning and suggested that they start a Bible study. At the time, Guy was working as a sales associate for an auto parts store and often worked on Saturdays. However, God worked it out for him to be off that Sabbath so they were able to visit the new church together.

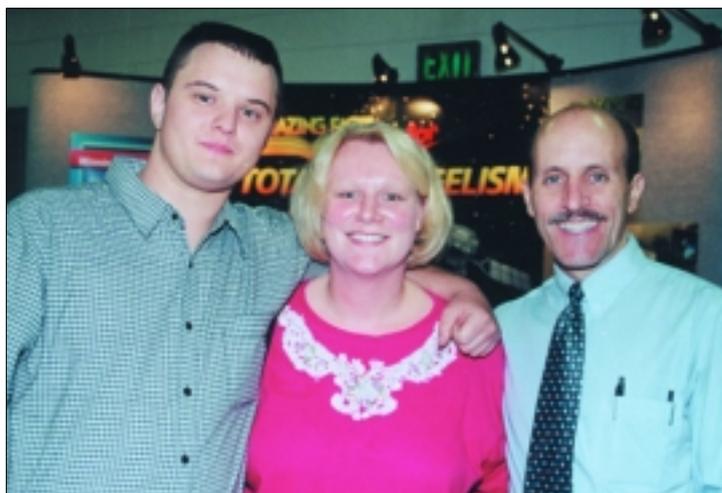
"We had been in a charismatic church for quite awhile," Theresa explains, "so it was very different from what we were used to. But the people at the

church made a big impression on us. They were so genuine and so kind."

Guy and Theresa say they have experienced countless blessings as a result of the truths they first learned through watching NET '99. For example, Guy was convicted that he should keep the Lord's day holy so he asked his boss if he could have Saturdays off. By law Guy's employer had to grant it to him, but his boss wasn't happy about it. The end result? He promoted Guy to a better position as parts manager in the brake shop!

Another happy surprise God had in store for the DeJagers was an opportunity to meet Doug Batchelor during a convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., this August. Beverly Colburn, their pastor's wife, had invited them to accompany her so they could see what a large church they had just joined. Amazing Facts had set up a booth there, so they got to meet Pastor Batchelor and share their conversion story. "To meet the person who helped us make such a life-changing decision was wonderful," said Theresa.

—by Debra J. Hicks



Guy and Theresa DeJager, who spotted the live Millennium of Prophecy broadcast while channel surfing at home, saw Pastor Doug Batchelor in person this summer at a convention in Michigan.

Bonnie Ensminger

# GAIN

wasn't watching it for the first time via television or videotape. Enjoy this praise report of how God continues to use the NET New York '99 series to change people's lives.

## *Former Nun Was in Audience at Manhattan Center*

Just over a year ago, Teresita Ongkingco was working as a nurse in New York City's Hospital for Special Surgery when a co-worker invited her to attend the live NET New York '99 meetings at Manhattan Center Studios. She decided to go.

As Teresita attended the nightly meetings, the Holy Spirit began to speak to her heart. She recalls: "My eyes were opened at the meetings. I knew I was being exposed to truth." On Nov. 27, 1999, Teresita was baptized.

Before she moved to the United States, Teresita was a Catholic nun in the Philippines. Although active in mission work, she says she never possessed a clear understanding of the Bible. "I spent 21 years as a nun in a Catholic convent, but I never learned the Bible truths," she laments.

Teresita first learned of Sabbathkeeping Christians in 1975 when she took an advanced nursing course at a Protestant university in Manila, where she made many friends. Although impressed with the friendliness, simplicity, and fervor of these Christians, she never dreamed she would join their church.

When Teresita's family learned of her decision to be baptized, they were shocked. "You need to consult a priest about this decision!" they demanded. Every time Teresita tried to share a newly discovered truth with her family, they would not listen. She prays that someday they will allow the Holy Spirit to awaken them to the truth.

At the Millennium of Prophecy meetings, Teresita was impressed with the importance of modesty, the health message, and the Ten Commandments. However, she says her greatest joy was the realization that "I could go directly to Jesus in prayer." Now, one year after the Amazing Facts series,



Photo courtesy of Teresita Ongkingco

Teresita Ongkingco, who was a nun in the Philippines for many years and is now a nurse in New York City, says her eyes were opened during the NET New York '99 series that ended a year ago.

Teresita strives to deepen her understanding of truth by studying the Bible and reading the Spirit of Prophecy. She also seeks to share her new faith with others.

"After the NET '99 meetings," Teresita explains, "I thought it would be great to be involved in full-time evangelism like the Amazing Facts evangelists are, but then I realized that I could be a missionary right here in New York."

Teresita frequently shares her testimony in New York City churches, and she is involved in a Prayer Warriors group that travels throughout the state holding prayer conferences and is organizing a mission trip to Africa next year. Teresita's greatest hope is that she can serve Christ by "spreading the everlasting gospel to others."

—by *Brina Pittman*

## Bulgarian Teenager Invites Internet Friend to Meetings

**M**y name is Mira, and I was born and raised in Bulgaria, where I still live. After hearing your preaching series through the satellite, I decided to tell you that I am very impressed with what I have heard. I would like to tell you about how I became close to my personal Savior, Jesus Christ.

When you live outside of the church, life is useless. Too many young people think that worldly garbage is very attractive. I tasted some of that garbage when I was younger.

One day my mother came home and told me that she was going to a Sabbathkeeping church. She said that she was very impressed by the sermon and the songs. She asked me to go at least one time, so I went to the NET '98 evangelistic series, gave my heart to Jesus, and was buried in the watery grave.

Soon after that I met a young man on the Internet and we exchanged our e-mail addresses and started writing to one another. I invited him to come to your series, Millennium of Prophecy, and he was baptized April 1, 2000.

My mother was baptized too on Sept. 9, 2000. I am thankful to God that He chose you, Pastor Batchelor, as a wonderful servant of His Word.

—Mira Mihova

## 600 Attend Seminar Held on South Pacific Island

I am a young boy from the nation of Vanuatu (below the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea). We are currently showing the Millennium of Prophecy seminar in our four local churches in the capital city of Port Vila, where about 600 people are faithfully attending these seminars each night. We are starting our final week today. I have personally enjoyed the program, and I invited a friend who is also attending nightly. Thank God for using Pastor Doug through this program to warn people of the coming danger.

—Andrew Moli

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *More than 30,000 people attended at one location in Papua New Guinea!*

Photo courtesy of Mira Mihova



Mira Mihova's friend Borislav Koribankov (left) was baptized after the Millennium of Prophecy series.

Photo by Bonnie Ensminger



God used the beautiful music and contagious smile of pianist Kelly Smith Mowrer to win a former evangelist and his wife back to Him.

## NET '99 Is the Spark That Ignited One Couple for Christ

**M**y older son, Les, who was raised a Sabbathkeeping Christian and attended parochial schools, left the church for many years. All during that time, earnest prayers for his return to the Lord were sent heavenward.

He met a lovely woman named Charlene who had been raised a Catholic, and they set their wedding date for Feb. 14, 2000. After I invited them to the Millennium of Prophecy seminar, they attended most of the meetings and were thrilled with the messages. They ordered the video series and are looking forward to receiving them. They also ordered Pastor Doug Batchelor's *A New Revelation* video series that took place at Andrews University several years ago and have many of his audio tapes.

On May 20, 2000, Charlene was baptized and my son Les was rebaptized. They are both on fire for the Lord and are spreading the news that Jesus is coming soon. I definitely credit NET '99 as the beginning of their conversion. The Lord is so good, and my heart is filled with joy.

—Elizabeth Marcussen



Pastor Bob Banks (center) baptized Les and Charlene Marcussen on May 20 at the Patterson Avenue Church in Richmond.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Marcussen

## " God Used Me! "

I had a very special experience in July and wanted to thank Amazing Facts again for the opportunity to be involved with NET New York '99.

In Arkansas I met a man who was in very poor health. The week before he had been in the hospital and near death. He is waiting for a liver transplant, but when he heard I'd be at camp meeting, he was determined to come see me.

He told me that years ago he and his wife used to be in evangelism but that he grew burned out and left the ministry and the church. For more than 15 years he worked as an undercover drug agent for the government. He told me he "grew hard." But last fall he caught a glimpse of NET '99 during a song, and the music caught his attention immediately. It

reminded him of his past days in evangelism.

He was particularly drawn by the piano and kept wishing they would show a shot of the pianist. When the camera finally came on me, he said, "And suddenly, there you were, and you were SMILING! I just felt something break apart inside me, and I knew right then I wanted to come back to the Lord." He told me that he and his wife are now back in the church and looking forward to doing more for God once he regains his health.

As a pianist, I've always figured that my ministry is chiefly to the singer and to the pastor so that they can minister to the people. When I hear a story like this where God used me to specifically reach someone, it just makes it all worthwhile! Thanks for a memory I'll treasure forever.

—*Kelly Smith Mower,*  
*a pianist for the Millennium of Prophecy seminar*

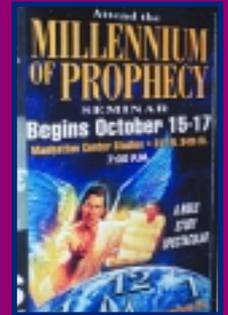


Photo courtesy of Jerry Lastine



Delbert and Carolyn Hauk (left) live right next to the new church in Brownsburg, Ind., so they decided to visit it during the NET New York '99 satellite series produced by Amazing Facts. This summer they were baptized by Pastor Peter Kulakov.

## Lay Church Leader in Indiana Says Our "Series Was Tops!"

Several months have passed since your tremendous series of satellite meetings scattered themselves like leaves across the world. I have wanted to write and thank you for the inspiration and for the powerful way in which the truth of God was shared with the world.

You have a unique way and a special ministry that gets inside people living in this generation. The messages were Christ-centered and filled with love. The sermons were spiritually digestible and nourishing to the soul. Each evening brought a new awareness of the love of God to us all. Your series was tops!

Two years before satellite evangelism came to our church in Brownsburg, Indiana, about 30 members

had built a new facility through prayer and faith. The satellite system was installed in September of 1999, just in time for NET New York '99. Your series was the first we could downlink, and we were pleased with the outcome.

Delbert and Carolyn Hauk, who live across the road from the church, decided during the crusade to be baptized, and after Bible studies they joined our church in early June. In a couple weeks we will baptize another couple, and two other adults will be coming along soon. Your series also caused three members who had wandered away from the program of God to choose rebaptism. Seeds keep springing up!

Three sets of the Millennium of Prophecy videotapes are being circulated, and we count our blessings for having heard God's truth through the life and lips of Pastor Doug Batchelor.

—*Jerry Lastine*

Posters and flyers that blanketed North America a year ago featured this herald angel.



This sign in Germany used different artwork to announce the NET '99 series in the small town of Guttlingen.

# Meet Amazing Facts

*You are invited to meet the members of our Amazing Facts team at any one of the following locations. This schedule is subject to change without notice, so please call Amazing Facts to confirm appointments or get more information.*



Doug Batchelor



John Bradshaw

## Doug Batchelor

**December 11 at 11 a.m.**  
West Point of Evangelism  
Grande Vista Hotel  
999 Enchanted Way  
Simi Valley, California

## Jaime Jorge

**November 25**  
La Sierra University Church  
4937 Sierra Avenue  
La Sierra, California



Rich Cavaness



Byron Corbett

## John Bradshaw

**October 21-November 25**  
Columbia Missouri Church  
1100 College Park Drive  
Columbia, Missouri

**December 2**  
White Memorial Medical Center  
1720 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue  
Los Angeles, California



Steve DeLong



Gary Gibbs

## Rich Cavaness

**October 20-November 19**  
Owatonna Church  
2373 7th Avenue NE  
Owatonna, Minnesota

**December 9**  
Sharon Church  
920 N. Sharon Amity Road  
Sharon, North Carolina



Lowell Hargreaves



Jaime Jorge

## Kim Kjaer

**October 21-November 25**  
Raleigh Church  
4815 Dillard Drive  
Raleigh, North Carolina



Kim Kjaer



Brian McMahon

## Byron Corbett

**October 14-November 19**  
Bellingham Church  
910 N. Forest Street  
Bellingham, Washington

## Jack Pefley

**October 20-November 17**  
The Oasis Group  
Pahrump, Nevada



Jack Pefley



Dennis Priebe

## Steve DeLong

**October 21-November 25**  
Perry Traditional Academy  
3875 Perrysville Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

## John Quade

**October 20-November 19**  
Ramada Convention Center  
1100 VanDiver Drive  
Columbia, Missouri



John Quade



John Silvestri

## Lowell Hargreaves

**October 21-November 19**  
Hardin County High School  
909 Pickwick Street S  
Savannah, Tennessee

## Verne Snow

**October 27-November 22**  
Brainerd Church  
2822 E. Oak Street  
Brainerd, Minnesota



Verne Snow

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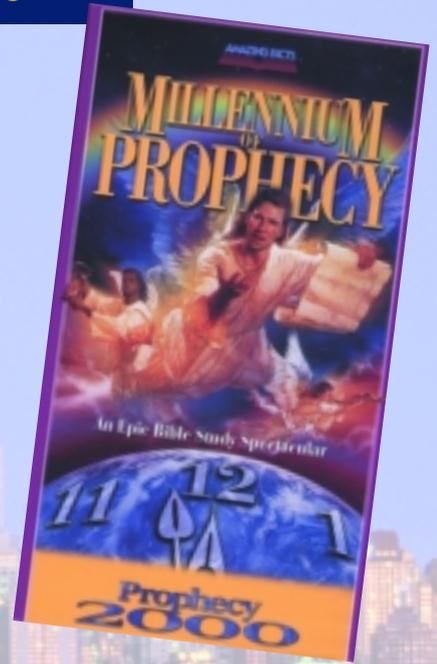
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