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### **Souls are Precious**

Souls are precious. People are hurting. Many are dying, and Christianity is under attack. Our world is in turmoil, and lives are being devastated by sin—time is of the essence. We must work while it is yet day, for the time comes when men shall work no more and then stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Like the apostle Paul, our desire is to warn every man, and to preach to every man "that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28). The world is now populated by over 7 billion souls, all of whom must be reached. God isn't willing that any should perish; He wants all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). How then can you and I begin to make a significant difference in reaching those souls? We believe Bible Passages can help.

Q: What is Bible Passages?

A: An evangelistic and educational ministry of the church

Q: How is this work supported?

A: Through generous contributions of churches and individuals. We need your help!

"Go and make disciples of all the nations; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

- Jesus the Christ

### Searching For Truth

Bible Passages is under the direction of the author and Director of the *Searching*For Truth DVD and book. The same commitment to the production of sound materials in a quality format and presentation are being brought to this new ministry.



#### **Our Goals**

- Glorifying God
- Reaching Souls
- Training Preachers
- Edifying the Church
- Defending the Faith

Filming on location in Jerusalem



### **Training Preachers**

The Gospel must be heard if sinners are to be saved; and yet how can they hear without a preacher (Romans 10:14)? And, how can one learn to preach unless he is taught? The work of a preacher involves training other preachers (2 Timothy 2:2), and a primary part of the Bible Passages ministry will involve our laboring with various schools of preaching throughout the brotherhood who are preparing souls for evangelistic, instructional, and preaching ministries (Titus 2.) Like never before, the church needs workers for the vineyard and preachers to fill the pulpit. We desperately need to support Bible schools whose primary objective is to train men for a lifetime of work in ministry, and who are likewise preparing both men and women to be teachers and missionaries. We have for many years worked with the **Southwest School of Bible Studies** and will continue to support this great program, but the majority of our work will involve teaching classes in the following two programs:

### Bear Valley Bible Institute International

First established in 1965, Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver exists to educate both men and women in the Bible and to train them for work in the Kingdom. With 18 extension programs in 15 different countries, BVBII has over 250 full-time students preparing for ministry (see <a href="https://www.wetrainpreachers.com">www.wetrainpreachers.com</a> for further details).

### World Video Bible School

Since 1986 WVBS has been providing an invaluable service to the church by producing scripturally sound and inexpensively priced Bible study materials. Through video, audio, and written materials WVBS has reached millions with the gospel (see <a href="https://www.wvbs.org">www.wvbs.org</a> for more information).

# Reaching Souls

There are over 7 billion souls alive on planet earth. Every day over 350,000 new souls enter the world; all of whom need to know the message of truth. The underlying mission of Bible Passages is to reach souls with the glorious Gospel of Jesus. People all over the world are hurting and lost in sin, and we want everyone to know about the matchless love of God and His glorious Kingdom. Our goal is to proclaim Christ, the hope of glory; to warn everyone, to teach everyone with all wisdom, that we might present everyone perfect in Christ (Colossians 2:27-28). Our work to reach the lost involves gospel meetings, video work, and the further development of Searching For Truth.



## Edifying the Church

God has charged evangelists, shepherds, and teachers with the responsibility of equipping the saints for the work of ministry for the building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12). Building and equipping is what congregations must learn to do well; the growth and strength of the church is dependent upon it. The key to growth is to engage more people in the work of ministry. This is done by doing four things: (1) investing deeply in the lives of people through discipling and mentoring; (2) developing leaders; (3) feeding members with the word of God; and (4) equipping them with the tools they need for Bible study and for personal growth and development. Bible Passages is dedicated to all four of these components. While much of our work centers upon items 2 and 4 mentioned above, we also conduct marriage retreats, coping seminars, evangelism classes, and counseling courses for elders and preachers.



### **Defending the Faith**

The Bible story and its message of salvation are rooted in a historic and geographic setting – a real time and a real place in history. Its reliability and credibility is therefore dependent upon evidence that corroborates its claims. New Testament scholar C.H. Dodd said "Some religions can be indifferent to historical fact, and move entirely upon the plane of timeless truth. Christianity cannot" (*History and the Gospel*). Bible Passages is dedicated to showcasing those historical facts through the *Bible Land Passage Video Series*, and the Bible Land Passages website, so that they can better understand and appreciate the Bible, and thereby deepen their faith in both God and the sacred text. We want everyone to know that when they read about places like Beersheba, Jericho, Jerusalem, Caesarea, and cities surrounding the Sea of Galilee, that those places exist just as the Bible describes.

Bible Passages, however, does more than just defend Christianity and its historical roots. We are also dedicated to examining and showcasing the lands of the Bible and its environs. By sifting through the archaeological data, by traveling down the pathways of the Bible lands and by traversing through the passages of its ancient cities, trade routes, and caves we come to not only better understand and appreciate the challenges of life faced by our religious forbearers, but we also come to see how God used the historical and geographic setting of the Bible lands to refine and develop their faith. Those same real places and same real settings - when examined in our modern era - can likewise become a passage for us in developing greater faith and devotion for God. Bible Land Passages is therefore all about helping connect people to God and encouraging others in their own personal walk of faith by either viewing and reading our materials, or by enrolling in the Bible Land Passage Studies program abroad.

# Glorifying God, Guiding Souls to Jesus

Beginning the Christian journey, navigating the rocky shoals of temptation, and advancing toward the goal of heaven requires the help and guidance of others (Galatians 6:2). Just as the Ethiopian nobleman needed Philip to guide him through scripture, Bible Passages is likewise dedicated to helping others understand the Bible (Acts 8:30-31). Our work is overseen by the Dripping Springs church of Christ and together we are focused on sharing with others the gospel of Christ, and dedicated to defending and passing along the faith to the next generation. Simply put, our desire is to glorify God and guide souls to Jesus.

### We Need Your Support

May we visit with you personally about our work, or send you our ministry plan? We would be so honored and grateful if you could assist us in this great work of reaching souls. Please contact us today!

"How will the preach unless they are sent" Romans 10:15

John and Carla Moore have been involved in Christian ministry for over 30 years. Their work has included campus ministry and evangelism at Texas State University, the training of preachers and teachers at the Southwest School of Bible Studies, and work at the congregational level where for 17 years John served as a preacher and minister of the gospel for the Dripping Springs church of Christ. John is the author and narrator of the Searching For Truth DVD series and book, and director of the Bible Land Passages Video Series. John and Carla are also the founders of an educational ministry called Bible Land Passage Tours, Studies, and Expeditions. Their involvement in mission work has taken them beyond the college campus to places in the northeastern United Sates, Tobago, Jamaica, Singapore, and Malaysia. They conduct marriage and counseling seminars, speak at conferences, and write for various publications. John and Carla have three sons, two of whom are married, and one grandson.

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