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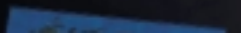
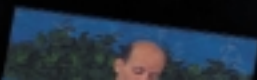
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Dreams



by Anthony Lester

I like to dream. Nothing else breaks the monotony of passing time unconsciously like a well-paced entertaining dream. Since I don't own a television, the ethereal-like adventures that make flying over canyons and doing back handsprings so easy (we all can't be Pastor Doug in the real world) are fun to watch when there is nothing else to do but sleep.

Of course, for many, dreams often become nightmarish. Sometimes you are running from a horrible monster, but your legs move so slowly you might as well be standing still. Other times you have to take an algebra test in high school, even though you graduated years ago. But even the scariest of nightmares don't bother me much. After all, they're just dreams. Right?

Perhaps. It's difficult to say how much our dreams really say about us, about our innermost traits. Psychologists have long debated the issue, but few if any really question the importance of dreams in our lives. More important, the final authority, the Bible, witnesses to how God uses dreams to illuminate and propel His perfect will—just think of why Joseph smuggled Jesus to Egypt and how Daniel prophesied the future.

What's sad, then, to me is that I have never had a dream in which I called upon God to save me from trouble. I've had dreams of Jesus' second coming that were so real that when I woke up I was extremely disappointed! But when I find trouble in my dreams—running from

“Whosoever ... shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” –Matthew 18:4

danger, tempted with sin—they are curiously absent of the Almighty.

I have to be honest: At one time this really plagued me. I had to wonder if the lack of the Father in my dreams of crisis was a lack of His Son in my heart. Habit permeates our lives, and it only made sense at the time that They would on occasion find their way into my dreams. If it was habit for me to “pray without ceasing” in the real world, it would be second nature to do so in a dream.

Thus this “dream revelation” spurred some serious reflection on my part. Had my heart truly been made new, a place in which the Holy Spirit always dwells, or was it the same old heart still fighting for my desires over God's will? A heart wholly given to Jesus would be in contact with Him every moment. Was the Holy Spirit telling me I was constantly getting disconnected?

This demanded a serious investigation. What part of me “hung up” on Him? Whatever it was, I wanted it destroyed—annihilated from my life.

He saved me from the depths; what genuine heart would not want to please Him in return? It was and is my first task.

Of course, I knew the problem, because I kept stumbling into it day after day. Plus, the fact it was placed on my mind indicated that God expected more from me immediately as a professed Christian. I didn't want to hear Jesus say, “I never knew you, Anthony,” because I refused to follow His guidance in all areas of my life. I don't want to refuse His counsel, not even the tiniest “jot or tittle.”

Praise God! He set me on the path to defeat the enemy. He showed how pride and continual selfishness chipped away at my will power and threatened my salvation. In essence, He put His foot down. He says to us, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:6). I got the message firmly, and there was no denying its truth.

To His glory alone, God has led me to significant improvements in my character after accepting the ultimate truth of Jesus and discovering the part obedience plays in the Christian life. I believe the Holy Spirit resides in me, because I have the tools and the desire to follow Him now. Indeed, I know that many who knew me a few years ago would not recognize me today. That is the power of Christ; so awesome in scope it's unfathomable.

As a new year begins, I have much more to do. Notice that I said I am on the path; I still haven't crossed the finish line. And I still haven't dreamed of praying to Him or singing His praises. But I have hope and faith that He will complete His work in me. I'm assured of it so long as I am willing (Philippians 1:6).

This is an important race, one that will ultimately determine how much I play a part in the great commission. It's the highest calling for any person, and all have been called. But we must first fully submit to His will.

It's a fulfillment of a “dream” in itself to work with a ministry so dedicated to spreading the gospel message—and even better, enabling every Christian to do his or her part in a powerful way. I hope you enjoy this special “evangelism issue” of *Inside Report*, especially reading about the way God moved in Africa.

Finally, I believe that before it is time for me to go, either to my grave or straight into heaven, I'll have dreamed myself calling upon God. It will be such a habit in my life that my dreams will know nothing else.

It is indeed a promise for His church: “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions” (Joel 2:28; see also Acts 2:17).

Keep the faith!

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Mail Bag

Putting Up With Static

You are doing a great job! I watch Amazing Facts every Sunday morning here in



Rockwall, Texas. The TV signal is terrible; however, I put up with the static hiss just to hear you preach. You have my support. *MB, Texas*

The Book of Amazing Facts

Thank you so very much for our latest gift, *The Book of Amazing Facts*. We are so grateful for your ministry. Thank you! *AL, e-mail*

Words of Comfort

I just want to extend my sympathy to Doug and family at this time. Words can't express what you and Amazing Facts have done in leading me to the Lord and keeping me wanting to know more about the Bible and the love of God. I felt it when I read the report of your loss because I feel so much a part of your family. I will be praying for your comfort in the Lord. *DL, Wisconsin*

Equipping the Laity

The *Clarion* newsletter is great! It's very informative, and I'm excited about the thrust and tools to equip the laity for evangelism. Keep up the good work! *RW, Oklahoma*

Like a Piece of Pie

I wanted to see if we could get a copy of your TV program on the second coming of Christ. We were getting up early to watch your ministry and have been blessed. If it's possible, please send one to us. We both overslept and feel like someone stole a piece of our pie! May God bless you as much as He has us. *JW, Ohio*



Never Stop Learning

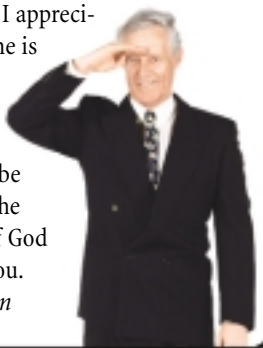
Thank you for the blessings. You touch me every Sunday through your TV program. I have learned a lot about the Word of Jesus from you. I will keep watching you and learning. *FM, Nevada*

From an Old Evangelist

I am a retired evangelist and pastor and my favorite hobby is preparing people for baptism. I should like to use your splendid tapes—along with the printed Study Guides—for a lovely new couple I just started studies with. So three new sets if you please.

I salute you in the Lord for the wonderful and great work you are doing. Salute Pastor Doug also for me—I have access to many different stories, but his, under God, make up my favorite. As an old evangelist, I appreciate Doug and he is so believable, vulnerable, and honest.

I am proud to be numbered in the same family of God with each of you. *DR, Washington*



Monthly Letter a Real Blessing

I would like to thank you for the wonderful Amazing Facts' newsletter. I read every word as soon as it comes! Thank you for your optimistic, faith-filled attitude. It is exciting to feel your enthusiasm. *BJ, California*

Spanish-style Gratitude

Your ministry has been a real blessing to us. We've been listening to your tapes, looking at your videos, and reading your books. And all this we share with friends. *AB, Spain*

AFCOE Praise

We want to praise God for AFCOE and the opportunity that our son experienced as a student and recent graduate. We ask for prayer in our son's behalf, that he will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in his life and be willing to respond accordingly. *CR, California*

Squarely on the Head

I'll be honest; when I first saw your show and heard you disregarding the rapture, I thought you were crazy. But reading your articles on salvation and Bible translations, I have learned a lot. You always hit the nail on the head! Too many people seem to invent their own ideas when the Bible has all the answers already for us. Keep up the good work. *MC, e-mail*



Panorama of Prophecy

I took the lessons in *Panorama of Prophecy* CD. I thought it was great! I have been saved for quite some time and never really understood Revelation. Knowing now what I did not know has been a wonderful blessing from our Lord. *DA, e-mail*

Inside Report Kudos

We love reading the *Inside Report* and watching Doug Batchelor. You all are a great blessing to all around the world. We will continue to send offerings as the Lord blesses. He has and does bless us greatly. *BL, Louisiana*

Reaching Our Young

Hi! I'm a 13-year-old girl who lives in Canada. Have you ever been to Canada? I just wanted to say that I really liked *Millennium of Prophecy*. It blessed me in a special way. Your sermons are made so that young people can understand them. *S, Canada*



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The Amazing Facts

Faith Summit

Join Pastor Doug and Karen Batchelor, Amazing Facts staff, and hundreds of Amazing Facts supporters for an enriching and thrilling weekend in Riverside, California.

More than 2,000 of Amazing Facts friends and supporters attended the ministry's last Faith Summit held in Orlando, Florida. Friends were treated to top-notch inspirational music, testimonies of people whose lives were changed by the Lord through Amazing Facts, and three stirring and uplifting sermons by Pastor Doug Batchelor.


Because of its great success, we're inviting supporters this year for another wonderful time of renewal and inspiration. You will also be able to meet with members of the Amazing Facts Development Department and, after Sabbath, take advantage of special prices on Amazing Facts books, tapes, software, and other resources.

Attendees will get a special look at the inside of the ministry and find out firsthand how the Lord has blessed Amazing Facts, and what He has planned for the ministry in the coming years.

Of course, everyone is welcome to be part of this faith-building event and share in the challenging vision for the Lord's finishing work through Amazing Facts. Special offerings will be taken, but there is no minimum donation required to attend.

The Faith Summit begins at 7 p.m., Friday, February 28, and continues at 10 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m., Sabbath, March 1. It will be held at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange St., Riverside, California.

Please note that the deadline for reserved seating is January 30, 2003. Advanced registration is highly recommended—seats went very quickly last year! Please call 800-538-7275 to reserve tickets and ask about special hotel room rates for those not living in the immediate area. A boxed lunch will be available for Sabbath afternoon by advance purchase as well.

Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with other Christians, meet Pastor Doug Batchelor, and come away renewed in faith and energized by evangelistic enthusiasm. We know you will enjoy the encouraging fellowship and be excited about the new efforts we're making to reach out to the world in these last days. We look forward to seeing you there! 

Come. Be Renewed. Be Inspired.

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Call to reserve seating and purchase boxed lunches for Sabbath. Special hotel room rates available.

RSVP by January 30, 2003.

SEATING IS LIMITED!

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Doug Batchelor

Forward by Faith

by Gary Gibbs

It is difficult to envision the bright-eyed, intelligent woman seated before me as coming from such a horrific background as she describes. Her past seems like it happened to someone else. Lydie was baptized only last week, and I caught how fresh her rescue from sin was when she broke down and wept as she shared her testimony.

Lydie is a young Cameroonian woman in her early 20s. Like thousands of others, she attended our *Visions for Life* evangelistic series in Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa. The seminar was presented by Pastor Doug Batchelor this past November and was up-linked around the world by ATN, 3ABN, and AMP.

Lydie's father is a witch doctor, and her mother has known more men than Lydie can recall. With only a fifth-grade education, Lydie ended up living on the streets. Her mother declared she was cursed and would never find happiness. However, last year something happened that was destined to lift the curse and dramatically change her life: A Sabbath-keeping Christian invited Lydie to church. Desperate and alone, she began attending and soon found hope slowly growing in her heart. Her mother was enraged by Lydie finding the joy that had always eluded her, so she turned the entire village against her daughter.

When *Visions for Life* was launched, Lydie packed her meager belongings, climbed on a bus, and moved to Yaounde. God blessed her with a little rented room near the stadium so she could attend. Each night, she sat enraptured as Pastor Doug presented Bible truths for our time.

Lydie especially took hope when Pastor Doug gave his testimony—how God had saved him from a life on the streets. “If God could accept Pastor Doug when his life was so troubled, then I know this change can happen to me,” Lydie told me.

Lydie is young and has so much potential, but it is hard to survive in a society where families depend upon one another—and her family turned against her long ago. So I wondered what Lydie would do for the future. What would keep her off the streets? With a smile on her face, she said, “Jesus means everything to me. I am leaving all the terrible things of the past behind and moving forward by faith. I am going to follow my Lord to the end.”

Lydie's testimony is shared by hundreds of thousands—many of whom were baptized all the way from Africa to India and around the world. “Forward by faith” characterizes the entire *Visions for Life* program—from the technical

struggles of getting on baptism decisions. Here is the story of how God poured out His Spirit upon the forward step of faith.



The Lion Roared

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Lions are the kings of the jungle in Africa.

The Bible compares Satan to a lion. Just as lions rule the bush in Africa, Satan has a stronghold on this continent where witch doctors and devils proliferate. The devil hated that we invaded his territory. We often heard his roar as he sought to frighten us to flee. Yet by God's grace, we were empowered to roar back and put him to flight.

One evening, Pastor Doug made a powerful altar call to all who wanted prayer for healing. Thousands flooded the front of the stage. Expensive modern medicine and useless traditional remedies collide in Africa, leaving many with no hope for healing. As Doug prayed, we heard a woman shriek, then watched as she fell to the ground, screaming and flailing her limbs. Several men struggled to carry her away, trying to keep her from hurting herself. Many pastors gathered to pray for her deliverance from the demon's grasp—and after several long, intense minutes she calmed down.

But moments later, the devil struck again. Another demonic shriek came, and more men gathered to carry a young lady down to the stage. Yet this petite woman was endowed with super human strength—breaking the vice-like hold of a professional bodyguard! But God also calmed her agitated mind as we prayed.

You can see Satan in the eyes of the witch doctors. One witch doctor said charismatic pastors secretly sought out her supernatural powers. In the dark of night, they conspired against members who couldn't “speak in tongues.” They would have her bury a small, cursed charm beneath





where these targets would sit during Sunday worship. At the next church service, the unsuspecting victim would be swept up by supernatural powers and begin to “speak in tongues.” Yet God has now converted this witch doctor too!

God Roared Back at the Lion

Ministry in Cameroon isn't for the faint-hearted. Obstacles ambushed us at every turn. Three weeks prior to our launch date, the government said they'd scheduled their national soccer finals during our meetings. Cameroonians live for soccer, so this was a mammoth problem.

A flurry of prayer and phone calls ensued. For two weeks Jim Ayer, assistant coordinator, and I worked around the clock to resolve the problem. God opened the doors for us to contact government workers

at the highest levels, and they helped clear the schedule.

We eventually compromised by agreeing to remove our stage equipment during five scheduled games. God then blessed our builders, Rich Kollenberg and Ron Brown, with the ability to construct a portable stage, backdrop, and 40-foot screens that could be removed, lowered, and put back in place in three hours. Praise God!

You can't imagine the relief I felt when Jim called to tell me God had answered our prayers. I reverently picked up a Bible and asked God to give me a text to praise Him for His leading. Though not my normal method of study, I randomly opened the Bible and happened on the book of Job. My eyes fell on this verse: “He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent” (Job 26:13 NKJV). God was using a satellite in the sky to adorn the heavens with the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14! This message is inspired by God's hand, and it caused the evil serpent to be pierced and to flee. I took this text as a promise that God would mightily bless the *Visions for Life* evangelistic meetings.

Another problem occurred when our time on the satellite, which would bounce our images and sounds from Yaounde to downlink sites across the globe, was sold to someone else. Yet God also miraculously resolved this too!

Brad and Kandus Thorp, ATN workers in charge of the uplink, prayed that God would open a way to get His message to the world. So God led them and the General Conference to arrange time on a satellite that provides 24-hour coverage for seven days a week over multiple years. You see, the devil tried to stop our three-week meeting, but God turned this apparent defeat into a victory because the truth will now be broadcast over and over every week of the year to the

entire western hemisphere! The devil's roar was silenced again.

November is also not regarded as the best time to hold open-stadium meetings in Africa, because it rains an average of 4.5 inches in Yaounde. But October is even wetter and January is known for its raging Saharan sandstorms. So we had to go in November—it was simply the driest month available. During the weeks leading up to the meetings, it rained daily.

However, once we began, it only rained one night. And even then, God slowed that rain into a light mist—and then stopped it altogether by the time Pastor Doug began preaching. God showed that He always wins when He wants His Word to go forth!

A Humorous Interlude

Working in a developing country has numerous challenges. The amount of red tape and bureaucratic protocol made us wonder how anyone gets anything done.

Jim Ayer, a realtor from Mt. Shasta, Calif., not only volunteered as the assistant coordinator for the series, but he also coordinated the medical team. He arrived three weeks ahead of our team to prepare our way so we could launch on time.

For some comic relief, Jim sent this satirical e-mail to Pastor Doug and me while in the midst of negotiations with endless levels of government ministries. It provides a humorous but insightful look into what was often a not so funny situation. Thank you for your many prayers that opened the door for *Visions for Life*.

To: Doug Batchelor and Gary Gibbs

Subject: Cameroon From: Jim Ayer

Honored Sirs,

It took me a while; you two are really smart, but I finally figured it out. This isn't really where the meetings are going to be held at all, right? This is just a test—Amazing Facts' secret training ground. You sent me here to see if I could stand up under the pressure. These people here thwarting my every action with roadblocks at every turn are just actors, right? If I pass the test, only then will you send me to the real location to actually hold the meetings. Correct? So now that I am on to your plan, can I come home? What do you say?

Please note that I have already obtained permission to send this request to you from the following government bodies: Ministry of Everything, Ministry of Some Things, Ministry of Almost Nothing, Ministry of Little Action, Ministry of No Action, Ministry of Tomorrow, and Ministry of Someday If You Are Lucky. I realize that I have not complied with and/or obtained all of the required signatures from the 75 levels of each of the aforementioned offices, but I thought I would cast myself upon your all-great and knowing wisdom in this urgent matter. Yes, I haven't given the proper five-year notice, but I beg your help!



Pastor Doug welcomes the audience.

Worldwide Impact

As you know, *Visions for Life* was much more than a meeting in Yaounde. The African continent alone hosted more than 1,500 downlink sites! And

many more church sites and private homes participated from as far away as Bangladesh, India, and Papua New Guinea. Twenty-four translators enabled Pastor Doug to preach to this worldwide audience. We praise God for the nearly 1,200 people baptized in Yaounde and the hundreds of thousands who committed their lives to God and were baptized around the world.

We received e-mails from the United Kingdom, Kuwait, Papua New Guinea, India, the United States, and all over Africa. A young person from Bangladesh wrote, "It's a great blessing to hear God's message through you every evening. I've come to know more about you since last year after I found the book *Richest Caveman* in my uncle's house. I'm always interested in thrilling stories, so when I read the back cover, I didn't hesitate to steal it as my uncle had three of them. Yet as I read the book, I began to see life in a new light. I kept reading it over and over—11 times! Here I've seen how we can come closer to God. He showed me through your life that He is always able to help us though we reject Him."

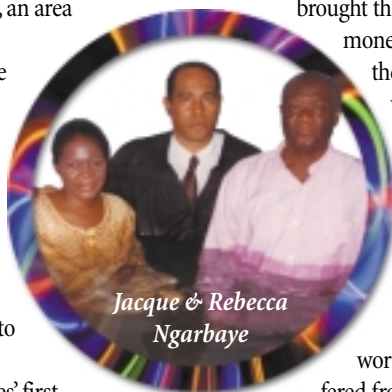
From California, one viewer wrote: "I have been watching you for over a year on 3ABN, but I can hear in your voice a new urgency for the gospel in Cameroon. As I watch, I tape for others to see and hear. I hold you up in prayer and while doing so, I find myself lifting you high before the Lord. Could it be that you have a new and deeper infilling of God's Holy Spirit?"

Muslim Strongholds Surrender

North Cameroon is located in the 10/40 Window, an area that designates a swath of the planet that is mostly Moslem and has very few Christians. Believers have found it extremely difficult to work there because converts are persecuted and martyred. During *Visions for Life*, God used the satellite signal as a bulletproof preacher for the truth.

Koza, Cameroon, is a huge city of 7 million—of which 75 percent are Muslim. Yet more than 2,000 truth-seekers attended the city's downlink sites. The church had never seen such a response to the gospel.

In Chad, Jacque Ngarbaye, the son of the countries' first head of state, attended along with his wife Rebecca. Jacque is an ambassador and commands the nation's army. Rebecca has her doctorate in Islamic studies. Several months ago, Rebecca received the book *The Great Controversy* while on a trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. As she read, her heart stirred with the truth that Jesus is coming soon. When the church advertised the *Visions for Life* meetings, Jacque and Rebecca knew they had to attend and learn more. They were both baptized along with 230 others!



Jacque & Rebecca Ngarbaye

A church in Tanzania found it difficult to get their equipment to work properly. A sympathetic Muslim neighbor allowed them to use his satellite dish. He became so interested in the meetings that he connected many of the neighbors' television sets as well. Reports were that thousands of people were watching and nearly 100 were baptized.

During our meetings, more than 200 people were murdered in neighboring Nigeria when Muslims became angered over the Miss World beauty pageant that was to be hosted there. Yet at the same time, thousands more Muslims were finding eternal life at our downlink sites in the north. Up to 10,000 participated in the meetings in the major cities.

In Kuwait, Mathew and his family providentially repaired their satellite dish just in time to watch the meetings. Mathew wrote, "I realized that it was God's plan that I got the satellite fixed recently at our home. It's 9:30 p.m. when the message begins here, and the whole family gathers to hear. I am also recording these messages to watch again. It's a great blessing. I hope that this message will continue broadcasting. We will inform our friends about these messages so that many will know. In this part of the world, there are few chances for people to be exposed to the Word of God."



Our hard-working construction crew!

Jesus' Ministry of Healing

Disease, poverty, and AIDS are rampant in Africa. As I walked past the church headquarters in Yaounde, I saw a man sleeping in a cold concrete culvert littered with foul rubbish. His blanket is a cardboard box. The physical and spiritual needs here can crush a Westerner. Perceived as affluent Americans, we were constantly bombarded by people with innumerable requests to relieve their suffering. But like the apostle Peter, we brought the people of Africa something much more valuable than money. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

To meet the physical needs, a medical and health education team went with us. Dawna Sawatzky, a health educator, presented practical health information during the evening meetings. Applause erupted from the crowd as they learned how to glorify God in their bodies.

Our team treated 1,740 patients and provided services worth more than \$25,000. The dentists saw people who suffered from abscessed teeth for years. "This patient has been in constant pain for well over a year with an abscess. It feels terrific to be able to take away his pain," Dr. Randy Elloway confessed. Other medical team members included Nora Elloway, Karine Duverger, Pochly Bardel, Loren Starr, Jeff Schroeder, Karen and Wesley Holland, Roy and Zeleny Terretta, Hans Sawatzky, Millisa Cuneo, Janene Ayer, and others.

Each member volunteered their services and traveled at their own expense—a large sacrifice. The Lord used them to do the first work of the gospel: to heal the sick. Just as Jesus did.

Dr. Elloway has learned that God blesses mission work. As a private practitioner, he must close his office when he goes on mission trips. When he decided to join us for *Visions for Life*, he trusted God to pay the bills. On the day that Dr. Elloway and his wife Nora were to fly to Africa, a patient walked in who needed a large amount of work done. It was exactly the amount Elloway needed to go. He helped heal the sick, and God sent him to help more.



impressed with the dramatic change in his son's life that he was led to give us the stadium without any charge!

Many members of the hosting churches were involved. Josephine, who operates a health food store and vegetarian restaurant, sponsored more

than 1,300 studies. Three of her students were giving

their own studies even before they were baptized! Arthur Bongondo studied with 210 interests, Annie Zawadi studied with 78, and another student helped 35. Arthur and Annie attended the same church and told their pastor that they had found God's remnant church and had made a decision to join it. They are both from the Congo and have a desire to return home to spread the message.

Reaching the Upper Classes

Most people believe Africa is only a place of extreme poverty and ignorance. Yet multitudes recognize the value of education. Universities in Africa attract bright minds and future leaders. And God opened many doors for the truth to penetrate the halls of higher learning.

Dr. Herb Giebel has been a missionary to Nigeria for many years. While treating physical needs, he seeks primarily to heal the spirit. Last year, Dr. Giebel began distributing copies of Amazing Facts' *Panorama of Prophecy* CD to students.

Doors opened for him to place this dynamic evangelism tool at a theological seminary. He says, "The people both love and hate it. They don't like all the clear truths that they learn, but they can't get enough of it. They keep coming back for more copies." Hundreds are now studying a wealth of books and studies on the CD.

Dr. Giebel has given out nearly 1,000 CDs. He explains, "I don't give them out to just anyone. I loan them. This way people come back to me with their reaction."

One evening, I was introduced to a young university student from Ngadonndere, Cameroon. A small group of Sabbathkeeping students received permission to host a downlink site. In faith, they printed posters and borrowed a satellite dish. However, without a projector they were unable to start their meeting.



With the little money he and his friends could gather, this student rode a bus to Yaounde. He asked me to give him a projector for his meetings, but I didn't know where to get one. I told him that God would have to find one for him. We prayed, and I wondered if he would find one.

Guess what God did? The next day, a shipment of projectors arrived and was released from customs. The student took a projector back to the university and held his meeting with more than 1,000 in attendance! We've heard that hundreds expect to be baptized.

The Minister of Trade, a recent convert, was an immense help in negotiating with the government for the stadium and getting our equipment into the country. We were blessed to witness his adult daughter be baptized during the meetings. He also introduced us to the Prime Minister, who granted us a private audience and said he watches Pastor Doug's programs on satellite.

The Minister of Sports' son was known as a troublemaker. During one of our many organizational meetings, the young man was convicted of his sins. He came forward to be baptized. The Minister of Sports was so

Breaking New Ground

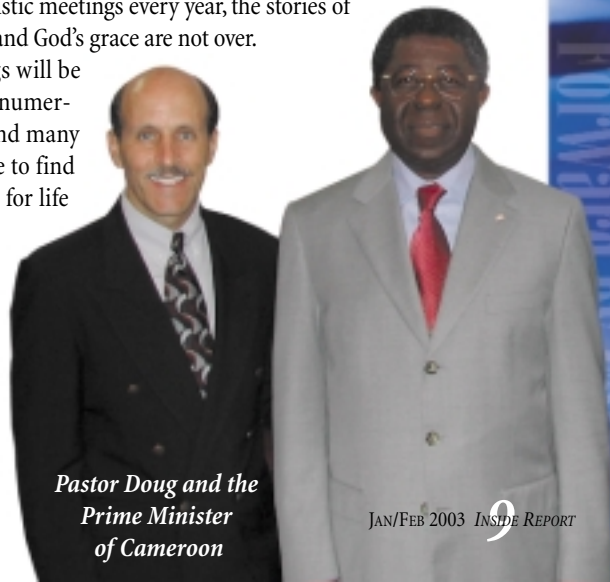
I feel the best way to conclude this report is with the words of the local church leaders who made this event possible. Gabriel Boakye-Dankwa, field secretary for the Western Africa Division, points out the historical significance of *Visions for Life*. "This is the first satellite meeting to be hosted in an African French-speaking country. Most satellite meetings choose to go to English-speaking nations because they historically are easier for evangelism. *Visions for Life* demonstrates that we can hold successful meetings in Francophone countries."

Pastor Jean Marie Tchoualeu, president of the Central Africa Union Mission, told us "This meeting has been like Pentecost. We could never imagine a response like this happening in a French territory."

Pastor Gilbert Wari, local conference president and Western Africa Division secretary elect, said he noticed on the day of the mass baptism, "Several of our members wept with joy. The most baptized at one time in our conference was 125. Our members have never seen this before. It is unprecedented."

We also praise God for what He has done and will continue to do through our meetings. When we first went to Cameroon one year ago, they only had 10 downlink sites. By the time the meetings began, more than 220 downlink sites had been purchased. Church members sacrificed much for this event. And since they now have the equipment to hold evangelistic meetings every year, the stories of conversions and God's grace are not over.

The meetings will be rebroadcast numerous times, and many will continue to find a new vision for life that will enable them to move forward by faith.



Pastor Doug and the Prime Minister of Cameroon

AMAZING FACTS

Pat

CELEBRATES



BY ANTHONY LESTER

The ministry of Amazing Facts has changed tremendously since its first radio broadcast in 1966. From a small basement office in Maryland, to its own facility outside Sacramento, California, no one ever dreamed God would lead it to be the international ministry it has become.

But Pat Norris didn't need a dream, because she lived it. In 1970, she began as a volunteer for the ministry, working to spread the gospel with just five other dedicated individuals in a one-room office. Since then, she has become a ministry pillar and an inspiration to those who have worked alongside her.

Shy and unassuming, she exudes great warmth and intelligence. But her soft-spoken nature conceals a heart yearning to spread uncompromising truth tempered with God's love. "It's been a real blessing," she says, "to be able to reach out to those who hunger for the truth."

AN AMAZING CONNECTION

Pat admits to liking "strange and different" things, and it's no wonder that when surrounded by popular beliefs that didn't make sense, she didn't simply go along. When she was young, she struggled to find the true God, but was constantly confused by inconsistent doctrines. She in turn resisted faith in Jesus.

Yet in her late 20s, that all changed. She found a radio station playing a different kind of Bible series hosted by Joe Crews. For two years she listened captively and was ecstatic to learn that Crews, and his burgeoning ministry, would be presenting a seminar near her. Through God's providential grace, she overcame great obstacles to attend, and her life was transformed.

During this time, she also received "information folders" (early versions of our Bible Study Guides). The truths they expressed excited her, and she quickly read through each one. "I was so impatient to get them," she says. "It was the first time the Bible ever made sense."

She was also consumed with Bible reading, sometimes staying up all night reading God's Word. Seven months after the seminar, she was baptized as a joyful resident of the Sabbathkeeping church.

RETURNING A FAVOR

One Sabbath, Joe Crews returned to her church and asked for volunteers for the ministry. She gladly took the role, driving more than an hour each day to reach the office.

Her first job was scheduling broadcast times for Joe Crews' 550 sermons and mailing tapes to radio stations. Through the years, she took on several responsibilities, such as processing donations. At one time, the ministry had only two office staff, so she did just about everything there was to do! If you've been a longtime friend of the ministry, you've probably had some contact with her.

She also had a knack for finding free time on upstart TV stations while also going out to get lunch for Joe. She also admits to cleaning people's prescription glasses when they weren't around ...

GOOD MEMORIES

She remembers much about the ministry's founder. "Joe Crews was such a humble man. He worked hard, but his door was always open." She recalls him as a wonderful steward of God's resources, blessed with great humor and an incredible memory. "He never forgot anyone. He would call people he met briefly 30 years ago by name."

The sudden death of Joe Crews in 1994 brought uncertainty to Amazing Facts, but Pat believes Pastor Doug Batchelor stepped in ably. "He's done a terrific job and really expanded on Joe's vision."


It's part of the reason why she moved with Amazing Facts when it relocated to California. It had become a real family to her.

PARTING THOUGHTS

Pat believes that the ministry's strong message has made it a target of frequent attack. Yet she also knows that because Amazing Facts has refused to dilute clear teachings on doctrine and Bible prophecy, God has truly blessed it with growth and responsibility.

Pat's life hasn't slowed down much after retirement, as taking care of two precious grandchildren has become her next full-time job. She's also known to take in the random stray animal from time to time.

Like many here, the ministry for which she worked tirelessly transformed Pat's life. And her testimony of dedication, sacrifice, and thirst for truth is a legacy and blessing from God for every fellow worker to come.

We ask that you pray especially for God's faithful servant Pat—for a full life to come in continued service to His message. 



EVANGELISM Online

by Scott Steward



Curtis Sharp is a junior theology major at a Christian university in Collegedale, Tennessee. He accepted Christ in 1993; a few years later, he discovered the Internet. Now his two interests have become a powerful combination, infused by his enthusiasm and the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel around the world.

In fact, Sharp has had more than 180 people visit BibleUniverse via his website, www.angelfire.com/sc/YJesusCame/smiles.html, since January 2002. He's found ways to contact literally thousands of people and invite them to get to know his Savior.

Sharp is a registered BibleUniverse.com Online Missionary. As such, he has access to hundreds of Amazing Facts resources to both grow and mature as a Christian, and to nurture his online Bible students into a healthy, dedicated, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. He is becoming a trusted resource, a virtual expert, on Bible topics. This works well with his theology coursework at college.

"If you're on fire for the Lord, use the Internet fairly often, and have a little time to spare, it's easy to e-mail complete strangers and ask if they're interested in spiritual matters. Last year, I spent hours reaching out to people, sending 75 to 150 e-mails at just one sitting, even more on weekends, just 'copying and pasting' and sending messages with links to anyone with a similar interest," Sharp explains.

He began by building Web pages to interest people in his new-found Savior. Sharp's pages are peppered with links to sites such as BibleUniverse.com that visitors can follow to learn more about Jesus and His relevance for today. "Building a simple Web page with a link to BibleUniverse is one of the easiest and most effective ways to spread the gospel. In my experience, many people have signed up for the BibleUniverse.com Bible prophecy studies from my Web page," says Sharp.

Sharp uses Internet providers such as America Online (AOL) and researches the publicly accessible user profiles that other users submit to find other like-minded people. He sends them e-mails with a link to his personal website as part of his signature. People click on the link, arrive at his website, and find information about Jesus, the Bible,

and links to websites such as BibleUniverse.com where they begin to learn about Sharp's Best Friend.

"Sharing Jesus on the Internet with so many people is a good way to witness, and as a BibleUniverse.com representative, I can see the results, the fruits of my work, as blessed by the Holy Spirit," says Sharp, who has Internet friends all across the United States and in countries such as Ukraine, Canada, Zimbabwe, and Ghana.


"On AOL and other sites, you can use their user profiles to send messages inviting people to check out a link, but you have to be careful to follow their rules to not send unwanted information. Yahoo! Messenger is also a good one to contact people and find others who share your interests," Sharp adds.



"Since John Quade (Amazing Facts online evangelist and BibleUniverse.com Webmaster) added the tracking feature, I've been able to see my students' progress and how God is working. That really encourages me. For example, I made friends with a girl in Ukraine, recommended BibleUniverse.com, and watched as she completed all the lessons. The tracking feature makes it possible to follow a student's progress, answer their questions, pray specifically for each one, and e-mail them to keep them encouraged. That's cool."

Sharp has worked as a colporteur, a door-to-door Bible literature salesperson, and quickly admits that Internet-based evangelism is much easier. "I've had a lot of doors slammed in my face by going door to door, but the Internet offers ways to find interested people a lot faster and more easily, and lets you cover a lot more ground in less time. However, colporteur work is especially important because there are many without a computer and Internet access.

"I've spent very little money on my efforts. It's easy to find a free or inexpensive Internet service, and there are lots of free or inexpensive books available to offer my students as incentives to complete their lessons. My biggest investment has been my own time, and I've seen the Lord really bless it," Sharp says.

Keep visiting BibleUniverse.com for more great resources in reaching others online, and learn more about the new BibleUniverse.com Online Missionary and Affiliate programs. 

Scott Steward is Amazing Facts advertising and PR coordinator.



FROM EVERY CORNER, TO EVERY CORNER

BY ANTHONY LESTER

Mary hadn't opened the Bible in 32 years. She hungered for truth to live by, but instead found herself mixed up in worldly attractions. However, one day she accepted an offer of free Bible studies from B.J., a young Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE) student. Weeks later, her life had been transformed. "Thank you so much for listening to the Lord's voice," she exclaimed with tears in her eyes, "and coming to my door."

Sharing Christ and seeing a heart unfold in His love is an almost indescribable experience for B.J. "I watched as she prayed her first prayer to Jesus," he says. "I could really see the Lord working on her heart. Her thirst for the Word took off." He then led her to Brian McMahon's prophecy seminar in Auburn, California, where she was baptized into the Lord's remnant church.

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Of course, evangelism is difficult. In any outreach effort, there are probably more misses than hits. But that's exactly why students come to AFCOE—to learn how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to reach more people effectively.

Alan Parker, AFCOE director, says, "AFCOE is a life-changing experience. Not only do you learn how to reach people, but you also get to see it happen. No one leaves our program without an intense desire to bring others to Christ."

That certainly happened to B.J., who, along with four other AFCOE students, will be using his new skills in Arkansas, holding seminars and giving Bible studies especially focused on young adults.

B.J. believes that if churches would spend as much energy reaching out as they do serving their own members, they would see miracles. "Amazing Facts teachers made Daniel and Revelation really come alive, and taking that message to others will have a profound effect." Now he wants to use the tools he gained at AFCOE to share with family members and friends lost in worldly darkness. He and his sister Shawnah, who left a lucrative jockey position to follow Christ and come to AFCOE, want to make a difference for eternity. "I've seen great changes in her life," B.J. says, "as well as in my own." He has forged a deeper relationship with Christ while here at AFCOE, and now he hopes to teach others to deepen their own spiritual walk.



B.J. and Joe

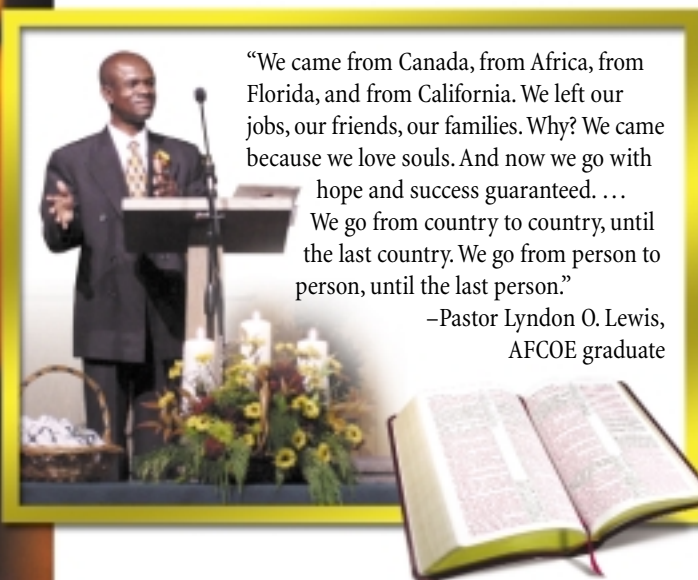
Calling Young and Old

Part of the students' training in the work of spreading the gospel is assisting with a prophecy seminar. They also attend classes each morning, receive assignments, and then spend their afternoons doing homework or giving Bible studies. Needless to say, it is a demanding schedule—especially for older students like Pearl Laws. "It was hard since it had been years since we had to buckle down and study with deadlines and tests," she admits. But the demands are nothing compared to the delight of reaching others.

"For years I have been praying for more knowledge to reach others. This has been the answer to my prayers."

Of course, the challenges of living with roommates can be taxing. As Pearl concludes, "You have to overcome selfishness, pride, and that awful independence!" But living with other Christians provides terrific opportunities to forge lifelong friendships and support each other. Joe Henslee believes that in times of struggle, the encouragement of peers is priceless. "When you're feeling down with problems at home or with class work, the fellowship really lifts you up."

Joe comes from Georgia, where he once worked as a K-9 policeman. He came to



"We came from Canada, from Africa, from Florida, and from California. We left our jobs, our friends, our families. Why? We came because we love souls. And now we go with hope and success guaranteed. . . . We go from country to country, until the last country. We go from person to person, until the last person."

—Pastor Lyndon O. Lewis,
AFCOE graduate

AFCOE searching for ways to reach an older audience, and he believes what he's learned will be an immeasurable blessing with eternal results. For him, as with many other students, the tragedy of 9/11 was a resounding wake-up call. "After 9/11, I realized that four years at a Bible school was not just too expensive, but also too long," he says. "The Lord is coming soon, and I felt called to get that training quickly so I could reach others better and sooner. AFCOE was the obvious choice."

A Worldwide Class

Michael Reid was born in Jamaica. He grew up in a Sabbathkeeping family, and from his youth had a "passion for souls." For years he has sought to share the gospel wherever he goes, but without formal training, it was difficult. He moved to the United States in 2000, and soon his pastor recommended AFCOE. With a new baby, the financial prospects looked grim, but Michael lifted the situation up in prayer and received a dramatic answer. "AFCOE has been a life-changing experience," he says. He confesses it's not a "bed of roses," but recommends it to those who are serious about serving Jesus.

Michael is returning to Arkansas to continue his passionate work for souls. Now he will know how to share Jesus more effectively.

Returning Home

Pastor Jesin Israel heard about AFCOE through Sam Palmer, a former AFCOE student working as an evangelist for Amazing Facts in India. (See "A Church Reborn" in Sept/Oct 2002 *Inside Report*.) Jesin struggled in his pursuit of souls in India and became very

discouraged with his lack of significant progress. He began working with Sam, and saw immediate results from Sam's techniques. Sam soon realized that an experience at AFCOE could really benefit the struggling pastor. He encouraged Jesin to attend, and Sam and his family sponsored Jesin's AFCOE studies.

"I know, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that God wanted me here at AFCOE," says Jesin. "The spirit-filled devotions, eye-opening lectures, and stimulating discussions have taken me to great spiritual heights." Jesin's joy overflows in his smile and enthusiasm. He hopes that he can make a greater difference for the Lord when he returns to India.

"I would love to remain here at AFCOE to learn more," Pastor Jesin reflects. "But I know that the Lord



who brought me here has another place for me to go." Jesin will return to India to train his own church in the skills of evangelism, and to share his wealth of new knowledge with other pastors.

The Thrill of Dependence

Zachary Lundquist recalls what might be the most important lesson he learned at AFCOE. "One teacher described the real Christian experience as the 'thrill of dependence.' As she talked, I longed for that same experience, and in the last few weeks of class, I learned that my greatest joy is depending on Him."

The students graduated on November 22, 2002, in a quiet ceremony at the Auburn church. As they press on into the dark places where the Lord calls them, they will need this thrill of

dependence more than ever. Several have accepted positions as Bible workers throughout the United States, and many more are needed to fill the constant demands. Others will be reach-

ing people in faraway lands. Some will return home newly armed with evangelistic skills. Wherever they go, life will never be the same.

"Our challenge as Christians is to bring people to Jesus," says Pastor Doug Batchelor. This is why AFCOE was established. If you feel the Lord calling you to reach others, consider AFCOE. Pray—God will give you the answer. Thousands of lost souls are waiting for you to accept the call.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." —Luke 10:2 NKJV



Pastor Jesin with the Auburn church's Pastor Mike Speegle



John E. Howells, IV

Amazing Facts

EVANGELISM TEAM



You are invited to meet the members of Amazing Facts evangelism 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



Gary Gibbs



John Bradshaw



Richard Calderon



Rich Cavaness



Byron Corbett



Eric Flickinger



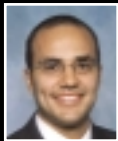
Lowell Hargreaves



Brian McMahon



Jason Morgan



Rawel Morninglane



Jack Pefley



Dennis Priebe



Verne Snow

Doug Batchelor

January 17 – 19
Men's Retreat Camp
MiViden Haden Lake, Idaho

Gary Gibbs

February 1 and 8
"WinSome Witnessing"
Sacramento Central Church
6045 Camellia Avenue
Sacramento, California

John Bradshaw

January 24 – February 22
Holiday Inn Select
2001 North Cove Boulevard
Panama City, Florida

March 14 – April 19
South Middle School
12310 East Parkview Drive
Aurora, Colorado

Rich Cavaness

January 24 – 26
"Israel in Prophecy"
Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, Washington

February 8 – March 15
Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, Washington

Eric Flickinger

January 10 – February 15
Hotel Petaluma Facility
205 Kentucky Street
Petaluma, California

February 21 – March 21
Mason City, Iowa

Lowell Hargreaves

January 17 – February 22
M.R.P.S. Auditorium
133 N. Grant
Manteca, California

February 28 – April 5
Best Western Convention Center
2000 W. Mercury Blvd.
Hampton, Virginia

Brian McMahon

January 17 – February 15
Central Christian Church
(Old Location)
3415 South Mojave Road
Las Vegas, Nevada

March 7 – April 5
Amarillo Civic Center
401 South Buchanan Street
Amarillo, Texas

Jason Morgan

January 10 – February 15
Minnesota West Community and
Technical Center
1314 North Hiawather Avenue
Pipestone, Minnesota

Rawel Morninglane

January 10 – February 15
Jacksonville, Kentucky
606-666-2924 for details

February 21 – March 29
Anniston, Alabama
256-237-4048 for details

Jack Pefley

February 17
Windom, Minnesota

February 24
Marshall, Minnesota

In 2002, our evangelists' meetings resulted in more than 1,500 baptisms. Please pray for our evangelists and another great year of harvest.



PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic series or a weekend of revival meetings in your church, please contact the evangelism department at Amazing Facts by phone at 916-434-3880 or by mail.

GOD is Bigger than the DEVIL

Wow! What an awesome experience to share truth with others. The Revelation of Peace Prophecy Seminar with Jason Morgan and his wife Misty here in Arkansas was a wonderful success.

On opening night, visitors came from near and far to learn about Bible truth and Jesus—and they continued to come with many not missing even one night. They really wanted truth and were not afraid of change.

Of course, the devil tried to mess up our meetings—like when the handbills arrived and the map was wrong. I thought, “How terrible if people could not find the meeting hall.” But God is bigger than the devil. Everyone who really wanted to attend found the meetings!

Then Jason came down with a bad cold, and Misty wasn't feeling very good either. But Satan could not gain the victory. Jesus changed lives before our eyes, and bad habits were overcome by His power. Where pain and stress reigned, joy and happiness overcame. Many learned about the rest that comes in faith and obedience to Him.

As Jason and I visited people in their homes, many accepted the true teachings of the Bible and requested baptism. That makes all the hard work worthwhile. Misty also presented a healthy cooking school that was very well attended.

It was a joy for me to baptize 13 new church members on Sabbath. And even more rededicated their lives to Christ through baptism and profession of faith! I thank Jesus for the awesome privilege of baptizing believers into a marriage with Him. Amen!

I encourage other churches to try a video Bible study program for the pre-work before an Amazing Facts seminar. We did, mailing gift cards for free studies. (Contact Seminars Unlimited for help.) We used NET '99 videos with the *Storacle* lessons. We're still having a great response. God will bless in all that we do for Him. Just do it!

Thank you so much, Amazing Facts, for your ministry of sharing Jesus to a dying world! —



Report submitted by Pastor Ken Blundell.

God's Wildfire in Show Low

In July of 2001, Pastor Jay Warren and I had a wonderful reunion. He was the pastor of my home church in Wenatchee, Washington, but we lost touch when he moved his family to Texas.

But during a family reunion, I was thrilled to hear that Jay and his wife DeeDee were the pastoral couple there. It was an awesome time of fellowship. And as Jay and I talked, the idea of conducting a prophecy seminar in Show Low formed in our minds. So plans were laid and the calendar was set for a soul-winning prophecy seminar.

However, only the good Lord knew of the unbelievable events that would transpire only weeks before the seminar was to begin.

In the Fire's Path

The Rodeo-Chediski fire became world-renown in just a few days. What started as a small wildfire blew up to thousands of acres virtually overnight. Dubbed the “monster of the White Mountains,” it soon became the largest wildfire in Arizona history. Eventually, Show Low had to be evacuated—more than 30,000 residents were asked to leave. In the end, nearly 500 homes were destroyed and almost 500,000 acres were torched!

On Sunday of the evacuation, the news reported a bleak outlook as high winds and low humidity made even more fuel for an already out-of-control fire. The Forest Service said: Show Low would burn.

But God said: I have other plans. Without a doubt, He revealed that He wanted the meetings to go forward. Instead of high winds, there were none; instead of low humidity, it was high.

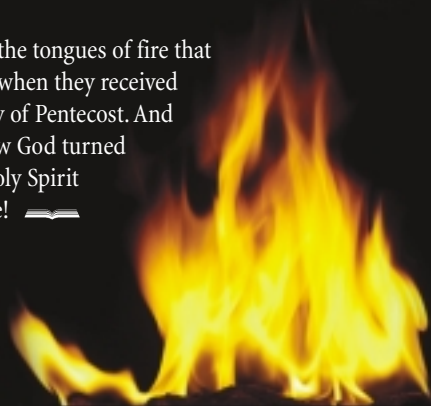
The firefighters seized control of the fire when it was less than half a mile from Show Low's city limits. God had worked a miracle nobody expected! Within a few days, the fire danger for Show Low disappeared and residents returned home.

We had to overcome many more obstacles: FEMA took control of the meeting hall and many members were looking to cancel. But God showed His faithfulness and protection. The meetings went forward, and attendance was great as the church bonded together and we went forward in the power of the Holy Spirit to see amazing miracles and lives transformed.

In all, 11 people committed their lives to Jesus Christ and His remnant church, and we even had a wedding to go along with it!

In Acts, we read about the tongues of fire that came upon the disciples when they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. And now I have witnessed how God turned a manmade fire into a Holy Spirit wildfire! Praise His name! —

Report submitted by Rich Cavaness.





On the Road again

with John Bradshaw

by Anthony Lester

Many readers have asked about the second part of our interview with evangelist John Bradshaw. (Part one is featured in the Aug/Sept 2002 *Inside Report*.) We had to delay that report until this issue for space concerns, but we're returning now to focus on the challenges of soul-winning with some keys to evangelism that might help you reach others.

Anthony Lester. I believe your presentations are very powerful and effective because they are easy to follow, systematic, and biblically based.

John Bradshaw. All the Amazing Facts evangelists owe something to Joe Crews. He was a master of a logical, biblical way of presenting Bible truth. It was such that you couldn't escape the fact that it was true. It was comprehensive—Scripture upon Scripture. It is a compelling, irrefutable way of teaching the gospel.

AL. How involved is the local church in your seminars?

JB. They are the key to a meeting's success or failure. The evangelists can make a difference, but without the church—the farmer preparing the soil, planting the seed, tending the crop—the harvester can't do anything.

Amazing Facts can do much, but it always works best when a church realizes a need for evangelism in their community. If they're prepared to work to make it a success, then it will be. But it's not such hard work with the Lord involved. Witnessing for the Lord is not something to sweat over. The Holy Spirit can work through anybody.

AL. How do you advertise the event?

JB. I've learned much over the years and handbills are the most efficient because everyone sees them. But personal invitation is the best, and that's where church members make a huge difference. They see someone interested in spiritual things and they invite them. That's where evangelism really starts, with the individual.

AL. How does the offering work? Where do the financial aspects come in?

JB. The local church shoulders some of the costs, and governing bodies are usually very supportive of local churches wanting to do evangelism. We do take offerings twice a week, and the response is usually quite good.

I tell attendees on opening night that we're not going to pressure them for money, and we don't. Now many want to give, and we provide them the opportunity. I tell a story about a revival I went to as a teenager. The evangelist took an offering, and sent around the biggest offering container I'd ever seen! They brought the offering up and showed it to him. He shook his head and said, "Not enough! Send it around again!" I don't want or need to be like that!

AL. What about personal visits? How do volunteers play a part?

JB. I go to as many personal visits as possible—along with the pastor. I really enjoy doing that. I think the people like it too. One-on-one evangelism generates the most success. I'll sometimes enlist Bible workers as well.

But we really want church members to get involved, to volunteer, as it strengthens the bonds between the visitors and the members. They'll distribute literature and help at meetings. They are the backbone of the meeting, and we couldn't do it without them. Take them away, and an evangelist is limited. I always get a core of people who are very dedicated and willing to do whatever it takes.

AL. What do you do when someone expresses an interest to you about God?

JB. I'll be as encouraging as I can, and I won't push. I ask questions designed to help them understand that God loves them and wants only the best for them. I'll urge them to keep attending, because I know they'll hear more. Our seminars are designed so that every night a person will hear Christ's love for them and have a chance



to accept that love—so having them come back is important. I might pray with them, depending on where they are.

These series aren't so much about gathering a bunch of unbelievers to flock toward the baptistry. It doesn't happen that way, because evangelism isn't designed that way. Evangelism is designed to be the end of the process, where those who have come to know the Lord are called to make a decision. It is true that on occasion, the most unlikely people accept Jesus. We've had witches do that!

AL. Explain the baptism process in your seminars?

JB. The most natural thing in the world is for people who are being touched by Jesus to want to commit their lives to Him. Baptism is a very appropriate way for people to do that, especially if He has really impacted their lives. We appeal for people to decide to be baptized, and when they've expressed a desire, we visit with them and plan accordingly. There's no pressure involved, as it isn't necessary and doesn't help. If someone is ready, then he or she is ready. Some are ready, but don't realize it or they're hesitant. When you find out the source of their hesitation, you can help them do something about it.

AL. I suppose you're used to people who don't like what you say.

JB. Seminars are for those who want to learn and not for those who have their minds made up. Some will come only to hear you as far as they agree with you. And that's a shame. They don't come to learn. They say, "Let's see how good this guy is." And when they disagree, they think you're no good. But every subject is sensitive to somebody. You preach about death and there is a man who has been getting "visitations." What do you tell him? But people know when you tell them in love. You just ask them if what they believe gels with the Bible.

You have to make what the Bible says clear, and the Holy Spirit will lead the way. Maybe they'll see what they have believed is in error because the Bible is so clear. It can be traumatic for a person. Softening the blow helps, but God will never remove the choice to decide what is right.

AL. Can church families benefit from these meetings, or are they simply for the unsaved?

JB. Many church members lose out when they don't support us or show up. They don't bring their precious kids, even though it's a great way for them to hear a message not often taught from the pulpit or in Sabbath school. There are so many teenagers who don't know what their church teaches, so this is a great way for them to learn. We teach them why we keep the Sabbath, about the judgment, and the state of the dead. Parents must really catch the vision. Evangelism truly energizes a congregation.

People will also say this is the clearest message they've ever heard about a certain subject. And a lot of times, it's because they have simply heard it again. It gets fuzzy after a while, but they hear it again and it becomes more ingrained. Repetition really counts.

AL. What's the greatest blessing about evangelism?

JB. Any time a person comes to Christ, that's powerful. I see myself as a link in the chain of someone's experience with Jesus.

AL. Your job is 24-hour evangelism. How do you keep it fresh?


JB. I'm reaching new people each time, in a different place, getting new souls, and dealing with new backgrounds and prejudices. You have to guard against becoming stale, but that's where keeping close to God counts. If the Holy Spirit is there, it's not going to be stale. It's going to be fresh and new each time. I don't get bored, and we're always looking for better ways to share the message. The Lord teaches us newer and more effective ways all the time.

AL. Finally, how did you meet your wife?

JB. I saw this vision of loveliness in the back of the church we attended. She didn't even know I existed. She's from North Carolina. We got to know each other in church outreach. And then we reached out to each other.

AL. A New Zealander and a North Carolinian? That's odd.

JB. Yeah. That's pretty weird. But it works out somehow.

John and Melissa have had another great blessing—Shannon Grace Bradshaw arrived on December 14, 2002! 



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BIBLE Answers

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Must we confess our sins to our Christian brethren to be forgiven?

Principally, all sin in general is against God and must be confessed only to Him in the closet of prayer. Notice that even after David sinned with Bathsheba and killed Uriah, he prayed, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Psalm 51:4).

When Achan was identified by God for stealing, his sin was against God and the people. Joshua told him, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me" (Joshua 7:19 NKJV). Because his sin directly affected the people, or church, he was commanded to acknowledge this publicly. But the confession was to God, not man—because only God can forgive sin. "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25 NKJV).

But if we hurt, offend, or abuse another human, whether Christian or pagan, we should acknowledge it to them and ask them to forgive us.

"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24 NKJV).

The simple rule is this: Public sin should be acknowledged publicly, offenses against individuals should be addressed only with those involved. And private sin should be confessed to God in private.

Is communion only for those who are members of a particular church and those with their sins forgiven?

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul says that every person should examine himself or herself. He says, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." Notice that he doesn't say, "Examine each other." So I should not examine you, and you should not examine me. With that in mind, who can judge who should receive communion but each individual for himself or herself?

Also note that Jesus allowed Judas to participate in the communion even though He knew that Judas was stealing and about to betray Him. He did not forbid him despite these sins. As a matter of fact, Christ even washed his feet. So the communion should be redemptive in nature. Yet the Bible does say that we should not eat the bread or drink the blood to our own condemnation—the principle being that we should not have an unforgiving spirit (Matthew 5:23). Jesus said that if you bring a gift to the altar, and communion is a symbol of this, and you are angry with your brother, you are to leave your gift, be reconciled to your brother, and then offer your gift. So when we accept the sacrifice of Jesus, we should have a forgiving spirit in our hearts. But nobody should be in the church judging whether or not we are worthy to participate.

It's a very common human characteristic that we look at the problems that we see on the outside, and we don't recognize the hurt that's on the inside. When people come to

communion, they're looking for cleansing, forgiveness, and healing—and we need to allow that miracle to transpire.

The church I pastor practices what is called open communion. This means we allow guests and members to judge themselves, and we do not police the hearts of other individuals. Remember that Jesus is the example we must follow, and He did not decide who should and should not. So I think a church is more biblical if they practice open communion.

Is it appropriate for Christians to contribute to political campaigns?

First and foremost, in every Christian life there should be a priority to recognize that we are ambassadors of another kingdom and use the bulk of our sacrifice to spread the message of the gospel that we love. But there are a number of needs in the world and Christians should be known as givers not only to their cause, but to various other causes in their society. This may mean helping with community projects of various kinds.

Although many politicians are not ethical, there are many who are. They are working to preserve the freedoms that mean so much to all of us. If an individual Christian feels convicted and inspired to contribute to a political issue that would expand the principles of Jesus, there is no moral dilemma in doing that. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17).

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*Our customer service specialists.
Top: Helen, Steven, and Michelle
Bottom: Missy and Becca*

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opportunity. Your impact for the Lord is practically guaranteed.

Though it might cost a bit extra, you might also consider placing ads in your community newspaper or put up signs and hand out flyers where you are permitted to do so.


Pray! The Lord wants you to share His great news, but do it for His glory. We suggest praying for each broadcast, asking the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to influence those who need to hear His message.



Some Final Advice

To be really successful, work with the cable operator in the spirit of Jesus. Be kind, patient, and understanding with all whom you work in this endeavor. Pray before each meeting, asking the Lord to direct you in His will. Please air your show on time and be professional and courteous when using equipment and space. And remember that in many ways, you are representing this ministry and, most important, our loving Savior.

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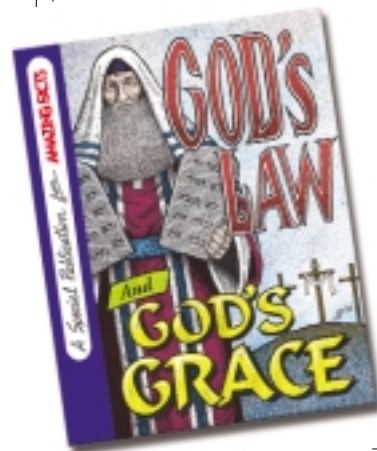
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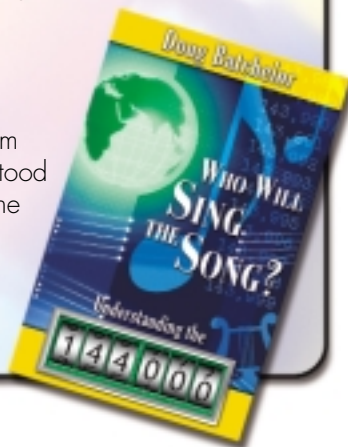
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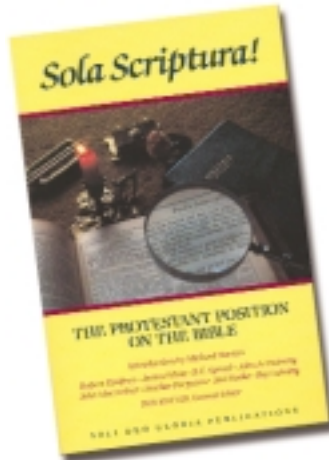
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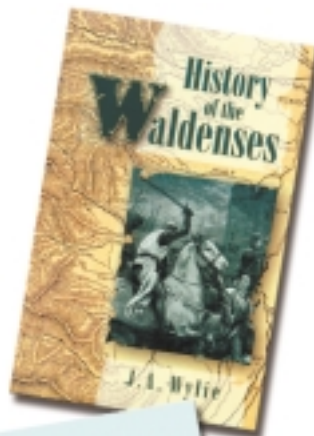
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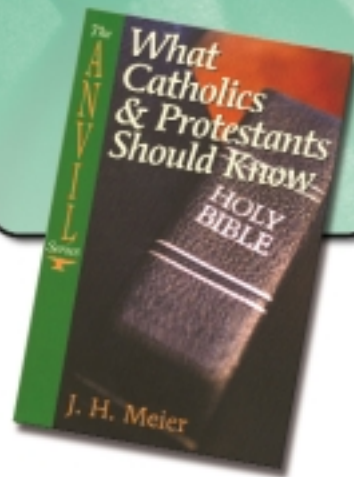
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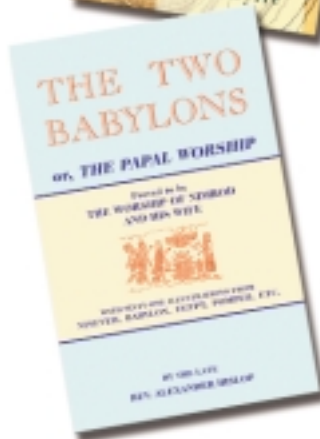
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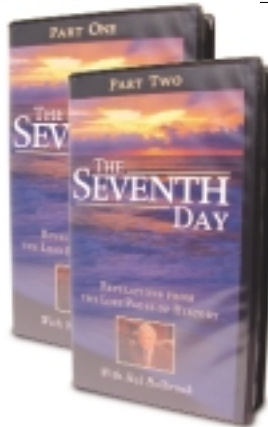
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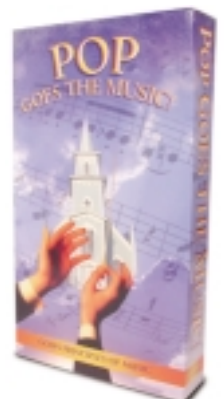
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Behind the Scenes

What's new at Amazing Facts...

Amazing Facts Welcomes Kimberly Miljatovic



Kimberly Miljatovic arrived in June 2002 to serve the ministry as marketing director. Her duties are to plan, develop, and execute Amazing Facts outreach to supporters. Some exciting aspects of her work include marketing, advertising, and public relations.

Kimberly is a self-proclaimed pilgrim "just passing through this world." She was born in New Mexico, but moved to Venezuela when she was three. Not raised a Sabbathkeeper, she finally found a relationship with Jesus at a Revelation seminar and later solidified that union with her education at Southern University in Tennessee. She's also lived and worked in Oregon and Missouri. She says, "Home is wherever the Lord leads me."

She's been married to Steve, currently a college student, for four years. Just before coming to Amazing Facts, Kimberly worked as marketing director for Weimar Institute in California. In her off time, she presents healthy cooking seminars. Kimberly appreciates working in front-line evangelism, sharing Christ with others. It's her prayer that God will use her as an instrument to extend the ministry's outreach to as many people as possible.



AFCOE Finds Outreach Coordinator



Ethelene Brady joined Amazing Facts in July 2002 as the new outreach coordinator for AFCOE. Her position includes teaching in the classroom and in the field, with an emphasis on enabling students to find, prepare, and present Bible studies that truth-seekers can relate to.

Before joining the ministry, Ethelene worked as an R.N., and she also trained as a Bible worker while working with Amazing Facts on NET '99. She was born to a Sabbathkeeping family and attended Upper Columbia

Academy in Washington state. After her children entered high school, she went to Fresno, California, to complete her nurses training. She's also worked as a Bible worker in Missouri.

Ethelene has been blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. She enjoys nature, especially when snow skiing and camping are involved. She says, "I have always enjoyed teaching, and when I was invited to join the AFCOE team, I was excited to think that I could join God in His work as a teacher."

Publishing Position Filled

Becca Marson joined Amazing Facts in May 2002 as a customer service specialist in the publishing and shipping department. She is responsible for answering the order phone and processing mail and Internet orders.

Becca grew up in a Sabbathkeeping family in College Place, Washington. From there she attended Walla Walla College in Washington and Pacific Union College in Northern California. She has been married four years to Ben Marson, who works as an internal auditor. Prior to joining Amazing Facts, she taught photography at Walla Walla College. She also spent a year as a missionary student in Thailand.

She first heard of Amazing Facts while attending a Brian McMahon seminar in California. She is also happy to be a part of a ministry that reaches the lost and equips the laity. During her down time, Becca enjoys photography, especially on her traveling and backpacking adventures, where she dabbles in snowshoeing and kayaking.



How to Give Bible Studies Rescheduled

Gary Gibbs, Amazing Facts senior vice president, will present his inspirational and popular "WinSome Witnessing" AFCOE class to the public. Due to scheduling conflicts, this class was rescheduled from last September.

The new dates are February 1 and 8 at the Sacramento Central Church from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. It's free to the public, so if you're going to be in the area, we hope to see you there!

Tim Wessman Joins Amazing Facts

The ministry welcomed Tim Wessman as customer relations/data entry in March 2002. His primary function is to process donations, create receipts, and ensure that all the numbers square up. He also helps donors who call in with questions and orders.



Tim was born in Miami, Florida, but his life has taken him all over North America. He has a degree in communications from Southern University and is currently working on a masters. Born into a Sabbathkeeping family, Tim at one time left the church, but realized that Jesus was the only thing that could fill his life with happiness. Prior to Amazing Facts, Tim had great success at coaching gymnastics and has also been a teacher.

He first heard of Amazing Facts through his father, who volunteers for the ministry. He's glad to be in a place where fellowship with Christians is a daily routine. When not working, Tim enjoys playing golf—and playing it well.

Gearing Up for the New Year!

New POP CD Mailers ... for YOU!

Amazing Facts has a new way for you to generate local interest for the *Panorama of Prophecy* (POP) CD. An Amazing Facts supporter has come up with this great idea: Many ministry friends order POP CDs in bulk to mail out to their community.

However, it's hard to know how many actually use the CD when it arrives in their mailbox. She suggested we create a postcard that friends can send out to their community to offer a free POP CD if they return the tear-off portion.

That's exactly what we did, and then we took the idea a bit further!

Amazing Facts will coordinate the printing and mailing of the cards based on the ZIP codes and number of people you wish to reach. From as little as 27 cents apiece for a minimum order of 10,000 postcards, to a mere 25 cents apiece for 50,000 postcards, we'll help you cover a neighborhood or your whole town. Compared to \$1.35 (or more, depending on quantities) to mail CDs to everyone, this provides a more strategic use of the Lord's funds by pre-qualifying individuals' interests before receiving the CD.

Once they receive the postcard, those who are interested can fill out the "return portion" of the card and mail it back to you, and then you can send those genuinely interested people a POP CD. It's a great way to reach real truth-seekers, save money, and spread the wonderful gospel of Jesus.

For more details, or to place an order for this exciting new witnessing tool, call our order department at 800-538-7275 to get yours today. And remember, POP CDs are still only a dollar each for 10 or more!



Into the Future

From October 19 to 21, Amazing Facts officers and board members met to determine long-term goals and strategy in reaching the lost with God's end-time message. They identified several areas in which to help expand and improve the ministry while maintaining our focus on Jesus.

Several topics of discussion included media strategy, AFCOE planning, facility expansion, and other key items. Please pray for the ministry as we seek innovative, efficient, and compelling ways to share Jesus with the world.

AFCOE Keeping Busy

These two months are busy for the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. First, the Condensed Course begins January 19. This program is especially designed for pastors, church leaders, and busy professionals. Students will enhance their skills in pastoral evangelism, church growth, and leadership.

And the Introductory Bible Worker Course swings into action on February 2. This unique course promises the skills

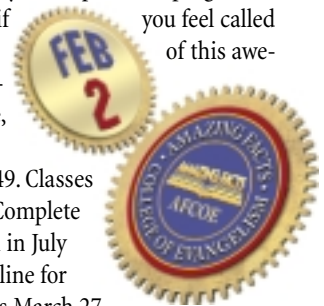
needed to become an effective Bible teacher and soul-winner ... fast! Students will learn how to give Bible studies, spark spiritual interest, lead people to baptism, give their testimony, and much more.

Also, February 2 marks the start of the next four-month Complete Course. A new group of students will enjoy an affordable, quality education with seasoned, committed Christian instructors who can give them the tools for entry-level work in ministry.

We ask our friends to pray for each class and the students, that the Lord will guide them in their studies and use their education to reach those hungry for God's love. Please also pray for our instructors, who are always looking for ways to improve the program.

Of course, if you feel called to be a part of this awesome spiritual experience, call 916-434-3880, ext. 3049. Classes for the next Complete Course begin in July and the deadline for registration is March 27.

(Call for details on our other programs.)



Amazing Facts is aggressively reaching out in all areas of our ministry, and this is especially true on the Internet. In this final hour, we're creating an unprecedented presence online to touch even more lives with straight Bible truth.

In December, we launched our weekly radio call-in program, *Bible Answers Live*, at OnePlace.com. Visitors are now able to go online and hear Doug Batchelor's biblical answers to Christianity's most perplexing questions live every week. The site also will keep an archive of past broadcasts and offer multiple links back to our website, www.amazingfacts.org.

For the cost of broadcasting on a small-market radio station, we'll attract some of the 2 million monthly visitors to OnePlace.com,

reaching Christians and other truth-seekers from throughout the religious spectrum. That's exactly why Amazing Facts is establishing a presence there ... to give us incredible access to believers from every walk of life. We promise to continue delivering undiluted truth, in the spirit of Christian love, in all that we do. We believe this strategic placement will help us more efficiently spread God's end-time message to the world.

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How You Can Put Amazing Facts on Cable!

As part of the great commission, we are to do all we can to help spread the gospel message. And Amazing Facts is committed to helping you do your part to share Jesus with others. One way to do this is using Amazing Facts television programs on videotape. Of course, you can always share these with friends and family anytime, but did you know there is a way to share it with hundreds and maybe even thousands—without much cost at all?

Public Access = Evangelism Opportunity

Almost every cable system in the United States offers a public access station. Another name for them are PEG—public, educational, governmental access—channels.

These stations provide a public service for residents of the viewing area, typically broadcasting programs such as government information, social events, church services, or other programming that would interest local residents. They are available for use to the general public, but only those in the broadcast area.

This is where you come in. It's very likely that the cable provider in your area offers public access stations, and you can use those stations to broadcast Jesus to your local community. But before we get into that, let's take a more detailed look at PEGs.

The PEG Facts

Public access channels are administered by the local cable operator or a third party designated by the owner—who is also known as the franchising authority.

Most franchising authorities offer PEGs for school and educational use, government offices, and the local library. In addition, cable operators often provide services, facilities, and/or equipment to those wanting to utilize these stations.

Cable operators may require minimum production standards and training and/or adopt rules regulating time.

However, it is unconstitutional for operators to regulate programming based solely on content. Of course, they have the right to censor material they consider reasonably offensive, but they cannot prohibit use to, for instance, religious organizations.

God has just opened a big door! Better yet, access to these services is free. (The door just got a little wider!)

For More Information

You can also contact the franchising authority to ask questions about how they operate. You should not contact the local cable operator or the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about PEG services. The franchising authority's address and phone number should appear on your cable bill. If not, call your local cable operator—but only for contact information to the franchising authority!

Easy Steps to Winning Souls

Whew! With that out of the way, let's take a look at how you can start broadcasting soul-winning Amazing Facts programs to your local community. It's an amazing way to share truth with many people at one time.

1 The first step is contacting your local cable provider to find out if they provide public access channels and whether or not they will broadcast independently produced programs. (Most independently produced programs are acceptable if they provide a service to the community, which religious instruction does.)

Remember that you must be a local resident to use public access channels, but the service is typically free.

2 You might be required to go through a tutorial before broadcasting our programs. This is good, standard practice that the cable operator typically provides. (If not, they will refer you to the right people.)

3 The next step is signing up for airtime, which is usually scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis. The best times to air are when people will be at home watching TV! Dinnertime is not a good timeslot, but early evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. is the very best.

4 Of course, a very important step is getting Amazing Facts videos to you. It's unlikely that VHS copies that you've made of our programs will work well because of quality.

However, if you send Amazing Facts a copy of your contract with the local cable company, we will send you a box of 20 tapes! Most of our sponsors air one tape a week, meaning you'll have 20 weeks of content. We suggest that after 15 broadcasts, return your used tapes to us—we'll then replace these with 15 new tapes! We'll continue to do this as long as you return your used tapes.

Our program tapes adhere to most cable operators' policies. They are commercial-free, VHS-format tapes that last 58 minutes and 30 seconds—the standard length for a one-hour time slot. Tapes with bars and a tone at the beginning are available on request.

5 The final step is advertising. Let your church and study group know that you are showing Amazing Facts on local cable. Then have them tell all their friends and family. Word of mouth works the best, so take every



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Health Bite

Exercise CORE or JOY?

by Frances Piper de Vries, ASN

Exercise. Does it repel or invite you? For many, exercise for its own sake isn't very appealing. We know that we need it, but that doesn't necessarily inspire us. But there's hope! You can change your attitude and feel good about exercise today.

Break Down Mental Roadblocks

Attitudes are based on experiences, feelings, and beliefs. If you don't like exercise, examine why. Grab a notepad and write down every reason why you've avoided or disliked it.

On another page, answer each reason with a positive counteracting statement. For example, if you wrote, "I don't have time," answer with, "I can make time for my health and well-being. Exercising regularly will give me more energy and make me more efficient at other tasks, so I will actually save time."

Answer each item with as many positive statements as you can. Remind yourself of these positive statements frequently, especially when negative thoughts arise.



If you Can't Commit to Something Big, Commit to Something Small

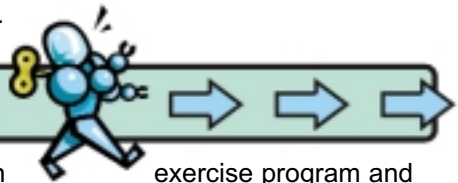
If you feel overwhelmed by having to meet a certain number of exercise minutes each week, commit to just five to ten minutes several days a week. Making this short time a habit, you'll start to feel good about exercising and naturally extend the time you spend.

Editor's Note: Last time, we saw how regular exercise will do wonders for your body and soul. Now we want to give you some how-to pointers in this two-part series. First, let's overcome those mental barriers that can make exercise a chore.

Abandon the Myth that Exercise has to Hurt

We've all heard it before: "No pain, no gain." But exercise doesn't have to hurt to do you good. A little soreness will occur, but if you are in real pain, you may be exercising incorrectly or too vigorously for your fitness level.

Get Real



Starting an exercise program and expecting to run a marathon in a month's time isn't realistic. Setting goals too high is self-defeating and when you fail you're likely to give up all efforts, even small ones. Your goals must be realistic for you.

What can you do right now? If you can walk a mile, three times a week, make that your current goal and work toward improvement!

Don't Overdo It



Exercising at high intensity or every day can increase your risk of injury. Exercise moderately (you should be able to just barely carry on a conversation) and build up gradually to 30 to 40 minutes per session. Increase time or distance by only 2 percent per week and exercise at least three days per week. And always give yourself at least one day of rest per week—the Sabbath is a great day!

An Amazing Fact

The usual reasons given for being overweight are a lack of exercise and poor food choices. But now many researchers are adding a lack of sleep to the list. Thirty-five years ago, we averaged 8 to 9 hours of sleep. Now, we're down to 6 to 7. To keep up energy levels, people are turning to food. Studies have shown that the sleep-deprived eat up to 15 percent more calories. This can add up to several extra pounds over the course of a few years. (source: <http://kirtland.cc.mi.us/~balbach/>). Plus, sleeping burns more calories than watching television!



We thank The NEWSTART Lifestyle Newsletter for permission to print this article. Next time, we'll give you some advice on getting started.



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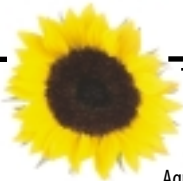
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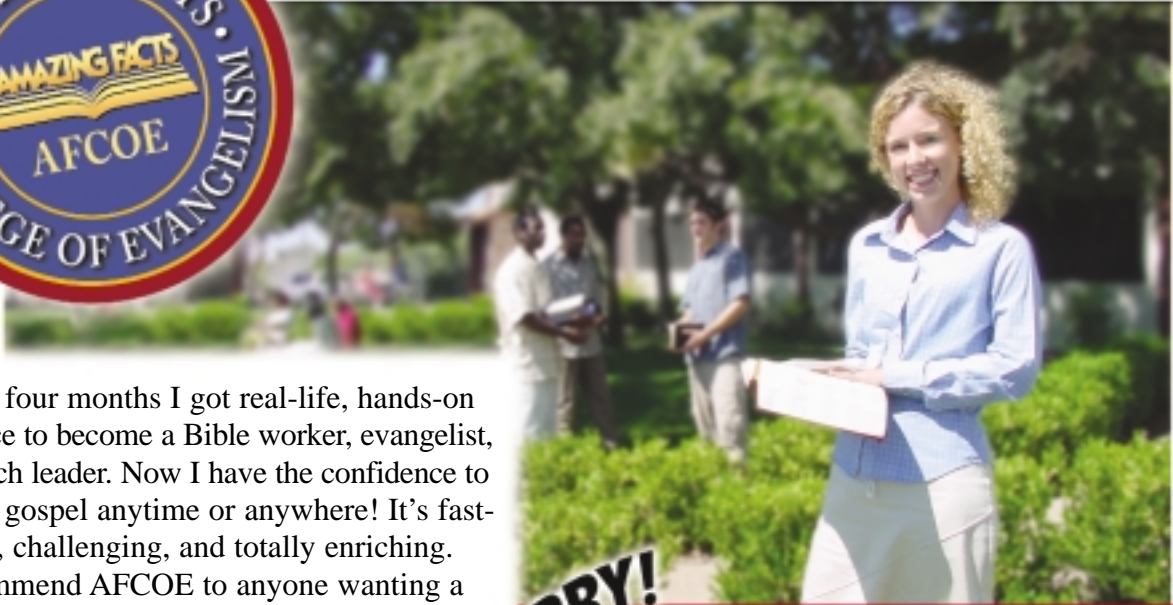
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