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Dear Friends and Supporters,

First of all, Vicki and I want to thank you for the outpouring of support during this time of her illness. So many of you shared your stories, your prayers, and your love with us! Vicki has read all your suggestions and is following different leads (for example, going to a chiropractor, trying water aerobics, seeing a neurologist...), and we are hopeful. Yet as there has been little improvement since the last newsletter, and she remains deaf in one ear and with diminished balance and sense of taste and smell, we appreciate your continued prayers.

November has been an exciting month! On the 4th I delivered a webcast to the Latin American world. A report by Arturo Elizarrarás follows. On the 11th I had my fourth debate – in New York City with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach (pronounced bo-TAY-ah). In this newsletter you will also find a thoughtful reflection by Phillip Lester.

This weekend (14th-15th) was AIM Georgia, on *Spiritual Life* – a very unifying and inspiring time with eight different speakers. Soon I will fly to Stockholm for AIM (W. Europe), on *Christian Evidences* and *Preaching & Teaching*.

At month-end I will head to Lebanon, where the church in Beirut has booked a hall for 700 persons. (Will over 600 seekers attend this meeting?) The presentation *Does God Exist?* will be televised all around the Arab world on the Christian TV network **Sat-7**. Finally, you will find a link to the report by Vedran Pintek on my visit to Croatia last month.

As always, your partnership in prayer means a lot to us.

Your brother,
Douglas

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REPORT ON DEBATE IN NYC

By Phillip Lester. (Note: Phillip Lester is a Jewish Christian residing in New Jersey. The debate took place at [Safra Synagogue](#) in Manhattan.)

For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

For those of us who have come to understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, we express our admiration and gratitude daily. Our songs and hymns are filled with adoration for the amazing grace displayed by the Sacred Head who once was wounded. For us who are being saved, there is peace and assurance that come from knowing that the Creator of the universe has reconciled us to Himself, having made provision for our

justification from sin through the redemption found in His Son (Romans 3:24-26; 5:1; 8:1-2).

However, the power of the atonement provided by the Messiah's death on the cross remains a mystery to many brilliant minds. Nowhere was this more evident than in the recent debate between Dr. Douglas Jacoby and Rabbi [Shmuley Boteach](#)... Click [here](#) for the entire report.

LATIN AMERICAN WEBCAST

By Arturo Elizarrarás

The class yesterday [4 November] was excellent. Everybody was happy and challenged at the same time. It seemed as though Douglas had been mysteriously present in the past weeks here, because he addressed all the current issues in our leadership groups! I was amazed at how his specific points directly addressed our various situations in the Mexican and Central American churches. God used this webcast powerfully.

Over twenty congregational leadership groups tuned in from Mexico (Mexico City— together with Puebla, Pachuca, Cuernavaca and Queretaro—Cancún, Monterrey, Mexicali, Villahermosa, San Luis [a new mission planting], Aguascalientes, Veracruz, Toluca, Oaxaca, and Guadalajara) and other international cities (Santiago, Chile; Madrid, Spain; Panama, Panama; San Salvador, El Salvador; Managua, Nicaragua; Medellín, Colombia; and San Juan, Puerto Rico). – *Arturo Elizarrarás (Mexico City)*

AIM IV – MARIETTA, GEORGIA, 14-15 NOVEMBER

AIM, our ministry and biblical training school, was in session in the United States 14-15 November. What a tremendous time of fellowship! Eight speakers delivered 12 lessons on *Spiritual Life* – our most diverse session yet! Around 70 different students took part. I was personally challenged and refreshed by *all* the speakers. Our two days together ended with a time of prayer and commitment to draw close to the Lord.

Classes included *Personal Growth* and *Time Management* (Jacoby), *Men & Women of the Word* (Arturo Elizarrarás, webcasting from Mexico City), *Missionary Faith: Patrick in Ireland* (discussion), *Personal Righteousness: Avoiding Addictions* (Sam Laing), *Prayer: Connecting with God and Fasting: the Forgotten Discipline* (Fred Faller, Boston), *Spirituality and Suffering* (Tom Jones), *When a Loved One is Physically Challenged* (Sheila Jones), *Giving Your Firstfruits: Beyond Tithing* (Greg Garcia), *Biblical Meditation and Classic Texts of the Christian Faith: Must-read Books for your Library and your Soul* (Joey Harris).

DVDs should be available in early 2009.

ZAGREB, CROATIA REPORT (OCTOBER 2008)

Five years after his last visit, it was great to have our brother Douglas Jacoby return to our country. On the day of his arrival he taught on the topic *Genesis – Myth or Reality?*, for which the church had been preparing all week. The two-hour presentation included PowerPoint and Q&As, and many visitors joined us. Douglas also brought lots of books and audio!



On Sunday Douglas preached the word. The topic was *Staying faithful in hard times*, and came from 1 Peter. He reminded us how pain and suffering are integral components of the Christian life. On Sunday afternoon we had a workshop on leadership, singles/campus, and marriage/parenting. There were many questions and all three sections were interactive and encouraging.

Click [here](#) for the full report by Vedran Pintek.