International Teaching Ministry of

Douglas Jacoby

The goal of this bulletin is to keep you up to date with the International Bible Teaching ministry through a monthly report that you can read in 2-3 minutes.



21 June 2014

Hello from hot Atlanta! Although I'd hoped to write to you a month earlier, I simply ran out of time -- and energy. So today I'm combining highlights from two months.

No doubt the greatest recent adventure was the Middle East tour -- Jordan, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. I couldn't help being moved by the courage of believers and the seekers alike. It was an amazing trip -- interacting in the Muslim world. But rather than share the news in print, I'd like to invite you to <u>listen to it</u>.



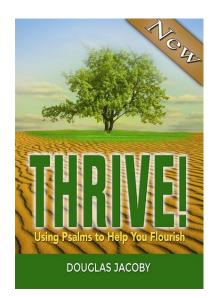
Graduate level evidences

Today I finished a 7-week series at Lincoln (M.A. in Bible & Theology). Distance teaching allows us to instruct students in multiple nations. Professorship opens doors to universities and events around the world. It is a small, though important, part of this ministry. Next year: Islam.

Food for the soul

If you find yourself spiritually dry, it's time to stop simply surviving. Psalms can be the source that fuels you to greater growth. It's never too late to thrive!

Connecting with the Lord on a heart level isn't easy for most of us, me included. That's why I had to dig



deep to write my latest book.

When it comes to reaching the heart, no other book in Scripture is like Psalms, which reveal the inner emotions and currents. So far readers are commenting that the little book is uplifting, compact, and honest. (Order by clicking the image.)

TN, NC, CA, GA

Besides writing, recording, and working on the Biblical Study Tour (you can still join us in October in Rome!), it hasn't all been global travel. In May-June I've also spoken in 5 cities in my own country.

In Nashville was the Christian Scholars' Conference (Lipscomb University), where I reviewed attorney Mark Lanier's new book, *Christianity on Trial.* In Memphis I taught crucial lessons from church history, 1500-2000. (There are loads of photos at Facebook!) In Asheville we took part in a thought-provoking southeastern leaders' retreat. In Malibu I spoke on the apocryphal gospels (annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures).

We also just completed the Escape series, which focuses on addictive behaviors like drinking, marijuana, gaming, internet pornography, and series bingeing. The lessons are all being posted at my website this week. In Atlanta, the preaching and teaching pace has been normal -- that is, as much as I can fit in.

One thing I appreciate about my local leadership at North River: I am welcome to speak whenever I can, but they understand the pressures of directing an international ministry, and are highly gracious towards me.

Africa

By the time most of you are reading this, Vicki and I will be on our way to South Africa, Angola, and Namibia. More about that in the July newsletter! In the meantime, I hope you will listen to the <u>Middle East message</u>. And thanks for the web of support you have created for this ministry.

Yours in Him, *Douglas*

