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"Challenging men and women of faith to think"

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Dear Friends of the International Teaching Ministry,

Greetings from Georgia. The family is well, and we know that thousands have been praying for us and the ministry. Thank you for your many expressions of concern, support, and love. Hope you enjoy the newsletter!

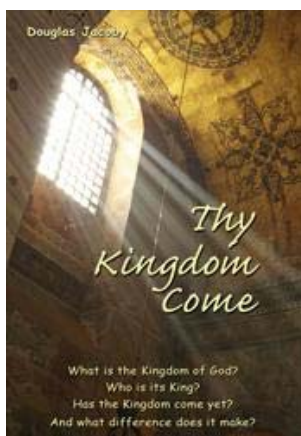
Your brother,
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NEW AUDIO SERIES

This newsletter introduces a new audio series, **The Kingdom of God**. Some people teach that the kingdom did not exist before Pentecost, others that it will come only at the end of time. Yet the Scriptures portray the Kingdom as *always* present. After all, the Lord is the King, and how can one be a king without a kingdom? What does the Bible say? How does God's Kingdom differ from earthly empires? But this is not to say that the Kingdom is the church, even though many incorrectly teach that it is

Further, how are we to regard the Old Testament prophecies predicting the arrival of the King (and his Kingdom) in the first century? If Jesus is Lord (our King), what does he expect of his obedient subjects? And can Christians pray "Thy Kingdom Come" with integrity? (My answer is "Yes"!)



Messages include:

1. The Kingdom of God and the Kingdoms of Men
2. Prophecies of the King
3. The Life of the King and the Will of the King
4. "Thy Kingdom Come": Already, But Not Yet!

To order this series, please click [here](#).

BIBLE HANDBOOK

I would also like to recommend an excellent resource for your personal study. It is *The Lion Handbook to the Bible*. This book is worth its weight in gold. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

WEBCAST REPORT

On 30 August, I taught by webcast to an international audience in Latin America. The theme for "Anchored for Life." For three hours we explored multiple areas in which God calls us to stop drifting, to be anchored. Areas included fellowship, morals, direction, evangelism, doctrine, and discipline. Response was enthusiastic.

It was so good to see the faces (on my computer screen) of groups tuned in from: Mexico (Mexico City, Villahermosa, Culiacan, Puebla, Monterrey, Vera Cruz, León, Toluca, Querétaro, and Sinaloa – where the drug wars are being fought just now), Panama (Panama City), Chile (Santiago), Spain (Madrid), Peru (Lima), Puerto Rico (San Juan), and Colombia (Bogotá).

The third and final webcast of the year (Mexico City leadership group) is slated for 4 November.

CAN YOU HELP?

The international Bible teaching ministry is dependent on donations in order to operate. We especially rely upon those who can donate on a regular basis. You can make a difference.

MONTHLY GIVING

Currently there are about 25 people who donate monthly. If you believe in this ministry and would like to become a monthly supporter, please click [here](#) and send an email, indicating how much support you are able to provide. For example, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, etc. Once we establish contact, you will provide the relevant financial information. (For US residents, a tax receipt will be sent annually.) Another way you can help is to find other potential monthly supporters: ask around, talk to your friends. **AIM and IBTM are tax-exempt entities with 501(c)(3) status. All contributions are tax-deductible. See below for more specific giving opportunities.**

ATHENS INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Total need: \$50,000

Received in 2008: \$25,055

The Athens Institute of Ministry was established in January 2004 to train preachers, teachers, and serious Bible students. Biblical education is a deep need, and it is also the area in which I feel most called to serve. Sessions take place in Georgia, San Diego, London, Manila, and Lagos, or at long distance by DVD. Please see the download document at the website for full details. We are eager to offer scholarships to worthy students in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Your donations help students to participate who otherwise would not be able to afford the tuition. We want to extend scholarship offers and assistance to as many students as possible. Currently AIM has some 50 scholarship students in 25 nations, and most of them need ongoing sponsorship. Our eventual hope is to support the principal AIM teachers on a part-time basis. For more on the details of AIM, read the download document at this website, or click on <http://www.athensinstitute.org/>. The Athens Institute of Ministry admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities made available to students of A.I.M. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in admissions policies, scholarships, or other programs.

Our latest addition to the program, thanks to the generosity of one of our brothers in another nation, is a preacher in Myanmar.

THIRD WORLD TRAVEL FUND

Total need: \$32,000

Received in 2008: \$26,911.66

In 2008 I will make teaching visits to 27 cities around the globe, the majority outside the US. Other teachers are also sent to areas of special need. Funding is needed to cover airfare and fees for visits in the developing world, and usually also for meals and accommodation, when not provided by the local church.

GENERAL MINISTRY SUPPORT

Total need: \$40,000

Received in 2008: \$31,525

General support donations help to compensate IBTM's international teachers for research, developing new materials, and speaking in the developing world. Part of this category also assists with urgent medical needs. This is also the category to contribute to if you are not sure, or do not have a strong opinion, about how your donation should be spent.

WEBSITE SUPPORT

Total need: \$12,000

Received in 2008: \$495.00

Are you getting a lot out of the website? New material is added daily. In addition, new functionality is added regularly. This costs the ministry, yet derive the benefit without contributing anything to the cause. Paying our part-time web manager is another area to which you may donate. Please contribute, as we cannot continue to offer all the material *for free* without underwriting. Thanks!

BOOK FUND

Total projected need: \$13,500

Received in 2008: \$6361

In the majority of developing nations around the world, monthly salaries are in the range of \$30-\$300. Books, which typically cost \$10 or more, are an exorbitant expense for persons living in such economic situations. Helping Christians and churches through biblical education can make a tremendous difference in building faith and expanding the horizons of readers. The Third World Book Fund is not only for books, but also for audio messages, distributed not only to individuals, but also to church libraries.

It is always a pleasure to give away teaching materials to persons visiting the US. I present boxes of books on faith that a donor will rise to meet the occasion. Outstanding needs at present include:

- \$381 China (underground)**
- \$73 China (Hong Kong)**
- \$224 Bahamas (poor Christians)**
- \$680 Croatia – I will deliver a large amount of teaching materials on 4 October when I land in Zagreb.**
- \$1615 Chile & Bolivia – Given earlier this year.**
- \$387 Bangladesh – I am meeting one of the leaders from Dhaka on 1 October.**

Donated in September: \$350.