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"TEACHING MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH TO THINK"

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Atlanta, Georgia

By way of greeting, I borrow the words of the apostle John, written to his friend Gaius 2000 years ago: *Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well* (3 John 1:2).

Thanks be to God, all is well so far this year with the International Bible Teaching Ministry. The second quarter of 2013 has been travel-packed, with teaching visits spanning four continents: North, South, and Central America, and Europe.

TRAVELS

Canada

Every spring, Vicki and I travel to Canada. It is always a joy to reunite with friends there and see how the churches are growing. This year, we spent time in Ottawa and Toronto. Vicki was electrifying; the Canadians *love* her. (I think they *like* me.) The teaching events were extremely well attended. Through the years it's been a privilege to speak not only in Toronto and Ottawa, but also in Vancouver, Edmonton, and Halifax. Soon I hope to encourage disciples in Calgary and Montreal. After a few days at home, I set off on a European tour.

Europe

First stop: Amsterdam, where I addressed a multinational crowd (participants hailed from the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, and Belgium), with a good few seekers in attendance. From Amsterdam, I "traveled" back to Canada, this time via WebEx, conducting a session on New Testament Interpretation for the Canadian School of Missions. Then it was off to Norway, where I spoke on the topic "Whatever Happened to Christianity?" At the predominantly Muslim University of Albania, I spoke on Christianity & Islam. The audience—more than two-thirds were Muslim guests—engaged in a lively Q&A, and thoughtful discussions continued well after the session ended. I also made stops in

Estonia (early church history, plus a science presentation at the University of Tallinn), Latvia ("Mythbusters" -- university students were outnumbered by seekers 5:1!), and Hungary (workshops, open to the public, on World Religions and also Biblical Interpretation).

Latin America

I've recently returned from an exciting visit to Brazil, where I basked in the warm hospitality of Brazilian brothers and sisters. The trip began in Rio, at the Brazilian Campus Conference. It was so fulfilling to worship with college students from across the nation of Brazil, to sense their eagerness to expand their Bible knowledge. And my translators were brilliant. After the conference, I spent a few days giving a presentation at the University of Brazil on "Science and Faith: Enemies or Allies?" Seekers overwhelmingly outnumbered believers. Though only a half dozen students worked for the event, nearly 250 persons came, and the lecture hall was filled. Being outnumbered 40:1 -- now that's cool! My hope and prayer is that many seeds of faith were planted in fertile soil.



With John and Kay Hoyt, Brasilia

In each city, Rio and Brasilia, I received a national football shirt. Many of you know that Brazil is feverishly preparing for the next World Cup. I shall be doubly prepared. Then it was off to Panama City, Panama, for La Conferencia de las Americas, where I spoke to Christians from all over Latin America, as the composite flag (below) suggests.



The theme of the conference was "El Señor Es Mi Fuerza" —"God is My Strength."



With Lenin Vargas and Deyci at the Panamanian conference

Domestic visits this spring have included a weekend in Auburn, where I spoke about Moses; a teaching weekend on the Spirit with the Mountain Rock Church of Christ in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and several fun days with my home congregation teaching middle schoolers (the topic: Zombies!), and college students ("Mythbusters") at the campus internship program. Later in the month, I spoke to the adults as well, preaching on Ezekiel, the beloved prophet who sat by the Kebar river overwhelmed until he, like us, learned that he needed to be verbal with his faith, and get up - and speak! (Please listen to the [sermon](#) at the website.)

PODCASTS, PRODUCTS, AND PROFESSORSHIP

Recent podcasts include a book/movie review of [The Life of Pi](#), the doctrine of "Receiving Christ," a recording of [The War Prayer](#) by author/skeptic Mark Twain, a 10-part series on [Worship](#), and two heart-hitting lessons (by my brother, Steve) on [Tithing](#). Full access to all weekly podcasts is available through a subscription to the [premium site](#). In a few weeks, however, the two websites will become one. All you'll have to do for the extra 1000 pages of premium lessons / podcasts is to log in.

I've also spent time spreading the word about my newest book from Harvest House, [What's the Truth about Heaven and Hell?](#), mainly in radio interviews, like Radio Northsound (Aberdeen, Scotland -- a secular radio show in the British Isles) and numerous stations in the U.S. Listen to the interview on the [The Debbie Chavez show](#), if you like.

This summer I'm teaching a seven-week accelerated course on World Religions through Lincoln Christian University, beginning 1 July. This is part of an M.A. program in Bible and Theology. My students come from several nations, and even include two friends: Peti Szabad (Budapest) and Renee Uribe (Bogota). Amazing what you can do with technology -- earning a degree 100% online.

2013 BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR



Plans for this October's [2013 Biblical Study Tour](#) and International Teachers' Seminar, to be held in Greece and Turkey, are in full swing, with 87 participants already registered—please visit [here](#) for updated information.

UP NEXT

Though this is the Q2 report, I got "buried" and could not finish it off for 1 July (original plan). Since then I've taught at the Florida Discipleship Conference and International Campus Ministry Conference (Orlando), hosted a Spanish-language service here in Atlanta, and prepared for the upcoming tour of West Africa. More about Africa next time.

As always, I deeply appreciate your prayers and support. Vicki and I wish you physical and spiritual health.

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