

# Partners in Grace

## January 2010

**Believers' Bible Church**  
**Corsicana, TX**  
**December 6**

*at right:*  
**BBC congregation**



Pastor Steve Elkins asked me to speak on one of my favorite passages, the Parable of the Four Soils in Luke 8:11-15. This was my first time at BBC. I really enjoyed my time there, including a nice lunch afterwards with a number of the key people from the church.

**Pre-Trib  
 Conference**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**December 8**



I dropped by the conference to hear a message on the Judgment Seat of Christ by Dr. John Whitcomb. It was a good message. My main reason in dropping by, however, was to have lunch with Steve Lewis, John Niemelä, and Arch Rutherford. I was able to see a number of Free Grace friends during my short time at the conference, including Pastors Hugh Crowder, Mark Piland, and John Brumett.

**Commentary Update**

Because of the Spring 2009 Journal, January-February Grace in Focus, Autumn 2009 Journal, and the reprinting of Zane's commentaries on James and 1-3 John, we have not quite finished the typesetting and proofing of The Grace New Testament Commentary. We are getting close. Our goal now is to email it to the printer on January 18th. If so, we anticipate having it ready to mail out by the Ides of March.



**Victor Street  
 Bible Chapel**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**December 13**



We covered Ruth 2 and God's blessings on Ruth and Naomi as Ruth gleaned in the field of Boaz. In the Lord's Supper meeting I spoke on "Wise Use of Money in Tough Times," based on a sampling of texts from both the OT and NT.



**Jan 17** Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX

**Jan 23** GES Winter Board Meeting,  
 San Juan Capistrano, CA

**Jan 24** Speaking in Southern California, TBA

**Jan 29-31** Possible ministry in Denver &  
 Colorado Springs, CO

**Apr 19-22** GES Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX



Please thank the Lord for a wonderful December in terms of gifts received, for the great progress on the commentary, and for the health of our staff and their families. Please pray for our finances during the second half of our fiscal year (January-June), for the continued health of the GES staff and their families (the staff have been under a lot of stress regarding the commentary), for the speakers as they prepare their messages for the annual conference, for the commentary to be in print before the conference, for excellent articles for our journal and newsletter, for the healing of the Free Grace community, and for the spread of the Free Grace message worldwide.

## Thanks for Your Support

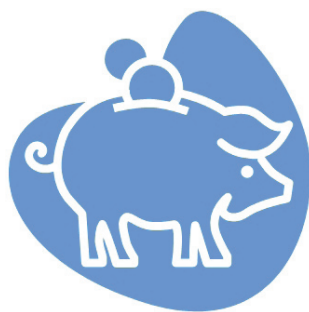
We started December nearly \$50,000 under our budget for the first five months of our fiscal year. As of press time (Dec 30), because of your generous support, we have climbed out of the red and gone slightly into the black for the year to date.

Thank you so much.

Of course, this does not mean that our need for financial support has ceased. Our aim each year is to get 10% to 20% ahead of our budget by the end of December since nearly one fourth of our annual gifts come in that one month. Thus July-December is nearly always much greater in revenue than January-June. Based on

our current budget we can expect to fall short of budget by \$25,000 to \$50,000 in the second half of the fiscal year unless we see a change from our normal trend.

So, thank you for your prayers and financial partnership and please keep our ongoing need in mind as you continue to pray and, if able, give.



## Harbor Trinity Church Costa Mesa, CA December 27

Youth Pastor Dan Ropp lined me up to speak in a large Sunday School class. Back in August I spoke here in the worship services. It was good to be back. I spoke on 2 Corinthians 5:1-11 and living in light of our coming judgment at the Bema. My thanks to Buddy and Dee for putting me up and arranging things.



## Church of Hope Laguna Hills, CA December 27

I've spoken at Pastor Freddy Cortez, Jr.'s church,

Church of Hope, nearly every year for the past seven. But this is Sharon's first time to be with me. Church of Hope meets from 2:00 to 5:00 in Lutheran Church. I spoke on John 11:25-27 and assurance in the Bible teaching hour (2:00-3:00). Then there was a nice meal provided. Then I fielded questions for the final hour.

After church we were off to John Wayne Airport, which was fortunately very close by, since our flight was at 6:55 PM. Unfortunately, that got us into Dallas at midnight. Yikes. I go to bed around 11:00. After getting our car, we finally got home just before 1:00 AM.

Sharon and I were able to stay with my cousin, Dr. Michael Budincich, and his wife Dr. Catherine Budincich, and their two teens, Andja and Nick. We spent Christmas Eve and Christmas with my sister Pam and her family: Rand, Michelle, and John Ethan.



Sharon and Bob with the Budincich family

## 15th Annual Grace Conference Fort Worth, TX -- April 19-22

This will be our third year at the fantastic conference facilities at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. If you haven't reserved your guest room, we suggest you do so now. Call the conference center directly at 817.923.1921 ext. 8800. Make sure you indicate you are with the GES conference.

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## 2010 GES National Conference

*Aim to Be Christ's Partner in the Life to Come*

*The Message of the Book of Hebrews*

### December Financial Report

December Budget	\$26,432	YTD* Budget	\$158,590
December Revenue	\$74,435** \$48,004	YTD* Revenue	\$159,767** \$1,177

\* Our fiscal year ends on June 30th.

\*\* These figures are not final. Since press time (December 30th) is a week or more before we will receive our last gift postmarked in December 2009, this figure is not final. In keeping with IRS regulations, we count all gifts postmarked on or before December 31st, even if we don't receive the gift until January.

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