

Partners in Grace

August 2010

Summer Board Meeting



July 17
The summer GES Board meeting was held at Coast Bible Church in Mission Viejo, CA. We had a great time setting the budget

for the next fiscal year (July 2010 through June 2011) and discussing the major projects we plan to pursue in the next 12-18 months.

Our 3 major special projects for the next year will be bringing into print 1) Zane's commentary on Romans and 2) my book on The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible, and 3) bringing back into print Zane's book *Jesus, God's Prophet*, which the Board wants to combine with Zane's booklets *The Atonement* and *Did Paul Preach Eternal Life*. In addition, we will also include in this combined work a transcript of the discussion that Zane and I recorded a few years back on problem passages in the Synoptic Gospels.

One final project that the Board wants us to pursue in the next 12 to 18 months is combining Zane's first three books into one volume: *The Hungry Inherit* (1972), *The Gospel Under Siege* (1981), and *Grace in Eclipse* (first edition, 1985).

As a way of saying thanks for your support and of whetting your appetite for the combined book from Zane, we are giving each GES Partner a complimentary copy of the third edition of *Grace in Eclipse*. It is an outstanding work on eternal rewards.



Harbor Trinity Church

**Costa Mesa, CA,
July 18 morning**

It was fun to be back at this church again. I spoke in a Sunday school class on the difference between salvation and discipleship. Then I preached in the main worship service on the need to Keep Your Eyes on the Prize (1 Cor 9:24-27). The message was well received.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX, July 4

The Noahic flood was God's judgment on the world (Gen 6:9-8:14). Noah "walked with God" (Gen 6:9), something said in Genesis 5 of Enoch (Gen 5:24). This "just man" (righteous in his experience) was to be the deliverer for both the human race and all the animals. Noah obeyed God and built the ark and when the time came got his wife and sons and daughters in law and the animals on it before the flood destroyed all living things on the earth.



The flood shows that it pays to walk with God and it doesn't pay to rebel against Him. That is a timeless principle that emerges from this section of Genesis.

This sermon, entitled "The Flood," can be downloaded from our Audio Blog.

Garland (TX) Bible Chapel

July 11



Zane spoke at this Plymouth Brethren assembly regularly for many decades. This was my first time to speak there, though I already knew a number of the leaders of the church.

I spoke on the doctrine of eternal rewards from 1 Cor 9:24-27 and the audience was tracking right with me. It was a good time of ministry and there was talk of me speaking there again in the future, which would be super.

Spotlight on Your Support

We started our new fiscal year with an excellent July. Typically the summer months are well below budget. To start out at or, in this case, above budget is fantastic.

The four main special projects we are undertaking at this time (see above under "Summer Board Meeting") are very important and your support makes them possible. Juggling those projects with our journal, newsletter, and annual conference is a challenge. However, we wouldn't even be able to consider doing more than one of those special projects if it weren't for the excellent support we have been receiving.

The economy is tough and there are suggestions it might get worse before it gets better. We appreciate your support and certainly do not take it for granted. We realize some may have to decrease or even stop supporting if they suffer job loss or financial reversals. Every year that has happened, but new people have joined our ranks to keep our revenue at the needed amount. Whether that trend will continue I do not know. But we are thankful for all you donors, old and new, and we are looking to the Lord to meet our needs regardless of what the future holds.

Church of Hope

Laguna Hills, CA, July 18 afternoon

In the afternoon (2:00 till 6:30) I spoke on Genesis 5 and The Reign of Death and then I fielded questions on that passage and on a wide variety of topics. It was good to visit with Pastor Freddy Cortez and his family and congregation again. This sermon is available on our audio blog under the title "The Story of Death."



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our finances to continue to be at or above budget, for our four major special publishing projects, for the health of the staff and their families (Mark has had a bout of nausea and vertigo recently) and for the health of our partners and of the GES Board members and their families, for the Grace movement, for church planting in the US and around the world, for our government, for jobs for those Partners who are now out of work, for Israel, for publication of our Journal and newsletter, and for preparation for next year's conference.

NOTES AND LETTERS

"I wanted to send you a letter of thanks for providing to our prison chapel a copy of the *Grace New Testament Commentary*... The writing is easy to understand and basic so that I am able to understand what is being taught. I am no Bible scholar, but this tool gives me the necessary help to learn more and more about the Word of God."

-Prisoner, M.L.

"I want to thank you and all who worked so hard to complete the *Grace New Testament Commentary*. It is such a blessing to read a consistent commentary that upholds the truth of God's word and doesn't say one thing in one verse and the opposite in the next verse."

-R.M.M. via email

July Financial Report

July Budget	\$27,940	YTD* Budget	\$27,940
July Revenue	\$53,411 + \$25,471	YTD* Revenue	\$53,411 + \$25,471

**Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th*

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