Mom's 91st Birthday October 27

Mom is doing well. On the Saturday before her birthday my sister Pam and I were able to go with her to a birthday party for one of Mom's friends. Then on Mom's birthday, Monday, we had a nice meal with a cake at the Board-and-Care home in which she lives. Everything was so nice. The other residents and the staff were so loving towards Mom. And Pam and I were treated like visiting dignitaries.

By the way, please pray for Pam as she has a broken bone in each foot. She broke one the week before I came and the other the Saturday I arrived. She is on crutches, so it is hard for her to walk since both feet hurt

Mom brought up the gospel several times when I was there. For example, when Pam and our cousin Freddie were visiting with her, she said to Freddie, "Robert says that if you believe in Jesus you'll go to



Before a Q&A time with CBC members in Omaha, NE

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Bob with his mom and sister Pam at the 91st birthday party

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A Missionary in Senegal

I want to let you know how dearly I appreciate what you are allowing God to do through you, in being a blessing to scores of believers like me. Thankfully I am with a mission (New Tribes Mission) who is also burdened to tell people of the grace of God from the gospel of grace to how to live the Christian life.

S.H. ~ Dakar, Senegal

Simple as it Should Be

The article ["The Prayer that Saves," *GIF* (Jan-Feb 2003)] was simple in its organization and thought. Just as the presentation of the Gospel should be! Faith alone in Christ alone.

J.V. ~ Largo, FL







Community Bible Church Omaha, Nebraska

October 10-12

Ienjoyed my time in Omaha with Pastor Chuck Tschetter (pronounced Cheddar). His wife is named Lydia after both of her Grandmothers. They home school their six children and are a super family. I really enjoyed staying in their home and visiting with them.

I spoke seven times over the course of the weekend on such topics as "You Can Be Sure," "How to Share the Gospel Clearly," a Q&A time, "Understanding the Difficult Passages in Light of the Simple," "Why Not Live Like the Devil," and "A Biblical Reply to Lordship Salvation."

It was a super time. I also got to speak to approximately 50 men from the church at the Saturday morning breakfast! Then on Saturday night I spoke to a men's Bible study group and their wives. This group had recently studied my book *Confident in Christ*.

My thanks to Chuck and Lydia and the whole church for the wonderful encouragement and hospitality they showed me.



Bob with James and Mandy Reese (and Hannah)



A group of Grace University students at Community Bible

Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, California October 26

The fires of Southern California were definitely evident at Coast Bible Church. You could literally see ashes fall from the sky like snowflakes. They were terrible.

I spoke in Sunday school on the prodigal son and then in the worship service on Uzzah. He was the man who died when he reached out and touched the Ark of the Covenant to keep it from tipping over as David was moving it in a new cart. My point was that we

must do God's work God's way, not our way. Too often today Christians are like David. We have good intentions. We are trying to do something God has commanded. Yet we go about it the wrong way and God is actually displeased by our efforts.

My thanks to James and Mandy Reese for putting me up in their apartment and for the rich fellowship we shared. And,

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of course, thanks again to Arch and Carolyn Rutherford for having me. Per





Discussion after one of Bob's TUA sessions



A group of GU students at a Q&A session with Bob



Grace University's chapel was packed

The Urban Alternative DFW Airport Hyatt

October 2-3

This is the fourth time that I have been privileged to speak at Dr. Tony Evans's conference for pastors and church leaders. I presented three two-hour workshops: the Epistle to the Hebrews, the doctrine of eternal rewards, and the doctrine of salvation. There were about 30 people in each class from all over the U.S. and even a few from Canada and the Bahamas. I received feedback that indicated the audience not only understood, but except for a small number of people, strongly agreed with what I was saying. When people are edified by my teaching, I am very encouraged and gratified. That is time well spent.

Grace Univ. Bible Week Omaha, Nebraska

October 13-15

What a great name for a school! I was privileged to speak on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings in Chapel and on Tuesday night for a 2 hour Q&A time. There were around 250 students in attendance at each of the chapels and around 50 at the Q&A session.

My topics in Chapel were "How to Be Sure," "Grace at the Bema," and "Fellowship with God Is Better than Anything the World Has to Offer." Also, on Tuesday night I was able to give a brief presentation on James 2:14-26.

I ate in the school cafeteria with the students and enjoyed additional interaction with them. The students asked a number of questions. One key question was whether someone who didn't believe in eternal security was born again. I showed from John 11:25-27 that if a person never knew they were eternally secure simply by faith in Jesus, then they had not yet believed the saving message. Dan Hauge, a Free Grace friend who is a Professor there, told me that this was certainly controversial since there are a number of students at Grace University who do not yet believe in eternal security.

Grace on the Go

November

3 & 10 Highland Park (TX) Bible Study
13 Waxahachie (TX) Bible Women's Bible Study
15-16 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
18-21 ETS Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA
December
8-10 Pre-Trib Annual Conference, Dallas, TX

Grace Bible Church Charlotte, NC

October 4-5

Donnie and Bonnie Preslar, Bernie and Julie Hunsucker, and several other couples founded this Free Grace church in Charlotte on October 5, 1980. The Preslars and Hunsuckers were all around 28 at the time. Now they are, like me, young 51 year olds. Hah.

I really enjoyed sharing this celebration with the church. On Saturday night I spoke on what eternity will be like from Revelation 21–22. My Sunday School topic was about laying down our lives in order to truly gain our lives (Matt 16:24-28). "Why Not Live Like the Devil?" was the title of my sermon. All were well received.

Faith Evan. Bible Church Winkler, Manitoba, Canada

Treally enjoyed my time with Mike and Renee Comtois. It was *incroyable* (en-croy-ab-luh)—French for incredible.

I spoke on Matthew 16:24-28 (gaining our lives by laying them down), 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (keeping your eyes on the prize), 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 and other texts on the Judgment Seat of Christ. Then on Sunday I gave three messages on repentance (the prodigal son, repentance and evangelism, and all about repentance).

I enjoyed Canada very much. The people there are so friendly. My thanks to Mike and Renee for their great hospitality. I enjoyed staying in their home and visiting with their four children, all of whom they home school as well!

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Sunday morning at Coast Bible Church



Dr. Karl Pagenkemper was so kind in all the arrangements he made for me. It was a great joy to speak in Chapel and interact with students, a number of whom are heading for Dallas Seminary.