

Partners in Grace

June 2012

Mark Gray Hit by Truck While Riding Bike

Mark handles all data entry and order fulfillment. He is the one you normally talk to on the phone. He is a great guy. On Wednesday May 17 he was starting out on a 70 mile bike ride. Just two miles into the ride, a truck ran a stop sign and hit Mark, breaking his fibula in two places, bruising nearly his entire body, and causing soft tissue damage to his left shoulder. Because of the combination of injuries, Mark has needed 24 hour in house nursing care since the accident. On May 29 Mark had surgery on his right ankle to repair one of the two fractures with a plate and screws.

We hope to have Mark back in the office by July. Please pray for his recovery.



Shawn Lazar Joining Our Staff

We've been understaffed ever since Kyle took a leave of absence at the start of this year. Shawn Lazar and his wife Abby have been at my home church, Victor Street Bible Chapel, for about a year. Shawn presented a workshop at our recent conference.



I found out that Shawn had experience in designing and managing both newspapers and magazines. When I approached him about whether he might be interested in working at GES he said that this might be a *God thing* because he has a background in publishing and he'd been thinking the same thing.

Shawn will be our Director of Publications, managing the magazine, journal, special publications (like the Romans commentary by Zane), and electronic publications (we hope to get all of our books into not only Logos, but also Kindle and other formats as well).

Shawn starts June 1, around the time we mail this off. Please pray for him in his new role with GES.



We Need Your Help on Gift Journal Subscriptions

Our journal subscriptions have fallen to a low level. While \$18 per year for only two issues of a journal may seem like a lot, that is actually a very reasonable price and especially so in light of our low level of subscriptions.



We need to boost our subscriptions. Right now we are offering gift subscriptions for just \$9.25 per year for U.S. addresses. For just \$37 you could give a one-year journal subscription to your pastor, Sunday school teacher, Bible study teacher, and a seminary or Bible college in your state. For just \$74 you could give four people or institutions two-year subscriptions to our journal. You can give up to four-year subscriptions to U.S. addresses for just \$9.25 per year per subscription. (Foreign subscriptions are excluded due to the high cost of mailing journals outside the U.S.)

Since some people already have subscriptions, if we find out that one of those you sign up already has a subscription, we will notify you and give you a chance of giving that subscription to someone else.

We do ask that you send an email or letter to the people or institutions you give a free journal subscription and let them know that the first issue, Spring 2012, should be received in July.

Garland Bible Chapel

Garland, TX

May 20

The first twelve verses of 1 Thessalonians 2 concern Paul's ministry in Thessalonica. Paul showed that his life had eternal significance because his aim was to please God, not men. We too should make sure that our lives have eternal significance by living to please our Lord.

It was good to see the people at Garland Bible Chapel once again.

NOTES AND LETTERS

Loves The Ten Most Misunderstood Words

I'm excited about your new book. I can't wait to find time to read all of it myself. I've read portions, and I LOVE it, but I want to find time to read ALL of it..... sentence by sentence!

—email, DB

Congratulations on the Grace Crossword Puzzle in the Magazine

I completed the Graceword puzzle with no incorrect answers. Congratulations on making a great puzzle that made me go back and read the articles more carefully.

—email, CK

There's still time to enter the Graceword Puzzle contest!

See the May/June issue of Grace in Focus for details.

Accessing Our Commentary on an iPad

I purchased an iPad last year and it's great to be able to access the commentary via Logos. I take it with me everywhere I go. My mother (82 yrs) lives with me now and she uses the print version pretty much every day as she does her devotions and study.

—email, RAD

Fantastic Autumn 2011 Journal

I found the Autumn 2011 issue of JOTGES in my mail box about 2 hrs ago. Since then I have done nothing but peruse articles and book reviews. I have one thing to say about this issue: FANTASTIC. Thanks for such a great collection of instructive & edifying writings.

—Email, LA

Zane's Commentary on Romans

Very little was done in May due to other pressing needs. However, now that the Zondervan chapter has been completed, we will make a push in June and July to complete the commentary.

Chapter on Final Judgment Sent to Zondervan

As I've mentioned before, Zondervan is doing a book dealing with four views on final judgment. I was chosen to write the rewards view. My deadline for my 10,000 word chapter was May 31st. While I finished my first draft of the chapter months ago, I've been adding to it and polishing it ever since the conference ended.

My thanks to Grant Hawley and to GES Partner Pam Esteven for the editorial work they did on it.

In the Fall I will receive the three chapters of the other authors and I will be allowed to write a 2,000 word response to each of their chapters. They, of course, will each write a 2,000 word response to my chapter as well.

I am very happy to be a part of this project. I would appreciate your prayers as they edit my chapter and as I write my responses to the other three chapters.

Spotlight on Your Support

My book on the ten most misunderstood words in the Bible is another example of what your support of GES makes possible. Because of you I was able to devote the time to write it and we are able to sell it at a price well below the normal retail price (as we do all our books).

We received a very large gift in May, hence the amazing turnaround you see below under May Financial Update. We went from being nearly \$70,000 under budget to being in the black. What a blessing.

This infusion of money allows us not only to hire Shawn, but also to move quickly on updating our outdated database software (that will not run on anything newer than Windows XP, that we cannot back up, and that if it crashes we will be in a world of hurt).

We are very grateful for your partnership in this ministry. Though we are a very small ministry, our impact is significant. Together we are making a difference.

May Financial Report

May Budget	\$31,147	YTD* Budget	\$342,617
May Revenue	\$121,885	\$90,738	YTD* Revenue \$366,527 \$23,910

We are very thankful for your gifts.

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

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