

# Partners in Grace

## March, 2013

### International Ministry in Madrid, Spain February 8-16

Sharon and I flew out of Dallas at 6PM on Friday night. We arrived in Madrid at 10AM Saturday morning local time (3AM Dallas time). Adjusting to the seven hour time difference was challenging, especially the first two days.

Our hosts were Manny Fernandez III and his wife, Jamie. Manny is a DTS graduate and a Free Grace guy. His dad, Manuel (or Manny) heads World Link Ministries. Manny and Jamie have lived in Paracuellos (pronounced par-ah-qway-yoss), a suburb of Madrid, for five years, and head a seminary and have started a church too.

I spoke on Sunday at church (Matt 16:24-28) and on Tuesday through Friday from 9AM till 1:00 PM on the doctrine of salvation. There were 20 to 25 young adults, mostly ages 20 to 35. About half did not believe in eternal security before the conference began. By the end, a number of them had come to believe it and all seemed open to it.



At the break on Friday a woman told me that she had already put the teaching to good use. The previous day she had led her 10-year-old daughter to assurance of her eternal destiny by sharing with her what we had discussed in class concerning Jesus' promise of everlasting life that can never be lost. The daughter thanked her mother profusely and started crying for joy. The mom did as well.

After the final session on Friday, a young man indicated that he had gained assurance of everlasting life at the conference. He did not believe in eternal security before the conference. He said that it had already made a profound impact on him. He said he felt so grateful now. He desired to serve Christ out of love rather than fear of hell.

On Thursday Manny told me he received emails and text messages from several of the students who indicated they thought this was a fantastic conference.

Sharon and I arrived home on Saturday evening after a 10.5 hour flight exhausted and invigorated. What a great trip. Thank you all for making such trips possible.



## Prayer Requests

Please pray for: the spiritual and physical health of the GES staff and their families (Shawn, Holly, Mark, Bob, and Kyle), the health of the conference speakers and conferees, the finances of our fellow partners, America's financial and moral footing, the printing and shipping of Romans commentary, conference registrations and planning over the final two months, GES financial support, the Free Grace movement, and for Free Grace churches, schools, and organizations.

## NOTES AND LETTERS

### Prison Ministry

Dear GES,

I'm writing to say thank you very much for granting my request and sending me the book *Secure and Sure* by Robert Wilkin.

I am still reading and studying it (one chapter a day). And I must let you know it has truly helped in my spiritual growth... I have greatly benefitted from studying this book and look forward to digging in to the remaining chapters.

LS, Huntsville, TX

### The Ten Most Misunderstood Words...

The pastors of my church are all engrossed in your book, *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*.  
BP, Lynchburg, VA

### New Calvinism

Thank God for your ministry of presenting the simple clear gospel. New Calvinism is absorbing today's churches.

BK, Lafayette, IN

## Hodges Romans Commentary Update

With the exception of a Scripture index, which we decided we needed, it was ready to go in February. Hopefully in a week or two it will go to the printer. If so, we probably will have it for the conference.



## GES's Eighteenth Annual Conference:

### The Grace Conference

### Sanctification and Free Grace

April 22-25 SWBTS Fort Worth

The schedule is set and available online. Registrations are going well. It appears we may for the second year in a row exceed the previous year's total for conferees.

We have an outstanding theme: Sanctification and Free Grace. We will explore how the Free Grace position promotes progressive sanctification. We would appreciate your prayers that this is an outstanding conference.

## Grace on the Go

Mar 1-2 Evangelical Theological Society  
Regional Conference, Dallas Theological  
Seminary, delivering a paper on  
"God's Goodness and Justice Is Not  
Denied by Evil in the World"

Mar 9-10 Hill Country Bible Church,  
Georgetown, TX

Mar 31 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX

Apr 12-14 Jansen (NE) Bible Church

Apr 22-25 GES Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX

Apr 28 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX

## February Financial Report

February Budget	\$35,413	YTD* Budget	\$283,300
February Revenue	\$12,591	<\$22,821>	YTD* Revenue \$201,021 <\$82,279>

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