



Students at Ambassador International University

Kathryn Teaching in Zambia

On May 5th, GES was able to make our first international trip since Covid-19. For two weeks, Kathryn taught at Ambassador International University (AIU), which is about two hours outside of Lusaka, Zambia.

This was the fourth time that Ken and/or Kathryn taught at AIU, and Lord-willing both will return next year to teach two more courses. Kathryn taught "Progress of Redemption" to a group of 25 guys, and the response was positive across the board. She was able to give each of her students a copy of Zane Hodges' trilogy, *The Free Grace Primer*. Assurance of salvation was a hot topic during the class discussions and the informal evening rap sessions. Students asked about several tough texts, which included James 2, Romans 10:9-10, and Hebrews 10. It was a fruitful time, and we are looking forward to further ministry with AIU in the future.

Covid at the Office

May was a tough month for office health.

On May 12, Shawn got the second Pfizer vaccine which triggered a strong immune response. He was out sick for five days. He tested negative for Covid.

Meanwhile, Bethany and her husband David got Covid. Bethany was sick for a week and David was sick for two. They have both since recovered.

My Fight with Covid May 14-31

I (Bob) was scheduled to speak on May 16. I had two nice messages prepared.

But on Friday night I got chills and a headache, and I suspected I had Covid. The elders decided it was best to



Visiting the sick



Zambian students with their copy of the Primer



Best-looking baby with best-looking grandpa

postpone my speaking.

On Monday May 17, I was diagnosed with Covid. My symptoms were extreme fatigue and loss of appetite. Over the next two weeks I lost about ten pounds.

I realized I was better on May 31 when I was able to go to the library and to Panda Express for lunch. I ate normally for the first time in weeks.

Today is June 1. I've been at the office for a few hours and I'm feeling fine, though weak.

Sharon got it too. However, she has been mostly asymptomatic. She has been a real encouragement to me.

Zoom Classes

I (Ken) am continuing my Zoom classes with folks from other countries. We meet once a week, along with Kathryn, to teach one class on Hebrews and another on the Gospel of John. At the end of June, I will teach the book of Revelation to the Word of Life Bible Institute in South Korea. It will be a three week course. There are about 22 students in the class. Kathryn and I recently taught the book of Colossians there. While I have taught Eschatology in Bible institutes before, this is the first time I will do the book of Revelation.

Newest Member of the Family

In other news, my (Ken's) eldest daughter Emily gave birth this month to Flynn Eli.

The middle name is in honor of her sister Elisabeth who went to be with the Lord about 10 months ago. I think they will call him Flynn, but I am going to call him Eli.

I've included a picture of me and the best looking baby in the world.

GES Website Use Growing Steadily

We now blog in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. A Filipino blog will start soon. Our daily podcasts reach people all over the world. Plus, we have started to release new YouTube videos every Monday. They reach people that the blogs and podcasts do not.

The blogs, videos, and podcasts draw people in to read our thousands of magazine and journal articles too.

Out of over 10 billion blogs, we are now in the top 278,000! We are so thankful.



Systematic Theology

Our co-authored systematic theology, *Doctrine for Disciples*, is progressing well, despite some setbacks due to illness.

We are accepting input for how to make the book maximally useful to the churches. Ideas include: having discussion questions; making a workbook; and putting up a corresponding website for students to watch videos and to read more in-depth materials.