

Partners In Grace

April 2009

14th Annual GES Conference

March 30-Apr 2

As we need to get this printed before the conference begins, we will have pictures and report next month. However, see the website (www.faithalone.org, then click on GES Picture Gallery and then on the top link which says 09 Conference Pictures) for lots of conference pictures, including a slideshow, as well as a report. We plan to update the pictures each day of the conference.

ETS Regional Conference

Criswell College, Dallas, Texas

March 27-28

You can find pictures by going on our website and clicking on GES Picture Gallery on the home page. Then click on ETS Regional Conference Mar 27-28, 2009.

I spoke on Friday afternoon on what perishing means in the NT.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for: the finances needed to run the ministry; completion of the editing of our NT commentary by April 16; churches on our Grace Church Tracker list; the publishing of reprinting of Zane's 1-3 John Commentary; and the impact of our newsletter, journal, and website in the lives of people all over the world.

Jansen (NE) Bible Church

Mar 1

On Sunday morning I spoke on perishing (apolumi) and salvation (soteria/sozo) in the NT. We saw that normally perishing and salvation both look at loss or maintenance of one's physical life. The ideas of eternal condemnation and eternal life are relatively rare uses of these terms.



Sharon w/ Andrea, Jeff, & Jordan

Victor Street Bible Chapel

March 15

Paul preached to a group of unbelieving Greeks in Athens, as reported in Acts 17:16-34. In this sermon we analyzed Paul's sermon and its applications for us today.

In the Lord's Supper meeting we considered what Paul meant in 1 Cor 2:2 when he said that he determined not to know anything among the Corinthians except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. As this will be one of my conference messages, it gave me a chance to present part of it and get helpful feedback.



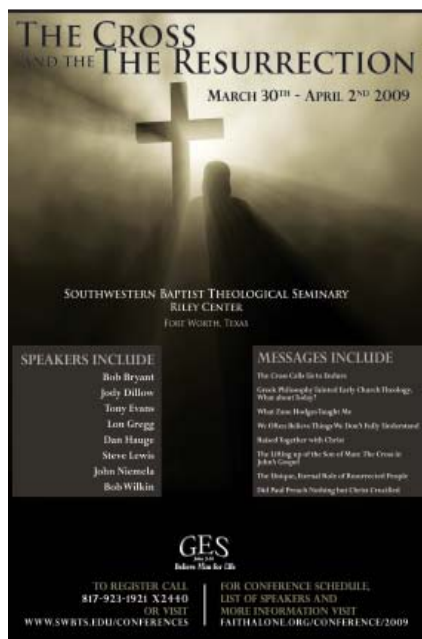
Luis Rodriguez w/ Grandson

New Staff: Mark and Holly

We now have two new part-time staff in place. Mark Gray is currently handling both data entry and shipping. Once we hire another part-time person, Mark will primarily handle shipping, but will back up the data entry position. Holly Melton is our new administrative assistant. She handles purchasing, planning, working with printers, preparation of PowerPoint slides, and other computer-related tasks. We are thankful to have them on our team. Both have a good work ethic and are committed to what we are doing.



Mark and Holly or is it Holly and Mark?



Spotlight on Your Support

We have been in discussions with Kerugma about GES buying all of the copyrights to Zane's writings, both those already published and those scheduled to be published, like his Romans commentary and his commentary on 2 Peter. While we do not yet have a formal agreement, we have an agreement in principle and hope to finalize it in April.

We have created a new fund for publications. This new fund will be used to pay for the printing of Zane's works. Money for the purchase of the copyrights has already been promised. This additional money would strictly be used for printing and related costs (like graphic design, typesetting, and marketing).

Over the next five years, here are some of the things we hope to publish with a guess at possible publication dates: Commentary on Second Peter (2009, part of our one-volume commentary), Commentary on Romans and The Gospel under Siege (2010?), Revised and expanded version of Jesus God's Prophet (2010), Revised and expanded version of Harmony with God (2011), Revised and expanded version of Absolutely Free! A Biblical Reply to Lordship Salvation (2012), Revised and expanded version of Six Secrets of the Christian Life (2013). Of course, these goals are ambitious. We might need to hire an additional part-time staff member just to make these things happen. We will keep you posted.

If you wish to give to this fund, make sure you put on the memo line of your check "Hodges publication restricted fund." Otherwise your gift will end up in the general fund.

Grace on the Go

- April 1-2 GES National Conference, final 2 days, SWBTS, Fort Worth, TX
- April 6 Arlington (TX) Community Church, College
- Group (6 PM)
- April 19 Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, Lewisville, TX

March Financial Report

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| March Budget | \$27,740 | YTD* Budget | \$249,660 |
| March Revenue | \$32,630 +\$4,890 | YTD Revenue | \$233,449 <-\$16,211 > |

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June

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