



From L to R: Jerry Pattillo, Shawn Lazar, Bob Wilkin, Brad Doscocil, and Walt Millet

## **GES Summer Board Meeting Wyndham Park Central Hotel Dallas, TX August 16-18**

**W**e had a very good board meeting. The new budget is a 12% decrease over the past fiscal year. The new budget is \$373,400, or \$31,117 per month.

Though the budget is lower, it is actually back where it was the previous few years, before last year. The budget still allows us to do much to promote the grace message. In fact, we have more planned for this fiscal year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) than ever before. We hope to release several books by Zane (*Absolutely Free* and *The Atonement and Other Writings*), me (*The Real Gospel According to Jesus*, *Twelve Show-Stoppers for Calvinism*, plus expanded and revised versions of *The Road to Reward* and *Confident in Christ*), and Shawn (*Chosen to Serve*). In addition, we hope that Ken Yates will join the staff of GES as a regional spokesman and a key person in the production of the journal. Ken had prostate cancer surgery on August 14th. That has delayed his move to South Carolina and put on hold his start date with GES. We'd appreciate your prayers for his full recovery.

## **First Baptist Church of Honey Grove, TX August 18**

With Pastor Ken Yates on the mend, I spoke at his church. He asked me to speak on Revelation 21-22, "Whatever Happened to the New Earth." I spoke about the fact that the eternal home for believers is the new earth, not the 3rd heaven. And I also showed that we will



The Congregation at Honey Grove Baptist

have glorified bodies and we will use those bodies to serve the Lord forever.

Afterwards a number of people told me that they really appreciated the message.

## **Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX August 25**

Nearing the end of this multi-year journey we came to Genesis 44-45. These chapters concern the final test that Joseph (via God's guidance) gave to his brothers to see if they were ready to come to Egypt. They confessed their guilt and they were unwilling to leave Benjamin behind, like they had Joseph 20 years before. Joseph forgave them and showed zero bitterness. He knew the lesson of Rom 8:28 that God works all things together for good to those who love God.



The Congregation at Victor Street

In the Lord's Supper meeting, I discussed 2 Thessalonians 3. We saw that we were made to work, to be productive. God doesn't want believers to stop working simply because the Rapture could occur at any moment. He wants us to serve Him, including making a living for our families, right up to the time He comes for us.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the health of the staff and partners and their families, for GES finances and the finances of our partners, for the many books we are seeking to get out in the next 9 months, for the full recovery of Ken Yates from prostate cancer surgery, and for Bob's upcoming speaking (esp Sept 28-29 in Port Angeles, WA and Oct 6 in Las Vegas, NV).

## We Need Your Email Address

We have email addresses for about half our partners. We want as many as we can get. We plan to start emailing you things like pictures from my recent speaking, a chapter of a new book we are about to publish, video blogs (which we may start weekly), prayer requests, etc.

Please email Bethany at [bethany@faithalone.org](mailto:bethany@faithalone.org) with your email address if you did not get an email from us the week of August 26th. If you got one, then we have your email address.



## Grace to Go

Sept 28-29 in Port Angeles, WA  
Oct 6 in Las Vegas, NV

## Notes and Letters

"Dear folks at GES, Our thanks and appreciation for all you are doing!"

*G&T Booth, Huntington, WV*

"Thank you for your stand on God's loving-kindness which is missing from most churches."

*AF, Oceanside, CA.*

## Increase to June Giving and Spotlight on Your Support: Decrease to July Giving

As I mentioned last month, we received several large checks in June which we were not able to deposit until July. At the time I thought we'd just have to live with that. However, the chairman of our board, Brad Daskocil, who is a CPA, discussed this with our accountants and they changed our June and July books to reflect the fact that we had undeposited checks totaling \$33,000 at the end of June.

This means that we were \$80,000 under budget for fiscal 2013 (ending June 30th), not \$115,776 as previously reported. However, because we kept spending way down, we only spent \$2,000 to \$3,000 more than we took in. As Brad pointed out at the board meeting, we really had a good year when you consider the loss of anticipated support, the large amount we fell below budget, and the small amount we actually spent more than revenue.

The move of \$33,000 from gifts reported in July back to June where they belong also means that we only took in \$23,000 in July. Thus we were about \$8,000 under budget in July. Those figures are reflected below in the year to date totals.

### August Finances

<b>August Budget</b>	<b>\$31,117</b>	
<b>August Revenue</b>	<b>\$21, 243</b>	<b>&lt;\$9,874&gt;</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$62,233</b>	
<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>\$44,243</b>	<b>&lt;\$17,990&gt;</b>

**We are very thankful for your gifts.**