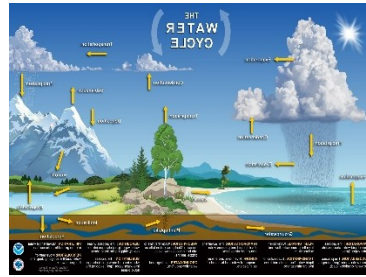


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Vacation Bible School Science Lessons

This year my church, Berean Bible Church and Life Way Church teamed up to do Vacation Bible School. There were about 32 children and I was asked to teach three Science Lessons on the subjects of rock layers in the Grand Canyon, earth's water cycle and earth's tectonic plates and the effect they have on earth quakes. The three lessons fit very well with what we learn from the book of Genesis. For example: the 20 rock layers of the Grand Canyon all contain fossils from the Ocean. God caused rain to fall on the earth for 40 days and nights. But He also broke up the fountains of the great deep which would result in massive amounts of fossil containing sediments being washed up on land. Some of the layers are bent without the rocks being broken. That indicates they were bent before becoming rock. That helps us understand how the Grand Canyon was washed by the massive waters returning to the ocean while the sediments were still soft. The weather cycle includes the rainbow, God's promise that He would never again flood the whole earth. The tectonic plates were discovered after World War II when sonar was developed to discover enemy submarines. In peace time sonar is used to discover and map the bottom of the oceans. Massive upheavals have been discovered where magma and perhaps more water were pushed upward increasing the depth and violence of the Genesis flood. When the tectonic plates move and rub against each other today it causes earthquakes. The pictures were turned into stickers so the kids could take them home. Interacting with the children was very different from my usual ministry to the elderly.

Blind but Still Spiritually Active.

One resident in the Assisted living section lost his eye sight and had to be moved into the Nursing section. He had served the Lord well in his local church in leadership positions. In the Assisted living he offered thanks in prayer before meals and participated in Bible Study regularly. Now that he is blind, I go to his room and share the same Bible Study done in the group setting. I do the same for several other residents who cannot get to group Bible Study.



One man has been attending group Bible Study for about three months. I mentioned this man in my June letter. He was worldly even though he claimed he had been baptized as a child and had some Christian background. He avoided the Bible Studies for a long time. When he began attending, he said he was "coming back to Jesus." I was skeptical about his sincerity. But he has been coming regular and bringing the large New Testament I gave him. He has offended some people with his persistent talking. He said his fellow residents gave him an Indian name, "Talksalot." Thankfully, it was done in good humor. I also do a once-a-week devotional with him in his room. Yes, even in his room he lives up to his name.

Answered Prayer

Last Newsletter I told you of a mother and daughter in the same nursing home. The daughter is mentally handicapped. She had quit eating and had to be coaxed to eat anything. Losing weight, it appeared she was going to continue to fail and her mother was grieving the potential loss of her daughter. Since you have been praying the daughter has recovered. She is eating and walks the halls as she used to. Thank you for praying. It is rare to see that kind of a turnaround in the nursing home.

You have also been praying for my brother Dean who had a stroke earlier this year. He has continued to recover and was even able to work his old job as a "ditch rider" (managing irrigation water in a canal system for farmers) along with his wife's help. Thank you so much for praying.

A Short Stay on the Way to an Eternal Home

I was asked by a family member to visit one gentleman who had just moved into the nursing home. He was sleeping on my first visit and I felt it would be rude to wake him. The next week I did awaken him, introduced myself and let him know I would be in touch. The next visit was very brief because he was very sleepy. The third visit I handed him the simple Gospel I had printed on card stock. He shared with me that he and his wife had served with Campas Crusade for Christ doing evangelism. He handed the card back to me confident he did not need it. He passed away before I could see him again. I don't know the schedule for our next visit but I am confident there will be one.



Prayer Request

My brother Wesley is scheduled to have shoulder surgery on September 24th. His right arm is partially debilitated because of an injury years ago. Now the left one needs surgery which will include 6 weeks of immobility in a sling. That means doing everything with his partially debilitated right arm. Please pray for him. I plan to be with him.

One of the hardest parts of nursing home ministry is when someone passes away and they have firmly rejected the Gospel. One such lady passed in August. She had told me firmly "I am 96 years old and I am not changing my mind now." I keep a record of those who attend weekly Bible Study and those I visit noting any information I need to remember. Reading back over the record I noticed that as I had reviewed the Gospel and assurance verses with this lady's roommate, she was awake and listening on one occasion. One thing we know for certain the Lord never fails to reach out to every person through the Holy Spirit. No one can ever accuse the Lord of not reaching out to them. (see John 16:7-11)

You give me strength to continue through your sacrificial gifts and your loving prayers.

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