

# Multiplying Leaders

## Gil and Denise Thomas



Dear Faithful Prayer Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support during 2023. We appreciate your faithfulness in praying for us. Besides traveling to Harrisburg five times to teach (Good Soil in May & October, BibleStorying, The Roots of Faith, Essential Mission Components, and Moving Beyond Lecture), we were able to do some traveling and minister in several ways. Remember these highlights of 2023 and rejoice with us for what God has done.

- Taught Good Soil at the **Ambassador International University** in **Zambia** with Randy Southwell and told Bible stories. Pictured is Gil telling the story of Jesus at the well with the Samaritan woman.
- Conducted a special Good Soil training event in **Fort Bragg, NC**, with **EveryEthne** missionary Rich Culp.
- Trained the staff of Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Greenwood, SC, in Good Soil principles and Elmore Baptist Association in Alabama.
- Helped Carl Sexton, **EveryEthne** missionary, and others put on the second annual Taller Buena Tierra (Good Soil Seminar in Spanish).



- Taught a workshop and attended the **GARBC Conference** at **Corbin University**.
- Taught the inaugural version **Theology and Practice of Evangelism** at **BJU Seminary**. What a blessing for us to come to the end of the semester and hear students saying how much they learned and how they want to use what they learned in their ministry! Many of them shared that they want to teach Good Soil principles in the churches where they are

presently attending and in their churches in the future after they graduate.

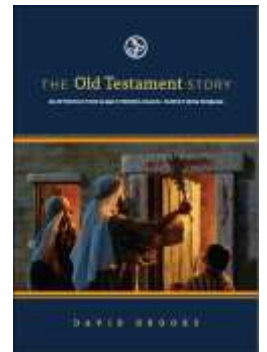
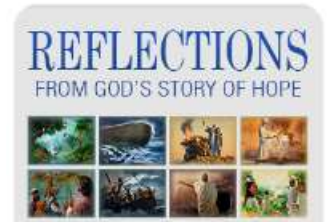
- Participated in the **Southeast Asia Good Soil Summit** in the **Philippines**. How exciting it was to see and hear from leaders in southeast Asia multiplying themselves using Good Soil training and resources!



God has blessed us in 2023. Thank you for your prayers! We were able to do all of the above (and more) as God provided strength and guidance . . . and we moved to South Carolina, set up our home here, and jumped into ministry at a new church! Please continue to pray with us that God will enable us to equip more laborers for the harvest and that He will send them out.

Pray specifically for these objectives in 2024:

- The launch of our Reflections reading plan on the **You Version Bible App**. With this reading plan, one will be able to listen to professional recordings of all 100 narratives from the book, *Reflections from God's Story of Hope*, see the beautiful images, and read along.
- The finalizing and printing of a new evangelistic resource called *God's Story/Your Story*. This joint effort with Clare Jewell, Executive Director of **EveryEthne**, will be more compact than *The Story of Hope*, and is geared toward a younger, more contemporary crowd. I'm excited about how God will use this new tool to draw people to Himself. Pray for God's guidance and blessing on the development of it.
- The design and printing of *The Old Testament Story*. David Brooks' text, an introduction to and chronological survey of the Old Testament, is long overdue. Dr. David Brooks, professor at Criswell College in Houston, TX, is our anchor teacher and co-developer of the Old Testament Roots of Faith course. We've run into roadblocks along the way. Please pray with us that we'll be able to get the printing of this major work accomplished this year.
- The development of an asynchronous online class based on *Theology and Practice of Evangelism*. The seminary requires that every class taught have a counterpart for online learners. Pray that God will give guidance and enablement to accomplish this, my major task at the seminary this semester, which is a bit out of my normal comfort zone.
- The raising of our monthly support needs. We are presently considerably under supported.



While we have sent several email letters throughout this past year, we have not sent any "snail mail" letters. We have determined to discontinue "snail mail" or hard copy letters. If you have not been getting our email letters, which means you are not on our email letter list—but you would like to get those letters, please use your phone on the picture taking mode which will scan the QR code and jump you right to our MailChimp sign up form for our ministry reports. Or, just let us know by writing to us at [gthomas@abwe.org](mailto:gthomas@abwe.org) — and we will be sure to get you on the list.



Your missionaries,

*Gil and Denise*

Please continue to pray for Tien and Thuy to trust Christ. They are our next-door neighbors. Also, please pray for others we are discipling during Monday, Thursday, and Friday night Bible Studies, and other individual studies.

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