

Multiplying Leaders

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Dear Faithful Prayer Supporters,

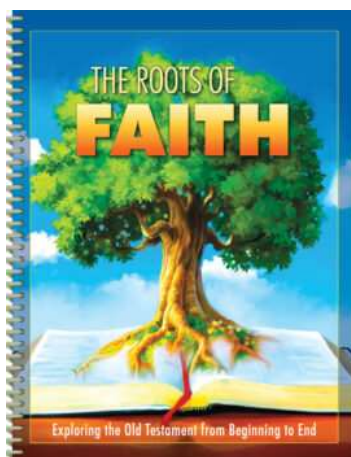
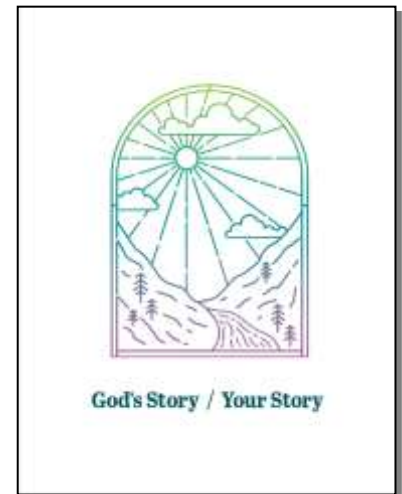
We are so grateful to you for your prayers and support. We continue to thank God for your faithfulness. During the last several months we have had many occasions to have some of you over or take you to dinner and thank you. What a blessing that has been! We hope to be able to do more of that in the near future.

Please pray for people with whom we have been having weekly Bible Studies. Over the past months, we have had weeks in which we led as many as seven Bible studies per week! Sometimes it's draining, but so rewarding as well. Pray especially for Charity (a single woman), Clark and Adam (a dad and his son), Nancy, Chris, and Marcy (a mom, teenage son, and 20 something daughter), and Ron and his family of four – not their real names. Each of those people seem close to trusting Christ as savior. Pray that the gospel will be clear, and that God will draw them to Himself.

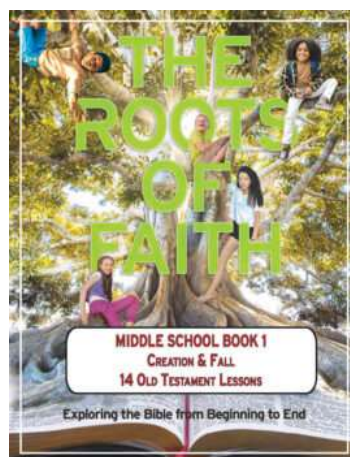
Present Projects

Gil is working with Clare Jewell (ABWE's Executive Director of EveryEthne) on a new Bible study book to use with younger Millennials and Gen Z youths called **God's Story/Your Story**. The book is about 75% complete. Pray for Gil as he is finishing the writing of this project, for its design, and printing, so it can be put to use by this fall.

Denise is working hard on **Adventures in the Roots of Faith**. Some of you may be familiar with The Roots of Faith (Old and New Testament courses for adults and teens which unfold the story of a perfect world that became cursed by sin and the giving of promises regarding a Jewish King who would become the Savior of the world). Last year we came out with **The Roots of Faith Middle School** which provided the same curriculum for 5th through 8th graders. Now, Denise is trying to get a version of **The Roots of Faith** ready for elementary children. This is a huge task! Please be praying for her to be able to get the teacher's guide and the kids' take-home papers all finished. We've been working with Karen Weitzel and Edie Cunningham (who developed the curriculum for kids from the adult version). When this is finished, a church will be able to have teachers of all levels going through the same Bible events and lessons at the same time.



Adult and Teen Curriculum



Middle School Curriculum

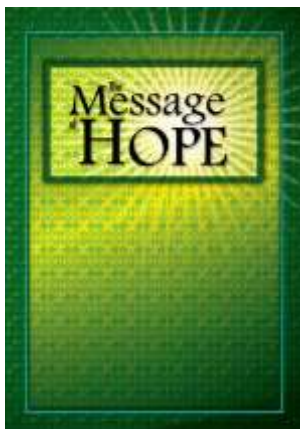
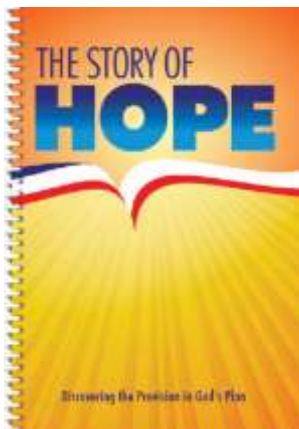


Elementary Curriculum

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Denise will also be working with translators to get the Arabic version of *The Story of Hope* and *The Message of Hope* finished and in print. Denise did not study graphic design or layout in college. She and her colleague, Glorianne, have learned a lot (sometimes through trial and error!) and are contributing so much to Good Soil resources by doing this type of work. Please pray for them as they seek to get these new resources and translations of resources ready for print. It is hard, frustrating work, for which we are grateful.

April 19-21, Gil will be at Faith Baptist Church in Wilmington, DE, teaching Good Soil Evangelism & Discipleship with Chris Christensen. Chris has served as a missionary overseas for several years and is now changing fields. He hopes to use Good Soil resources in the Caribbean, his new field of service. Please ask God to use this training event in Delaware to equip believers in this church reach people around them and make disciples.

How many of you have the YouVersion Bible app?

Reflections from God's Story of Hope is a beautifully illustrated heirloom book (fancy term for coffee table book!) which Gil wrote and published with Good Soil in 2014. Lars Justinen was the artist. Eric Lee Mosbach created wonderful, dramatized audio readings which we made available on mp3 which some have greatly enjoyed listening to as a family. We have gifted this book containing 50 Old Testament and 50 New Testament Bible accounts to several families over the past ten years.

In January of this year, Good Soil made *Reflections The Audio Experience* available through the YouVersion Bible App as a reading plan. It's free! Since then, over 18,000 people have started listening and reading. Here's how you can get it:

1. Go to the App Store (Apple users) or Google Play (Android users) and download YouVersion Bible App.
2. Once in the app, click on "Reading Plans."
3. Then, type in Reflections from God's Story of Hope.
4. Enjoy listening to and reading the Bible events in the plan and the Bible passages from which they were developed!



Thank you for praying for us about these new evangelism and discipleship resources. Please pray that God will use them to help people make disciples for His glory.

Your missionaries,

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