

GRACEWAY BIBLE MINISTRIES AFRICA

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1 Corinthians 12:31
... and yet shew I unto you
a more excellent way.

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Greetings in Christ dear Saints. As Paul the apostle greeted the churches we quote "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." What a beautiful declaration of God to us in this dispensation of Grace. Another year has passed, and we are excited about 2024 for so many opportunities to preach, teach and share the gospel of Gods' grace with the world.

Our ministry in Africa is established on the basis of **2 Timothy 2:2**. We identify faithful men, teach them the truth of God's word rightly divided and then entrust this same ministry to them, as they go out and teach other faithful men.

We receive many invitations from people all over Africa, and other parts of the world, requesting our partnership in the ministry. They indicate a desire to be part of what we do and believe in. However, out of the many there are only a few men and women who continue because of their love for the truth and not for the financial gain they might receive. Our prayer is to continue identifying and supporting the genuine saints with teaching, materials, and finances to do the work of the ministry.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

In 2023 we travelled to Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa on two separate trips. Both visits were very edifying as we got to see firsthand how the work is being fruitful and multiplying in these countries, and the regions beyond. Without your support these trips and the provision of Bibles, study materials, travelling expenses such as lodging, food, cars, petrol etc. cannot be possible. Our June 2023 Newsletter contains reports of these trips.

We continue to give thanks to God our Father by our Lord Jesus Christ for your love and support in this important work!

Plans for 2024

It is necessary we go back to Zambia to help this relatively new ministry be further established. We are planning a leaders' seminar in May 2024, and ideally bring all together to central Lusaka. Currently, together with brothers Charles and Goldben, we are working out the logistics of this visit. I have been asked to consider going to the Copperbelt, which is in the northern part due north of Lusaka. There are a few believers there that are eager to hear more about the Word. Brother Charles visited the Copperbelt a bit ago and brought positive feedback from the brethren there. Brother Goldben is actively preaching and teaching the doctrine on radio and in study groups (see news from Zambia). Following Zambia, we will also go see our family in South Africa as well as teaching and visiting Grace Church Gqeberha and Grace Now Ministries. As we must fly via Johannesburg, South Africa, to get to Lusaka, Zambia, the trip to Gqeberha is only about an hour's flight south of Johannesburg. It is very convenient to combine the two destination trips!

We do not have plans to visit Kenya in 2024 but are working on visiting in early 2025. At the same time, we will go to Uganda as Brother Moses in Uganda is eager for us to see the saints there. We are thankful that we were able to support brothers Simon and Festus to travel there from Kenya, to teach many who brother Moses has introduced to the message of God's grace. Since February last year, Simon and Festus have made two trips to Uganda. Several pastors are now embracing the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery. There is great excitement and growth in their understanding of the scriptures rightly divided.

Our aim this year is to provide 1500 KJV Bibles in Kenya and we are pleased to announce that we have the funds to meet this need. There

2 Corinthians 8:9
For ye know the grace
of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that, though he
was rich, yet for your
sakes he became poor,
that ye through his
poverty might be rich.



will always be a need for more Bibles as more are learning about the truth of God's Word rightly divided and how we have a perfect, preserved Bible in English in the KJB.

The need for more equipment is growing, so we plan to buy a few laptops and printers. These are used for printing lesson plans for Bible School and children's classes, etc.

As we receive more PDF copies of tracts, we get it printed in Kenya and distributed. Printing there locally saves money and time. We will still ship tracts and other materials.

We also endeavour to provide a couple more motorcycles for some faithful men who teach in areas beyond their own villages. This is a very effective mode of transport that enables them to reach areas where oftentimes there are no official roads.

More funds will be allocated to paper, printing cartridges, wall charts, and gifts to various pastors who faithfully labour in the word. Full wall charts were printed in Kenya and distributed to every church.

New Curriculum for Africa

As English is a second, and in some cases, a third language in Africa, we have come up with a more suitable curriculum for our students. We have edited G.S.B. transcripts and used it, and other material compiled by me and others, to furnish the students for ministry. Students will receive all these lessons in printed form, placed in a folder. Typically, as the classes are taught (by brothers like Simon), the students will receive handouts to be added to their folder. Ultimately it would be ideal to have all the classes printed in the form of modular handbooks. This is a work in progress.

Graceway Bible Ministry Class

1. Fundamentals of Bible Study (GSB)
2. Genesis to Deuteronomy (Compiled from GSB Old Testament Survey)
3. The Five Courses of Israel's Judgment (Edited by Graceway - covers all 66 books of the Bible)
4. The Book of Daniel (Complete GSB)
5. Study to Know – Prepare to preach (Extracted from Preparation and Delivery – GSB)
6. The Book of Romans (GSB and Graceway)
7. Why the KJB? (Few lessons from Manuscript Evidence covering the basics)
8. The Book of Acts (GSB and Graceway)
9. The Order and Ministry of the Local Church (Matthew Hawley and Graceway)
10. The Work of an Evangelist (Shorewood Bible Church)

Following these lessons, the students by choice can complete the rest of the GSB classes.

Kenya News

We have appointed four faithful and trusted men, who are Elders, to oversee the work in Kenya. They are Simon Njeru, Festus Nguruyi, Titus Muthengi, and Peter Karanja. I know these men personally and trust their decisions. We send them monthly support monthly and together they decide how to best support the other men and women in the various regions. Currently the ministry in Kenya has 30 associated pastors in various regions, who stand for the truth and are actively teaching the message of God's grace. Zjaan is also working with Caroline (Simon's wife) in providing materials and supplies for the children and women's ministry in Kenya. We are thankful for some churches in the USA that are helping with materials for Sunday school in Kenya.

Emails received:

Dear Desmond

Receive greetings in Jesus in Jesus name hope your are doing well together with you family and all saints in USA. WE are also doing well here under God's grace. We're also glad to inform you about the ministry in Kenya, we are very happy that people continue to receive the word Rightly divided very positively. Kindly be informed about the brethren from Meru since they attended the conference in February, they also doing well brother Simon and I we are looking forward to held a three days seminar together with them, pray for us to have bold and wisdom speak this Mystery. One more thank you for your support and prayers in this work of ministry, pass greetings to other brethren in USA. Your's faithfully brother James.

Hello Brother Desi, Greetings to all in the name of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. I want to thank you for gifts through Simon, we are continuing teaching and studying rightly dividing the word of truth here in Mufu including Gitare and some other places, we need your prayers. Yours Brother Henry

Hello brother Des. Trust all is well with all yours. The word is having free Course and there are opportunities in Kenya for the word to spread faster than before. We are looking forward for establishing firm, faithful minister of the grace of God. We eagerly wait for the new curriculum which will help in grounding and

building up strong, edified, future grace Pastor's. The future of grace looks bright, as we faithfully stand strong for the truth against Satan policy of evil.
 Be praying for us as we seek God's wisdom, for boldness and utterances. This is the only ministry that will bring Liberty and freedom of souls, from Satan's kingdom to God's kingdom, from darkness to light.
 Your input in this ministry helps to bring others to the truth and a crown of righteousness awaits beyond the yonder. Thanks for your prayers, support and gifts, for the furtherance of the gospel
 Not that we need the money but the gifts that comes from it, A ministry with eternal profit!
 We traveled to KERICHO COUNTY, James, Harishon Mugo, Titus and me. The word was received with gladness and edification was evident and all are willing to start the school. G.s.b. Brother Simon

From Caroline (Simon's wife):

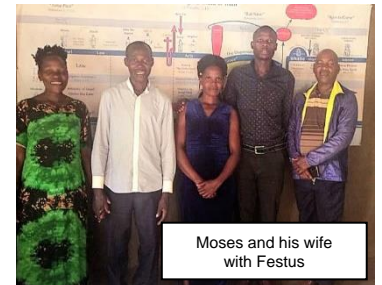
Hello Zjaan, It is my prayer and hope you are all doing fine in the Lord. We are also doing fine in the Lord. I received the funds which you sent to Simon and am able to get the Sunday school supplies. Thank you for the support and this will make our children grow and grounded in grace.
 2 Tim 3:14-17

We had ladies meeting at Kabando church and they were very excited to learn on how to raise their children in grace and more about their families. We will continue with the ladies meeting in order to fellowship together as sisters and study the word of God. Receive greetings from the ladies and pass them your family and the saints. Ephesians 1:15-19.



Uganda News:

After our visit in February 2023 one of the brothers, Moses, who we have mentioned before, got into studying and sharing what he has been learning. Moses is so excited and wants the message of God's grace be shared to all. I receive weekly questions from Moses. Many of those he preaches to have questions and many times he does not know how to answer them. Every time he asks me a question, I ask him to explain to me his understanding of it before I answer him. These are wonderful opportunities to teach him, and he is very keen to learn and study. Lately, all questions received from him are accompanied by how he understands it. In many cases he knows the answer, but not how to teach it or where to find the supporting verses. I think many believers worldwide have the same problem.



I received this from Simon on January 15, 2024, after visiting Uganda: "Saints in Uganda have truly rejoiced in the word of grace. Excitement and joy filled their hearts. Brother Moses planned it well, especially in the two Churches we have managed to teach and edify the Saints. They received your greetings with gladness and sent theirs too. Three of us could not be able to travel to Kampala and I found it wise to sent Moses to Kampala and represent us."

I received this from Moses after his visit in Kampala: From Zechariah in Kampala. Thanks Teach Moses hope you reached well, thank you very much for the time you have spent With US, you really opened our eyes about the bible you have really helps us to know our true position according the teaching, we took the teaching very Sirious when you read Galatians 1:16-18, and ready not to go back to old teaching we use too I'm therefore request that you still have great work to do hear please I request that atlaest you be coming every month that will help us to grow in this teaching, about the Graceway books we are Seriously waiting thank you have good night.

Glory to God, that's what is needed because it's a course to preach another gospel which is not gospel of Grace according to the dispensation of Grace. I pray we continue growing in the knowledge of Christ, read 2 Timothy 2:2-4, thank you bro grace and peace"

News From Zambia:

Brother Goldben in Lusaka is an edified man who has a sincere desire to see the word of truth preached rightly divided. We send monthly support for him to do a weekly radio program.

From Brother Goldben: "Good day pastor Desmond. We are grateful to God for his grace. So many times we had questions on how to start sharing the message of grace and the special revelation which the Lord Jesus Christ gave to our apostle the apostle Paul with others. Many times I don't find enough words to describe how much I appreciate your support to our ministry here in Zambia. It is something I didnt expect after I left the denominational church. For almost a year, I led a very lonely life of rejection because of my position to believe the scriptures. Thank you for helping me.



The radio ministry is of great help in reaching the masses with the message of grace here in Zambia. I believe it would be of greater impact to have you on radio and if possible to conduct a Bible seminar on *"OUR IDENTITY"* as members of the body of Christ. I have observed that people have a desire for truth but many are confused because of their religious traditions.



Zambia has 10 provinces. My prayer to God is that doors be opened in far places outside of Lusaka where I would travel to conduct short Bible seminars to introduce the message of grace and rightly dividing the Word to small groups of people that have heard of us and those that can attend. Also that materials (printing study guides/booklets) be sourced for purposes of helping them have a solid foundation. It would be very great to have you around and obviously will arrange with the radio station for time that you teach. I keep trusting that God alone will open doors in making the gospel of the grace of God reach the furthest places of my country and beyond.

Personally I'm very much eager to see you here and spend time with you. I have taken long to reply to you because I still find it difficult to believe the love and care you have for our very small ministry. Thank you. Everytime I feel alone in the midst of religious people, I always remember your words of encouragement to *"keep pressing on."* Thank you for being available to help me grow in scriptures.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3v15kjv.. Thank you being a helper of our joy.

So many people are eager to hear us on radio because of what we teach. Sometimes I spend hours on phone answering questions to people who want to know the message of grace and the unique message God revealed to our apostle the apostle Paul.

There is a **62 year** old woman (Miss Jenny) who in her entire christian life didn't understand salvation by grace till she heard me explain it on radio. **NO* she never heard any preacher preach Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery. (Rom 16v25). What I found interesting also is she accepted her current pastor doesn't teach from the books of Ephesians and Colossians. She has so far been following all our lessons on radio and acknowledges we have so far been of great help to her in understanding the Bible. She still can't believe I haven't been to Bible School yet because she always asks me to tell her how I learnt these truths.

In all this, I give glory to God for His grace to teach. Thank you for the materials and the prayers. God surely is amazing. Greetings to our family in the USA. We are grateful for the support.

Finally:

Zjaan and I are doing well. Our local ministry, Graceway Bible Church in Edgewater FL, is doing good and we have faithful men and women working alongside us. We always remain thankful for the local church that helps enable us to do this important work in Africa. Without a local church we could not have this ministry.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we seek to do that which is to the edification and perfecting of the Believers in Africa. *Bwana Asifiwe!*



Titus gave this young man the gospel and he trusted Christ!



Simon preaching the Word!

How to financially support this ministry - All support is payable to *"Graceway Bible Church"* marked *"Missions"* using the address on the newsletter heading. We hope to add an electronic support soon.

Thanking God our Father by Jesus Christ our Lord for you.

Asanti Sana

Des & Zjaan Strydom



Reaching Africa by Teaching Faithful Men & Women

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

1 Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.