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**Learn to do good, to be fair,
and to help the poor,
the fatherless, and widows.**

(Isaiah 1:17)



did you know?

Congratulations to **Evangelism Explosion** on the dedication of their new international headquarters in Arden, North Carolina. The building includes the Kennedy Vision Center—a display of EE's global ministry and the impact of founder Dr. D. James Kennedy.



Chris Tomlin will be in three cities (NYC, Denver and Sacramento) this August for **Worship Night in America** with guests Max Lucado, Louie Giglio, Matt Redman, and others.



This September, thousands of women in ministry will gather for **Revive '15**—a two-day conference from **Revive Our Hearts** intended to encourage women to lead other women in the study of God's Word. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Jen Wilkin, Eric Mason, and Lauren Chandler leading worship.



The Spanish language edition of **John MacArthur's Strange Fire (Fuego Extranero)** has been named "Book of the Year" by the Spanish Evangelical Publishers Association.

From **Focus on the Family**, *The Drop Box* film is scheduled for DVD release this month with distribution to consumers.



new arrival

PROUD "PAPA MAX"

Says new grandpa: "Meet my granddaughter — Rose Margaret Bishop. The yellow rose of Texas." Rose is the first granddaughter of Max (and Denalyn ☺) Lucado (mom is gifted writer, Jenna Lucado Bishop).



tech UPDATE

CHARLEY MEFFERD

We are thrilled to add four new shows to the Amb-OS Family this month!

Keys for Kids, 4:30 minutes (M-Sa)

In this daily 4:30 minute program, Uncle Charlie VanderMeer, former host of the classic Children's Bible Hour radio program, narrates short stories that feature kids learning spiritual lessons in everyday situations. Uncle Charlie brings each tale to life, drawing on a deep well of experience garnered from working with children for decades. His rich and friendly voice encourages kids to engage with the stories and learn about God's promises for their lives.



Red Rock Mysteries, 24:30 minutes (Weekly)

Every week, Red Rock Mysteries takes kids and families into another story of God's Word in action. Bryce and Ashley Timberline are normal 13-year-old twins, except for one thing—they discover action-packed mystery wherever they go. Wanting to get to the bottom of any mystery, these twins find themselves on a nonstop search for truth. Teaching kids how to act out God's Word in their own lives, this half-hour program brings authentic and relevant examples of how kids can show His love to their friends and family.



Down Gilead Lane, 24:30 minutes (Weekly)

This exciting family radio drama follows the stories of Brooke, Justin, and the rest of the Morrisons as they navigate the ups and downs of life in their small town of Coleraine. Through the adventures, mysteries, and hardships they encounter, the Morrisons learn that small-town life is anything but ordinary. They need God's love and grace every day of their lives.



For more information on Keys for Kids, Red Rock Mysteries or Down Gilead Lane, contact Dylan Kraayenbrink at Dylan@keysforkids.org or 616-647-4500.

Politics and Religion, 4-5p ET (M-F)

Politics and Religion is an informative, hour-long, daily call-in broadcast hosted by Irvin Baxter. The show's purpose is to help listeners make sense of turbulent world events in light of Bible prophecy. Irvin Baxter, founder and president of Endtime Ministries, is a television and radio host, author, publisher and international prophecy teacher.



For more information on Politics and Religion, contact Steve Nortier at 616-855-7609 or stephen@silasradio.com.

Major FTP Changes Coming!

For many years, we've had one single, simple login to our broadcast features FTP site. Effective October 5th of this year, that will change. Every station will be provided with its own, unique login name and password, along with a permission structure very similar to Amb-OS. You'll be hearing much more about this in the summer months ahead. But if you're using our FTP site for obtaining programs, even as a backup to your AMR-100, you can expect to receive a new means of login come September.



And for your convenience, remember we recommend Filezilla (from the Open Source Project, Mozilla) as your FTP client. You'll find it a simple means of managing your FTP sites along with, of course, our own FTP client built into the Amb-OS User Interface.

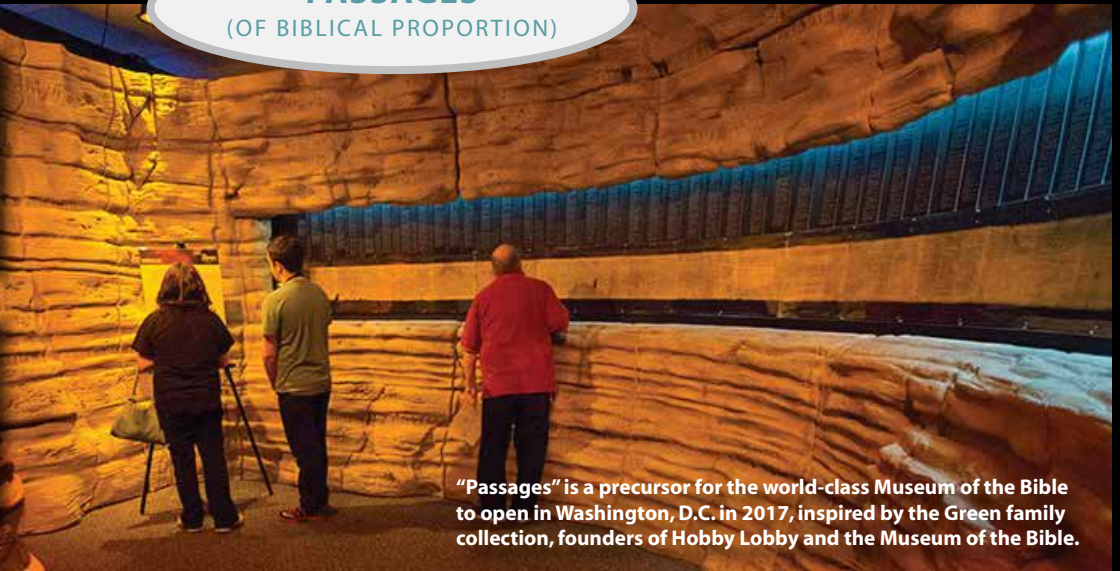
PASSAGES (OF BIBLICAL PROPORTION)



Gutenberg printing press



Evelyn with Assistant Directors
Ashley Carter and Katie Knox



"Passages" is a precursor for the world-class Museum of the Bible to open in Washington, D.C. in 2017, inspired by the Green family collection, founders of Hobby Lobby and the Museum of the Bible.

Evelyn Gibson shares her visit to a traveling exhibit presented by the Museum of the Bible. Stay tuned for more details on a new 1:00 feature from the Museum of the Bible beginning this Fall! Here's Evelyn's report ...

Imagine walking into what looks like your local Hobby Lobby store. Instead you find yourself in the Caves of Qumran, or in Westminster Abbey, or on the surface of the moon (and I mean really there)—amidst priceless artifacts chronicling the history and impact of the Bible.

Welcome to "Passages"—the traveling, interactive exhibit presented by the Museum of the Bible, currently housed in Santa Clarita, California where I had the privilege of a guided "experience."

"Passages" is an invitation to engage with the Bible in selections from one of

the world's largest private collections of biblical artifacts. Whether it's printing on a Gutenberg press, practicing (unsuccessfully I might add) with quill and ink on a scribe's scroll, or interacting with lands and people of the Bible in "fly over" technology—it was an amazing afternoon!

CUBA (BEYOND THE CARS & CIGARS)



Charles Morris reports from Havana, sharing what Christians in Cuba need most. Spoiler alert: It's Bibles! Churches are desperate to get the Word of God into people's hands and homes. In Charles' words ...

Let me say three words and you tell me what comes to mind. Ready? Here they are: Communism. Cars. Cigars. What comes to mind? You probably said "Cuba."

With trade relations about to re-open ... what's happening with Christianity? Well in the last five years, the charismatic president, Raul Castro, has achieved more than his flamboyant brother, Fidel, did in the prior 50 years.

Is it a communist country? Yes. But Raul has allowed churches to take back their crumbling buildings. He's allowing house churches to meet without secret police interference. The number of evangelical Christians has doubled since the revolution in 1959. The number of house churches since Raul? Twenty thousand, minimum.

What else is it like? It's poor. The average salary for a doctor and a

street sweeper is collectively the same ... 30 to 40 dollars a month. A pastor averages 15.

In passing out 72 Spanish Study Bibles, I've never seen so many pastors weep. They'd never seen one. Every pastor I meet, "What do you need?" None of them say democracy OR communism. They all say we need the Spirit of the living God to keep moving. Praise God He is!

GREAT PEOPLE GREAT WORK GREAT TIMES

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1. Great to welcome Nicole Burns, Tim Bell and Paul Roop to SoCal recently. The FamilyLife team was in the area on a site-check for the November *Blended and Blessed Summit on Stepfamily Ministry* being held in Irvine.

2. There's hardly a day we like better than the one that brings Joni and her team to AAA for a recording session. This time it included a BBQ and, as always, concluded with a hymn sing in our racquetball court (we call it the cathedral!).

3. A special treat to host Phil Boyce (SVP/Spoken Word Format) and Chris Gould (VP/ National Program Development) from Salem, meeting with the HAVEN Today team.

4. An evening filled with friends of Prison Fellowship were thrilled for the ministry report from Jim Liske, President of PFM—so many good things happening at the ministry!

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5 & 6. We always enjoy the opportunity to "return the favor" and make a stop at a partner's facility. This time Selah was in Tucson and enjoyed a visit with GM Doug Martin and OM Christina Willits (KGMS). She also had the treat of greeting Regional Promotions Manager Steve Wright (Family Life Radio) during a local event.

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7 & 8. Following an impactful visit to Cuba (read more on page 2), Charles Morris and Corum Hughes enjoyed a meal with the team at WRMB including Corum, Jon Garrison, new GM Dolores King-St. George, Brigitte Sylvester, Charles, Eric Johnson. Around the table from left to right is Corum Hughes, Charles Morris, Ruth Dinwiddle, John Blok, Andrew Leuthold, Pierre Chestang, Ron Maxwell, and Kate Bruington. This is at a restaurant called "First Watch" in St. Petersburg, FL pretty close to WKES. Charles was on air that morning with Ron and Kate talking about Cuba.

9. Really—it was a "working meeting" when Alliance Defending Freedom's Chief Communication Officer Chuck Bolte was in town. Yes, those are *golf bag tags* in the background ... if you get our drift ☺.

10. While in Houston recently, Ron Deal ("FamilyLife Blended") was able to stop in at KSBJ—pictured here with good friend, Dr. Bill Maier.

11 & 12. Recently returning from Little Rock, Peggy and Michelle enjoyed a great visit with Dennis Rainey, Bob Lepine, and the FLT team, hearing firsthand updates on ministry activities at FamilyLife.

13. Also on the road, Charley Mefferd and his wife, Janet, recently were guests at a familiar spot for many Christian broadcasters—the Bott spread in the Ozarks. Thanks for the hospitality to our team, Dick & Rich!

14. A number of Christian communicators were in attendance at the most recent CNP (Council for National Policy) meetings—including Barry Meguiar and Rich Bott.

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SERVICE

(MERCY FOR MADAGASCAR)



Heather Morehouse (here on the left) shares her story of volunteering on-board *The Africa Mercy*.

***The Africa Mercy* recently completed its first tour of service in Madagascar. Here's a report filed by one of our good friends, Heather Morehouse (also an APU grad!) who shared her experience:**

I cannot believe that my time here on the ship is coming to a close. It has been one of the most amazing things that I have ever been a part of, both personally and professionally.

Less than a year ago I was home in Oregon waiting to hear where the ship would be going after plans changed about going to West Africa due to Ebola. Just a few weeks after finding out that the ship would go to Madagascar, I found myself looking off the bow of the ship in amazement as we sailed away from the monumental Table Mountain in Cape Town South Africa. After the long (and often scary) 9 day sail around the Cape of Good Hope, we saw our first sight of land and I was filled with anticipation of what the Lord had in store for this season. After all that He'd brought us through to get to this

country I knew that He had amazing things planned, both for the patients that He'd bring us, and in my own heart.

And the Lord did not disappoint! I have seen the hopelessness in my patients' eyes when they walked onto the ward



for the first time covering their faces in scarves, hiding their disfigurement only to see joy restored when their tumors were removed. I've seen children with severe limps due to club feet walk after orthopedic surgery, and I've seen men without noses receive new noses! The

Lord far exceeded my expectations in what He has done in this country...on this ship...and in my life.

After much prayer and counsel from friends and family I've decided to return to the ship in August for the first three months of the start of the next field service. The greatest advice that I will never forget came from my mom when she said, "You would be devastated if you left before you were ready. Why don't you just keep doing it for as long as you love it?" So that's what I plan to do.

The ship will spend 2 months this summer in Durban, South Africa undergoing maintenance and then will return to Madagascar for a second field service. I will be returning to the ship and working as a charge nurse to help set up the hospital and train the new nurses.



FAST FACTS:

- + Volunteers from over 30 nations serve onboard *The Africa Mercy*.
- + At 16,572 tons, it is currently the largest civilian hospital ship in the world.
- + The hospital ship includes 5 operating theaters ... totaling 78 patient beds.
- + The first tour in Madagascar resulted in 1,267 surgeries ...over 5,000 patients served.

question of the month



Bill Fickett
Grace to You

My favorite ride at Disneyland is the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad – who wouldn't love a thrilling runaway mine train?

This month (July 10) marks the official 60th anniversary of Disneyland. Setting aside Disney's outlook on cultural concerns for a moment ...

What's your favorite ride at the iconic home of Mickey Mouse?



Sarah Roche
Reach Beyond

My favorite ride at Disneyland, is the Indiana Jones ride! I really enjoy all the fun twists and turns!

new to the team



HALEY Hook

Haley Hook has just joined Ambassador following graduation from Azusa Pacific University. With a major in Communications, her training as well as expertise is already making a tremendous contribution to the team.

From Wisconsin (where her family is active at Elmbrook Church—a favorite of Ambassador's given the roots of Stuart Briscoe's pastoral leadership there), Haley now resides in OC where she enjoys crafting (her office represents that) and "hanging out with loved ones."

Say hello: haley@ambaa.com



JON Davis

Jon Davis knows a little bit about Christian radio already—he's been on the Amb-OS team part-time while finishing his APU course work ... but also grew up in familiarity since his dad, Steve, is a longtime staffer for Family Life Radio (Tucson AZ).

A talented musician and composer, Jon continues to write music alongside his work at Ambassador. Recently engaged, Jon is looking forward to getting married next year. ☺

Say hello: jon@ambaa.com



Debra Revitzer
(Director of Communications)
Evangelism Explosion

It's not a ride but I like the Swiss Family Robinson Treehouse the best. I've always wondered if I could have come up with some of their ideas and built them — no guffaws, please. Had the same thoughts when reading Robinson Crusoe. I should have been an architect or just stranded on a desert island.



Gary Nawman
KARI Radio
(Blaine, WA)

It's been years but I really liked Pirates of the Caribbean. If for no other reason than it was next to the Blue Bayou restaurant.



Walt Disney:

*To all that come to
this happy place: welcome.
Disneyland is your land.*

*Here age relives fond memories of the
past, and here youth may savor the
challenge and promise of the future.
Disneyland is dedicated to the ideals,
the dreams, and the hard facts that have
created America ... with hope that it
will be a source of joy and inspiration
to all the world.*



(See sidebar for what else
Haley & Jon enjoy!)

Indiana Jones! Because it's fast-paced and exciting, and it's a longer ride for being so fast-paced. For some reason I'm always amazed at how big the inside of the ride is—they make use of the space very well.

Haley Hook, Ambassador

Space mountain. No contest. Because I like space and roller coasters.

Jon Davis, Ambassador

coming up

JULY 9-11

"With God, With Others, With Purpose" is this year's theme for the *Pursuit* conference from Boundless, the young adult ministry of Focus on the Family (Colorado Springs).

JULY 13-17

Brad Mattes travels internationally to speak at a Men & Abortion conference in Bogota, Columbia.

JULY 13-24

John Sorensen ("Share Life Today") returns to Fiji for EE's Intern Leadership Training.

JULY 16

Hosted by WBCL (Ft Wayne IN), **Joni Eareckson Tada** speaks at Three Rivers Festival.

JULY 29

On a mini-tour that also includes a stop in SoCal and San Antonio, **Ray Vander Laan** will be in Chicago for *That the World May Know* premier—"Israel's Mission," presented by Focus on the Family.

JULY 30-AUG 7

"Soar: Spirit-Empowered Life" is the theme of this year's AG General Council meetings where you'll find **Barry Meguiar** and the team from Revival Outside the Walls.

AUG 10-14

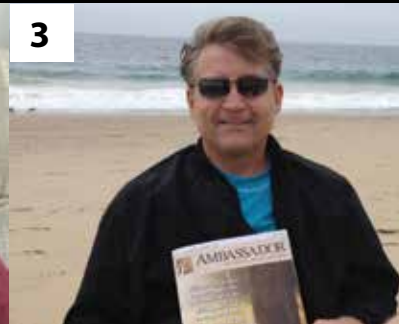
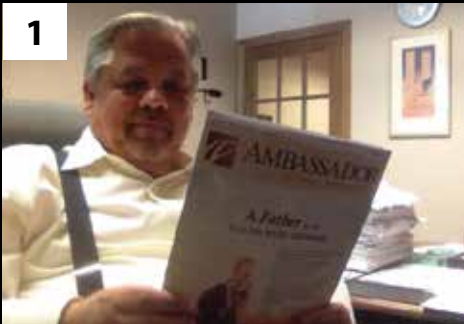
Jim Garlow is speaking at beautiful Forest Home (CA) for the week of Family camp ... while **John Sorensen** returns to the Far East for Evangelism Explosion's Intern Leadership Training in Malang (Indonesia).

AUG 10

John Stonestreet is a participating instructor for "The Collegiate Academy" (Scottsdale AZ).

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no matter where you go . . .

... people are reading *Update*—which guarantees a spot in our publication. Send your pix to Peggy@ambaa.com and we'll "see you" in the next edition!

1. "What a Salem Media Group/National Programming team member does on a Friday afternoon"—thanks, (Ambassador Alum) **CARL MILLER**, from his office in Edmond, Oklahoma.
2. Our "Man in Minneapolis" (**DICK BECVAR**) keeps up on Ambassador from afar—and apparently requires the whole family to do so. Meet the grandkids—Toby, Jordan and Honor Becvar.
3. Summer beach chair reading? **BRAD MATTES** ("Life Issues") makes *Update* a part of the R&R assignment while visiting Orange County.
4. Look who's in Cuba! It's **CHARLES MORRIS** ("Haven Today"), pictured here with Rev. Joel Dopico, the president of the Cuban Council of Churches. See page 2 for details on the trip!
5. He gets the award for "farthest distance"! From the Touch of Life Care Center in Kumasi (Ghana) where **RON DEAL** and his wife, Nan, have built the Connor Creative Art Center (pictured) in memory of their son Connor (who died at age 12 in 2009). You can visit ConnorsSong.com for more information about the wonderful work of the Center which provides therapeutic help and healing to formerly trafficked children, rescued off Lake Volta in northern Ghana.

