



“He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all he does, he prospers.” –Psalm 1:3

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Dear Friend,

I love to garden and to landscape. A bountiful harvest brings me joy as well as sustenance. My deepest joy, however, comes from reports of spiritual fruit born in the lives of those to whom we minister. For example:

- An inmate in the Maricopa County jail (AZ) wrote last week that my book, Surprised by Faith, helped her find God and get on the narrow road of a changed life and a promising future.
• A mother recently wrote that my FaithSearch Discovery presentation—which her agnostic teenage son attended—bore fruit in his giving his life to the Lord. He has since led several others to Jesus as well.
• We have trained thousands of public high school teachers in Russia, who now teach tens of thousands of students the evidence for the truth of the Christian faith.
• We will soon be a part of equipping hundreds of Spanish students and missionaries online to take the Gospel with evidence to countries around the world.
• We have just had news of an open door to equip students in Catholic colleges in India to share the Gospel with evidence in their future ministries.



In 2011, FaithSearch International, as a fruit-bearing “tree,” proclaimed the truth of the Bible and Jesus as the only Savior at 252 events; to over 32,000 people; with 850 recorded confessions of faith in Christ. Nearly 3,500 of those people were equipped to teach the Gospel with evidence to others in their own networks of influence.

About Gardening, Orchards and FaithSearch Ministry

Experimenting with varieties of vegetable seeds, fruit trees, and shrubs is a challenge. It is sometimes very rewarding and at other times disappointing. Some TLC and plenty of water can make a big difference in the results—but I’ve discovered they’re not even the most important factors.

Results will be mediocre at best, regardless of the quality of your seeds or stock, if you don’t have the essential soil nutrients to stimulate and sustain their growth.

The Psalmist (above)—undoubtedly writing from the perspective of his familiar arid climate—put a premium on water. Whether water or essential nutrients, the point in horticulture is to determine what is limiting the greatest harvest—and to provide what is needed.



FaithSearch International is Like the Psalmist’s Tree

- We have a solid, effective, biblical mission of proclaiming the Gospel with evidence (the “trunk”)
• We have veteran, quality evangelists and staff who effectively implement the mission in the U.S. and fourteen other countries (the “branches”) through evangelism and training events (the “leaves”)
• Many receive new life through faith in Jesus Christ, while others experience deeper spiritual life through discipleship with God’s Word (the “fruit”)

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Enriching the Soil for a Bumper Crop

YES, Don and Joe, I want to help FaithSearch reap a bountiful spiritual harvest this year—and far into the future.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$25 \$100 \$50 \$250 Other \$

Please send my FREE COPY of: Surprised by Faith (book) OR "Is the Bible True?" (DVD)

Please process this gift through my credit card:

Visa

MasterCard

Discover

Card number input fields

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Name on card:

Signature: Expiration Date:



Thank you!



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- Finally, the “seeds” are the **additionally recruited and trained evangelists and Gospel teachers** in every mission field who multiply the proclamation of the Gospel with evidence—each in his or her own networks

Friends of FaithSearch Provide Our Essential “Nutrients”

However, the vitality of the tree is in its unseen part—the roots. The magnitude of the harvest and multiplication of seeds are determined by their access to rich soil nutrients. For us, these mostly unseen critical nutrients come from the “friends of FaithSearch”—our financial INVESTORS, prayer WARRIORS, and volunteer HELPERS. Their contributions determine the abundance of our harvest!



Friends of FaithSearch attending the 2011 Benefit Dinner

The fruit which these dollars, prayers, and volunteer labor produce through the FaithSearch “tree” are the spiritual and eternal dividends of transformed lives (examples above) for which we rejoice and give thanks!

The Next Generation—A Greater Harvest?

FaithSearch International is now in its 33rd year of evangelism ministry. Here are some new developments:

- I am beginning the process of activating **more FaithSearch Discovery evangelists** in the U.S.
- **Joe Komarek**, our new Executive Director, has influence to extend our evangelism to college campuses and among business people
- Oleg and Carlos have received requests to **expand their ministries** into many new Russian and Spanish mission fields
- We have **open doors** to reinvigorate our India and Philippine ministries
- We **want to begin** a Chinese translation of *Surprised by Faith*, and to equip other missions to use our Arabic and French translations for ministry among Muslims



Oleg presented FaithSearch Discovery in Minsk, Belarus.

The next generation can be far more fruitful than the past!

Like never before, we have painfully “pruned” the tree over the last three years. The soil in which our ministry roots are embedded have quality nutrients, but *our roots haven’t reached far enough* to gather the funds necessary to sustain and expand the ministry.

Therefore, we must increase the number of donors if we are to have a greater harvest in our next generation of ministry. As someone who knows our ministry but has not yet invested in our mission to proclaim the Gospel with evidence, **you can help make the difference for us in 2012!**

ACTION STEP: I sincerely want and need you as a “friend of FaithSearch.” I also believe you will find it fulfilling to know that your investment is changing lives for eternity. To say “Thank you” for your gift of any size this month, we will send you a FREE COPY of either my best-selling book, *Surprised by Faith*, or the DVD, “Is the Bible True?” After it has ministered to you, I encourage you to use it to help us expand the impact of our Gospel with evidence message by sharing it around your network of influence.

“...for the tree is known by its fruit” – Jesus (Matthew 12:33b)

You don’t have to have a degree in horticulture—*nor theology!*—to grow a “good tree” which “bears good fruit” (Matthew 7:17a). When you become a ministry partner with FaithSearch, you will already have that tree—and you will share in the joy of its bountiful spiritual harvest.

God says in His Word (Psalm 104:16) that “*the trees of the Lord drink their fill*” (are satisfied). Your gift this month will make you an instrument of God to help fulfill that promise to us. **We are truly dependent on your participation to enrich our soil for a bumper spiritual crop in 2012.**



Going out with joy...led forth with peace (Isaiah 55:12),

Dr. Don Bierle
Evangelist and President