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Shalom *FaithSearch* Friend,

I can't resist using a Hebrew greeting since Vernee and I just returned from leading a group of forty-one friends of *FaithSearch* on a memorable tour of Israel, the land of Jesus. It was remarkable:

- Crossing the Sea of Galilee in a fishing boat while we sang praise songs with a recording artist
- Speaking in the same **first century synagogue** where Jesus announced His divine identity in His home town of Nazareth (Luke 4:16ff)
- Seeing for the first time the **first century "Jesus boat"** found along the Sea of Galilee
- Praying in the same **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus did (Mark 14:32ff)
- Walking on the same **stone street that Jesus walked**, next to the Western wall of the temple mount
- Sitting at the **Pool of Siloam** where Jesus healed the blind man (John 9)
- Remembering Jesus' death for us during communion at the **Garden Tomb**
- Standing at **Caesarea Philippi** where Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (John 8:27)



Friends of *FaithSearch* joined Dr. & Mrs. Bierle in a firsthand exploration of the evidence for the New Testament on our recent Holy Land tour.

The spiritual impact of our primary evangelism event, *FaithSearch* Discovery, is its scientific proof that the biblical accounts of Jesus' life and ministry are from eyewitnesses and are historically accurate. As the apostle Peter stated, "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).



The so-called "Jesus boat" is an ancient fishing craft dating from the first century. Discovered in 1986 on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, the boat's remains are 27 feet long and 7.5 feet wide.

For everyone on the *FaithSearch* tour, traveling throughout the land of Jesus powerfully reinforced this eyewitness reality for our faith as well.

### Celebrating 35 Years of Evangelism Ministry

A very special fiscal year ends June 30—the completion of our 35<sup>th</sup> year of evangelism ministry! I truly never intended a ministry with worldwide impact when I wrote the original evidence-based Bible study material from which just such a ministry has grown. God has blessed our continued proclamation of the Gospel with evidence beyond what we dared to imagine:

- 5,000 outreach and discipleship events
- 900,000 attendees who heard the compelling evidence of the Christian faith
- 70,000 recorded commitments to follow Jesus
- 350,000 copies of *Surprised by Faith* produced and distributed to a likely readership of over 1,000,000 people



Some of the more than 150 people who gathered to hear the Gospel with evidence through Dr. Bierle's recent, two-night *FaithSearch* Discovery event at Westwood Church in Excelsior, MN.

Put another way, throughout our entire 35 years (on average) each day more than five people committed their lives to following Christ, 166 every month, and 2,000 every year!



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## Help us be prepared to "CAST OUR NETS" wherever Jesus directs

**YES, Don and Joe, I will invest in the salvation of men, women, teens, and children through *FaithSearch*.**

My/our Fiscal Year-End donation:  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Your interest, prayers and financial support have helped make this remarkable record possible. You will meet and get to know these people in heaven, and they will thank you for investing in their lives for eternity through **FaithSearch** International! Are you amazed and excited about this reality? I certainly am!

And the “beat goes on”—**we’re not finished yet** (*God willing!*). Just in the month of April I have had **FaithSearch** Discovery presentations at Hillcrest Baptist in Sioux Falls, SD; at Harbor of Joy in Millford, IA; and at Westwood and Wooddale Churches in Minneapolis, MN. **More than 700 people heard the saving Gospel** at these events, and many responded with a new or renewed faith commitment to follow Jesus. **Oleg was in Russia** last month sharing the same life-changing message, as was **Reuben in India**. **Joe continues to disciple** and mentor many who are growing in the faith.

### “As You say... LORD!”

Over 175 people gathered in Eden Prairie at our annual Friends of **FaithSearch** Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday evening, May 17. What a night! The **silent auction** was the best ever; the **musical entertainment** superb; and the **recounting of our 35 years** was inspiring and meaningful. The theme above (taken from Luke 5:5-8) was a perfect fit for this celebration because throughout the years **FaithSearch** has clearly been “borne along by the Holy Spirit” as we seek to be obedient to “fish” on the side of the boat to which Jesus has directed us.



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### The Future?

We do not know what the future holds for **FaithSearch**, but we are totally clear who holds the future! We know that God has used you to help make the last 35 years possible. You may remember that Galatians 6:7-9 contains an important promise which has given me patience and hope throughout my ministry.

*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap... And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.*

My challenge to you is to “keep on keeping on.” **Continue investing in the salvation of men, women, teens, and children through FaithSearch**. In so doing, God’s Word promises that you will reap a spiritual harvest—you are laying up for yourself “treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:19-21).

**A fiscal year-end gift before June 30 would be deeply appreciated**—and would encourage us greatly as we begin the often-financially-difficult summer months.



Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel,

Dr. Don Bierle  
President

PS: If you were unable to attend our Benefit Dinner, we would love to send you a **FREE DVD** (home video quality) of the evening as our way of saying “Thank you” for sending a fiscal year-end gift. Simply check the box requesting your copy on the attached response form when you **send your gift before June 30**.