



# GRACE MINISTRIES NEWS

## FROM THE DESK OF BERT WOODBURN

As I reflect upon the past year, I am filled with such gratitude and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a busy year and we have accomplished many things but there is still so much to do in growing God’s kingdom. Philippians 2:3-5 says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” All of us at Grace Ministries strive to follow God’s word and to have an attitude like Christ – loving and accepting one another. It is important that we all be like-minded in our obedience to Christ and in how we care for others.

As Grace Ministries grows so do our volunteers. We welcome three new board members: Leon Harris, Associate Pastor at Friendship Baptist, Wake Forest. He is a believer seeking to share Christ to whomever has ears to hear what the Lord says. Brantley Denton serves as Director of Vendor Development for TriLease Corporation in Raleigh. Denton grew up in a small-town church and walking with the Lord has always been a part of his life. Terry Hedlund is a retired Hospitality Executive with the Marriott Corporation. He is active in his church and a member of the Youngsville Kiwanis.

Serving the local community is part of Grace Ministries. Currently, we are sponsoring two local food pantries and our board president, Bob Gallagher and his wife Cheri, are volunteering at the weekly soup kitchen at Franklinton United Methodist Church. The Christian Clergy, Chaplains and Missionaries (3CM), an interdenominational Christian group, is now part of Grace Ministries (see article on page 7). Grace Ministries joined with local churches and organizations with the planning, and implementation of a prayer walk in Wake Forest, to celebrate this years National Day of Prayer. One of our core missions is to disciple, and we are grateful to report that we now have over 16 small groups meeting each week.

The goals of our ministry are to love, trust and serve. Philippians 2:4 says, “Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.” We have been greatly blessed to be able to minister and help support a young man Victor Gonzalez and his family.

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**Vacation Bible School  
Casa Hogar  
Emmanuel**

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BERT WOODBURN**  
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Victor suffered a catastrophic workplace injury that included the loss of his leg and nearly his life. He still has a long journey to recovery and is on a waiting list for organ transplants.

Our annual mission trip to serve at Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage in Naco, Sonora, Mexico was another tremendous success. The team was able to complete a number of projects, care for the children and distribute food to the people of Naco. In addition, we coordinated donations of more than \$1,000 in clothing and toys sent to the orphanage.

If you are interested in being part of the mission team that goes to Naco, Sonora Mexico please contact me at gmusa-bert@gmail.com The 2019 trip is scheduled for June 15 to July 22, 2019. Keep an eye on our web page for an informational meeting coming-sometime after the holidays.

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## **MEMORIES MADE AT NACO, SONORA**

**By Marty Simpkins**

Grace Ministries USA sent nine missionaries on a week-long mission trip to Naco, Sonora, Mexico from July 28 to August 4, 2018. The purpose of the trip was to care for the children of Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage and the people in the community of Naco. Our team was led by Bert Woodburn and Bob Gallagher of Grace Ministries. Members of the team included Leon Harris, John Jones and Deborah Ellison of Friendship Baptist Church; Mike Matthews of Pilot Baptist Church; Marty Simpkins of the Bridge Church; and Cindy Woodburn and Jacob Woodburn of Grace Ministries USA.

This year, we brought the children soccer uniforms donated by Franklinton High School. Each child received a jersey and shorts sporting the Red Ram's colors. Jeremy Crawford of Franklinton High School partnered with Bert Woodburn to make the uniforms availa-

ble. The children also received clothes, coloring books, hats, various toys and soccer equipment that were donated by friends and families of the missionaries.

The mission team was busy with various duties but our main priority was to love and care for the children. The first thing we did when we arrived was to treat all the children for head lice, which had plagued the orphanage throughout the summer. We held a week-long vacation Bible school for the children, during which we taught them Bible stories and shared the Gospel, while also intertwining games and engaging them in arts and crafts. "The most touching moment for me was when Pastor Harris shared the Gospel with the children. Not only did we have a number of children accept the Lord but we had three that want to be baptized," remarked Cindy Woodburn.

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**Cindy Woodburn and children  
Vacation Bible School at Casa Hogar Emmanuel**



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BERT WOODBURN**

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Grace Ministries continues to share the love of Christ through the chaplain ministry, in which we offer prayer, counseling, and Biblical studies to businesses in the area

We are excited that the Wake Weekly Newspaper publishes our weekly devotional in their four newspapers. This has been such a wonderful opportunity for us to share the Gospel with hundreds of people in different areas throughout the state of North Carolina.

We continue to lead our pre-marital studies along with marriage counseling. In addition, we have hosted group gatherings at a local farm which includes various activities and discussions about our savior Jesus Christ and One special outing was with Converting Hearts Ministries, a rehabilitation center rescuing men from addiction.

We give thanks to God for the generous donations that support our ministry through biblical stewardship of God's resources throughout the year. Please continue to pray for us to reach the lost and equip the saints through our events, mission trips and many open group studies each week. We welcome one-time gifts and recurring monthly gifts of any size. Even if a monthly financial commitment is "small" in your eyes, all commitments are huge to us and add up to a blessing of substantial, reliable support!

Your brother in Christ,  
*Bert Woodburn*

**PRAYER WALK**

*By Marty Simpkins*

On Saturday, April 14, 2018 the Wake Forest Prayer Walk was held. Over 200 people, from various Wake Forest churches and institutions, came together to pray for town leaders and public servants. Teams were formed and named for the four Biblical gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each team started in a different direction then converged at Centennial Plaza at the Wake Forest Town Hall. This year's prayer walk was organized by Bob Gallagher, president of Grace Ministries USA, Reverend Ken Steigler of All Nations Church and founder of the Christian Clergy, Chaplains & Missionaries (3CM) interdenominational organization and Bert Woodburn, teaching pastor of Grace Ministries USA, in conjunction with the 3CM Organization.

Bert Woodburn stated, "praying for our leaders is a biblical command that we are to obey and it says in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV) "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." It is important that the town's leaders, the commissioners, as well as town staff, police officers, firefighters and other public servants know that the local faith-based community is thankful for their service and pray for their well-being. In addition, "we pray for all the people in our community and its needs, ... it's just to pray that God will continue with good things in the community – good government and government transparency," commented Rev. Ken Steigler.

For Tilda Caudle, associate minister at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church and the president of the Northeast Community Coalition, the walk is a personal, spiritual movement, in addition to the physical component. "We do believe God's hand is in it and we do believe he has ordained it. We want our town representatives to know that we care and God cares for them," she said. "The organizers all feel the same way. We want to be in one accord. We're excited about it, because we believe God will answer our prayers if we lift up the people working for the town. We believe God will hear us."

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## WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

By Mike Mathews

Once a week each Monday, Grace Ministries publishes a devotional. These devotionals come from various passages of scripture and from various perspectives. Three others join me on the devotional team: Marty Simpkins, Paul Jago, and Bert Woodburn. Each member works hard to create devotionals that are encouraging to the soul, speak the truth of God's word and share the Gospel.

The devotionals are posted on Grace Ministries' website, and sent out via email and Facebook. They are also being published in four community newspapers affiliated with the Wake Weekly newspaper based in Wake Forest, NC.

Each devotional seeks to aid the reader in their walk with Christ, to uplift them during hard times, and to give encouragement. We pray that the devotionals help the reader to trust in God and to dive deeper into the word of God.

If you are not receiving our weekly devotion by email, please sign up on our website at [www.graceministriesusa.org](http://www.graceministriesusa.org)



**Mike Mathews**



## GRACE MINISTRIES HOSTS WORLD RENOWNED ISRAEL SPEAKERS

By Bob Gallagher

Grace Ministries and the Christian Clergy, Chaplains and Missionaries group (3CM) hosted two world-renowned speakers, Sondra Oster Baras and Les Lawrence, for a community meeting and discussion about the importance of praying and supporting Biblical Israel.

Sondra, the director of Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC) presented, "Truth about Jewish History and Heritage in Israel." She spoke about the shared scripture of our faiths and the need for Christians to support Israel. She described life in Judea and Samaria, her praise for the rebirth of Israel and the settlement movement in the communities of Judea and Samaria. CFOIC Heartland is the only Christian organization to focus exclusively on the communities in the heartland of Biblical Israel.

By reviewing and commenting on current events in the Middle East, Les Lawrence took us through a presentation about how God is restoring Israel. He is the author and voice for "Christian Zionists" and founder of Elisha Vision Ministry and the Issachar Forum: A Prophetic Think Tank in Wake Forest NC. Les was pastor at Maranatha Chapel/Flowing River Church, in Clearwater, Florida for 24 years before moving to North Carolina in 1997 and serving as Director of Raleigh Christian Community School of Ministry for three years. He then led Harvest Celebration Church in Wake Forest for five years followed by a similar role with Shalom Peniel Ministries. He now travels and speaks full-time as an author and voice for Christian Zionists.

These fascinating presentations and discussions taught those in attendance why we are called to support Israel, including:

**God says he will bless those who bless Israel.** "I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" Genesis 12:3. "For the nation that will not serve you (Israel) will perish; it will be utterly ruined" Isaiah 60:12.

**We owe a debt for the blessings we have received through Israel.** Through Israel the promises and covenants were given. Through Israel came the law, the prophets, and the Messiah who has opened up access to God for all, and through the Jewish apostles the gospel first went to the nations. (Romans 9:4-5 and Romans 15:27)

**God's blessings on Israel have not been revoked.** "but as regards the election they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and call of God are irrevocable" Romans 11:28.

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## A PRAYER WALK

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The Prayer Walk was originally organized by the late Rev. Linda Hartsfield of the Solid Rock Foundation, close to two decades ago. Rev. Hartsfield died late last year while the Prayer Walk was being planned, so the walk was in her honor. This year's walk had help with planning from Wake Forest United Methodist Church, Kingdom Family International, Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, Church of God of

Prophecy, Franklinton United Methodist Church, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Kerr Family YMCA. Participants in the walk came from numerous churches, religious organizations, area high schools and citizens of the local community. A special thank you goes out to Chick-fil-A of Wake Forest for supplying lunch for the 200 participants.



**Reverend Ken Steigler**

***“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”***

***John 17:17-18***

## MEMORIES MADE AT NACO, SONORA

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One evening we took the children to the neighboring town of Agua Preita to see the movie “Incredibles 2”, went to dinner, and to a carnival where we all got ice cream. On our last night we held a party for the children and had a piñata full of candy. The most heartfelt moments for me were the evenings we spent time with the children dancing, singing and playing games.

There was work to be done as well. We painted the orphanage's basketball court using the colors red, white and green to resemble the Mexican flag. Repairs were made to leaky pipes in the kitchen and tires bordering the playground were painted.

An important part of our trip is to care for the families living in the town of Naco. The mission team purchased and distributed over 100 food bags throughout the town. The food bags contained rice, beans, flour, canned tomatoes, candy and Bible tracks in Spanish.

Most of the families living in Naco live in one-room shacks, where it is not uncommon for a family of five or more to share, that small space. “It was a blessing to serve the people of Naco and it was amazing how some families turned down the food so it could be given to others that had less than them,” stated John Jones.

It was a week full of fun, fellowship, work and spiritual enlightenment. “I loved our week in Naco,” commented Bob Gallagher. “The relationships we made are precious. More than anything, the team was amazing, and the memories are priceless. I'm so thankful to God for blessing me with the opportunity and I know that not a moment, or a dollar spent was wasted.”

Next year's mission trip to Naco is scheduled for June 15-22, 2019. If you wish to be a part of this mission trip contact Bert Woodburn at [gmusabert@gmail.com](mailto:gmusabert@gmail.com).

## GRACE MINISTRIES USA BOARD MEMBERS

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Grace Ministries held a commissioning service for its Board Members on July 24, 2018. Reverend Ken Steigler and Doctor Enoch Holloway presided over the service which is to recognize and consecrate the member's commitment to service of Christ.



**Commissioning Service**

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**The Meehan Family**

**Tar River Timber Com-  
pany**

**ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY EVENT**

*By Scott Yates*



**Mitch Pullen,  
Retired Ranger**

***“Fighting fires can be life threatening...”***

Grace Ministries USA Annual Sporting Clay Classic was held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville, N.C. The event was a great success again this year and was filled with fun competition, fellowship and prayer. Our Sporting Clay classic has become a tradition for the ministry and we are blessed that we are able to hold it at one the country's most elite clay tournament venues.

Sporting clay participants and their families and friends gathered for the friendly competition and shared lunch prepared on the grounds. A fun part of the event is the silent auction and the door prize drawings, where everyone is a winner. The highlight was hearing Mitch Pullen's testimony of faith.

Mitch Pullen is one of Grace Ministry's original Board of Directors members. He is a retired Ranger from Nash County, N.C. before that he was Assistant County Ranger in Brunswick County and District 8 Strike Team Leader. As a member of the District 8 Strict Team he and his team were sent to assist in fighting fires throughout the United States. Mitch shared an experience he had fighting a fire in Yellowstone National Park where he was part of a team that was sent into the wilderness to help contain a fire.

The fire in Yellowstone Park was a life changing experience for Mitch. He and his team were assigned a leader from the area, who happened to be a Native American Indian, experienced in fighting fires within the park. Mitch stated, "The dangers of fighting wildfires can be life threatening, especially when things go wrong. In addition, there is the treat of wild animals like grizzly bears, wolves and mountain lions seeking safety from the fire". The fire was dangerous, and as the team worked to build buffers, they noticed the fire was coming closer to them; during the night the fire started surrounding them. Mitch said it was like "Satan's flaming arrows coming at you and it gives you a new perspective on fighting fires in the wilderness". He said he knew things were bad when their leader told them he was concerned that the entire team was not going to make it, unless they could be rescued and airlifted to safety. "Thankfully, we were all airlifted out with not much time to spare," commented Mitch. He that shared during this time his faith in the Lord and in prayer strengthened him. Mitch said he has learned that in bad and good times we have to remember that through our Lord we have "the helmet of salvation, shield of faith and sword of the spirit which always provides us with defense and protection."

## **GRACE MINISTRIES HOSTS WORLD RENOWNED ISRAEL SPEAKER**

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The covenant with Abraham has not been replaced by the New Covenant. The eternal covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants has not been set aside.

**We are to comfort God's people.** In Isaiah 40:1-2 God speaks: "Comfort, my people says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that here iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." This is a call to Christians to comfort the Jewish people. God says that the Gentiles will nurture and assist the Jewish people in their re-entry to their promised land. It is our divine mandate to help them in the fulfillment of their unique call. Gentile believers must do more than observe what God is doing with the Jewish people. God is asking us to get involved in helping them!

## **GRACE MINISTRIES AND 3CM**

*By Bob Gallagher & Marty Simpkins*

The Christian Clergy, Chaplains and Missionaries (3CM), an interdenominational Christian group founded by Reverend Ken Steigler, is now part of Grace Ministries USA. Steigler made the request to the Grace Ministries Board of Directors. The Grace Ministries board agreed that the mission statements of both groups are aligned and supportive of a ministry to glorify God.

He is called by many "Rev. Ken" and is a retired pastor who works as a minister at Wake Forest United Methodist Church and All Nations Church in North Raleigh. As a young seminary student at the Boston University of Theology, he led a team that traveled to Selma in 1965 to work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders.

He founded 3CM as an interdenominational ministry for clergy and church leaders in the region to collaborate and share prayer, and was part of implementing the Wake Forest Prayer Walk. In addition, Rev. Ken, along with Pastor Enoch Holloway of Friendship Chapel Church founded "It's Time," a ministry promoting harmony among all races in Wake Forest.

The vision of 3CM is to actualize John 17:17-23 in the Wake Forest community, state of North Carolina, United States of America and the nations of the

world in intercessory prayer. This is done by full filling Ephesians 6:10-18 in teaching prayer ministry nationally and internationally to all clergy, chaplains and missionaries. Together, the members pray for national and international leadership; children and families; the developing world; the unreached; the persecuted; the prison population; the nursing home residents and service workers; the homeless and poor; the Muslim world and peace in Jerusalem.

3CM collaborates and connects with Intercessors for America; National Concerts of Prayer; John 17:21 International; International House of Prayer; Far East Broadcasting Company; Upper Room; Way Makers and other national and international prayer ministries.

Members of the ministry meet monthly and focus on prayer, discipleship and building trust among the Christian community. 3CM and Rev. Ken will continue to lead an annual Dr. Martin Luther King trip to Selma, Atlanta, Montgomery and Birmingham. Grace Ministries president Bob Gallagher is taking an active leadership role in 3CM and will be leading a trip to Israel in 2020. Grace Ministries will run next year's Prayer Walk and consider expanding the scope to nearby towns and other locations throughout North Carolina.



## **A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND!**

In 2020, we want to invite you on an unforgettable journey into the Holy Land which is filled with ancient biblical history, culture and spiritual blessings. Visit the places that witnessed the events of such decisive and enduring importance in the history of humanity.

This journey will provide you a deeper understanding of scriptures as you travel through the lands of the Bible. You will get a closer look at the life of Jesus Christ and His mission of redemption. When you make this journey in the company of friends and others of like mind, you can look forward to an unforgettable experience.

Picture yourself sailing in a boat like the disciples on the Sea of Galilee ("And Jesus said to them, follow me and I will make you become fishers of men," Mark 1:17), floating in the Dead Sea, seeing our Lord Jesus' birth place in Bethlehem, walking the streets of Jerusalem and having communion at the empty tomb where Jesus rose from the dead ("He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay," Matthew 28:6). At the end of this tour two things will most certainly be changed - you, and your understanding of the Bible. Join us on this life changing tour.

For more information on the trip to Israel go to [www.graceministriesusa.org](http://www.graceministriesusa.org)

**GRACE MINISTRIES  
LAUNCHES  
WOMEN'S BIBLE  
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**By Sue Meehan**



**Sue Meehan**

Last January, Grace Ministries USA began the first women's Bible study, expanding the study of scripture beyond the many men's studies formed in the region. Now two more women's studies have started in the fall.

For the initial study, we met at Panera Bread in Wake Forest. We enjoyed our time together and our plans for a Bible Study as sisters in Christ flourished. We began to know each other very well and support each other in studying, understanding scripture and how to use His word in our lives.

We keep discussions confidential. Women can open their minds and hearts to share, knowing that we are with them in all areas of life and in prayer. We are trusting fully in the Lord together.

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**VICTOR'S STORY**

**By Marty Simpkins**

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018 Victor Gonzales was working for Triangle Grading & Paving as a pipe layer and was responsible for laying piping for utilities, storm drains, water lines and sewers. He was fixing a pipe in a ditch when all of a sudden, tragedy struck. "It started off as just a regular Tuesday morning for me," Victor said. "I was working at Ocean Isle Beach. My boss thought I got out of the ditch, but I was still there fixing everything. He drove the truck back with a pipe and I got pinned against a storm drain pipe. All the pressure was on my stomach and went straight into my left leg. I just fell to the ground, because my vertebrae broke."

Victor was airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He underwent over five surgeries during the next week. After all the operations were done, Gonzales' small intestine was removed, part of his large intestines and one kidney. In addition, a bar with pins was put in his back, he had internal bleeding, damage to his pancreas and damaged liver. Due to a blood clot in his

left leg he had to have it amputated to avoid the spread of infection. Victor was in a medical induced coma for five days and didn't know his own situation until weeks later. He would spend the next couple months in intensive care. His family was with him around the clock. Months later he was transported to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia where he received rehabilitation. Then he was sent to Duke Hospital to handle an infection and then, finally, home.

"It felt so good to be home and I know my family was so relieved". Due to the loss of his small intestines he is unable to eat. "One of the hardest things for me has been that I am unable to eat. I have not had any food to eat since the day of my injury, which was January 30. Since then I receive liquid nutrients through an IV. I can eat popsicles and a few sips of water and/or crushed ice", stated Victor. He is still in a wheel chair waiting for his leg to completely heal so he can receive a prosthetic leg. "Every morning I thank God I'm here," Victor said.



***"God doesn't  
want you to  
give up and He  
answers your  
prayers"***

**Victor Gonzales #9**

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***“Every morning I thank God I am here.”***

***Victor Gonzales***

“My mom helps me every day. I sit in the living room and do my exercises. I go to physical therapy once a week. I try to walk around the house with the use of a walker. I’m just enjoying life and getting use to my new “normal.”

Bert Woodburn, the teaching Pastor for Grace Ministry’s is also the head men’s soccer coach for Franklinton High school. He coached Victor when he played for Franklinton’s soccer team from 2012-15, where he was as a left defensive back and left winger. In addition, he was his youth pastor at Red Oak Baptist Church.

On Monday, September, 2018 Victor was back on Franklinton’s soccer field for the first time since he graduated. He was honored as an assistant coach on the sidelines, giving advice and feedback to the players on the bench. At halftime, Victor shared his story and gave his testimony of faith. “It’s a big deal for Victor being here tonight. I just praise God for him and what he’s done,” said Bert. “Our second half performance that led to the team’s victory tonight was inspired by the players drive to win for Victor. The players were pretty motivated by him,” commented Bert. The team honored Victor with his original soccer jersey from his freshman year and a team hat.

Within the next few months Victor said he hopes receive his prosthetic leg. By the end of the year he hopes to be on the Duke transplant list for a new small intestine and possibly a new liver. The transplant surgery will keep him in the hospital for a few months to recover and he will have to take anti-rejection medications the rest of his life. Bert said, “I am touched to see a young man that I have ministered to and coached continue fighting the good fight. Having Victor alive and well is answered prayer and a blessing. His attitude is what blows my mind. He lost a leg and some organs, and he’s on intravenous feeding and he’s just nothing but positive. If that doesn’t motivate you for life, I don’t know what does. He’s an amazing man. He’s just trying to make a difference. Victor told me that God has planned something big for him.”

During his months of recovery, Victor has given God all the glory for where he is now. He was told he might not live. Now he’s living life to the fullest. “God is always there,” he said. “God doesn’t want you to give up and He answers your prayers. The little things count. Prayer definitely works. Coach Bert told me that I’m a miracle. He was always there by my side.”

Grace Ministries has been blessed to be able to give Victor and his family Christian counseling and support. “We were able to make a GoFundMe campaign to help the family and it almost doubled the fundraising goal”, stated Bert. Please continue to pray for Victor and his family there is still a long road ahead for them all.

**GRACE MINISTRIES  
LAUNCHES  
WOMEN’S BIBLE  
STUDY’S**

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Our study was so inspiring that our woman began to invite friends when they knew would benefit from the focus of our study on scripture. We had several ladies who joined us and have also benefited from our time together and, even more joined in the fall.

Cindy Woodburn, wife of Grace Ministries teaching pastor Bert, has started a new study this fall. The ladies are doing “Seamless” by Angie Smith. This study covers people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them into a greater story of scripture.

Our studies have become a time of great growth in Christ for each one of us. We enjoy each other and were able to share and pray for each other as sisters in Christ! We all knew that the Lord had put us together and that His plan for us as the first Women’s Bible Study with Grace Ministries USA was truly from His hand of love, mercy and grace.

We welcome any ladies who might wish to join us. Please contact me for more information.

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“Your gift changes lives and helps us share God’s love with people every day.”

Bert Woodburn,  
Teaching Pastor  
Grace Ministries USA

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*Matthew 28:19-20*

## **GRACE MINISTRIES NEWS**

Grace Ministries USA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to strengthening the faith of those who trust in Jesus Christ and to building relationships with those who are seeking to learn more about Christ, His teachings and His significance to our lives.

We are known for building meaningful relationships, one-on-one and through small groups. Small group approaches help us walk together through the Bible searching for answers to our lives—answers that provide meaning, purpose, fulfillment, peace and hope to our individual lives.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly, annual or one-time donation. We cannot enlarge our ministry reach without your financial support! Even if a monthly financial commitment is “small” in your eyes, all commitments are huge to us and add up to substantial, reliable support!

To support Grace Ministries USA go to the following link: <http://www.graceministriesusa.org/donate/> or mail your donation to: Grace Ministries USA, P.O. Box 595, Wake Forest, NC 27588

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