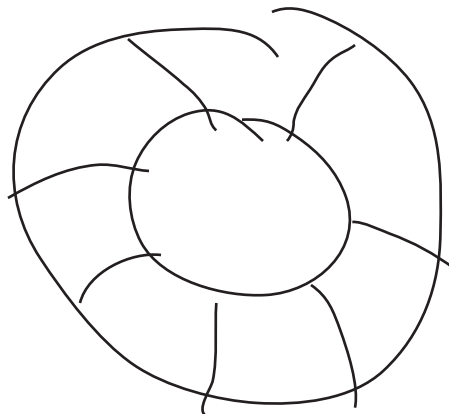


S O S—PRAY!

My dictionary defines “SOS” as a signal of distress—any urgent call for help. That’s it—our situation at Faith Studies. But the Bible says, “Don’t worry about anything, instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don’t forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus” (Living Bible).

What a wonderful and supernatural antidote for worry! And we need it. As you can see in this shortened newsletter, financial giving is in a state of distress. Our summer outreach and training seminars are sparse at best. We are in need of



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a couple key directors in the ministry services area. SOS indeed!

The good news is that the Lord has convicted me of the need to revive our

focus on prayer. Christian ministry is spiritual warfare and prayer is our primary ministry tool. Throughout this newsletter you will be informed of a need and requested to pray. Can I rely on you for that?

The apostle Paul said, “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks...” We are attempting to practice that in this time of trial. We would be encouraged to know that you are standing with us. The Bible says, “Tremendous power is made available through a good man’s earnest prayer” (James 5:16, Phillips). Please ask for this now on behalf of Faith Studies.



Dr. Don Bierle
President

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Red and Yellow, Black and White...

Remember our childhood songs, especially when we sang...”Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight!” With this understanding and childlike faith, we at Faith Studies will go wherever God will send us. This year our own Toby Travis, Adrian Van Vactor and BJ Harris (plus three other team members) have been called to take the gospel to several countries from August 28 through September 13.

Project South Asia 2001, through a partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ, will be ministering to the people of India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka using the art of illusion.

Nearly 1 billion people live in South Asia and 83% of the population are Hindu. The opportunity for the gospel is tremendous and we are trusting God to change many lives.

The Sri Lanka outreach will feature Toby Travis in a nationally televised special of “Illusion & Beyond”. The auditorium for the telecast will seat 5000 people. This is truly a major event for Sri Lanka.

In addition, Adrian Van Vactor has been invited by Campus Crusade for Christ to participate in the Macedonia Project for 2001 and 2002. This year, from July-November, Adrian will present the gospel through illusion in Thailand, China,

the Caribbean, Australia, India and the U.K. Next year he is scheduled to share Christ in the Arabian Peninsula, Japan, South Asia, Iceland, South Africa and Israel. This is truly an exciting time to be in ministry!



Please Pray For:

- The leaders in each country as they prepare for the team’s arrival
- Safety and health for evangelists and their team as they travel
- Salvation of thousands
- Discipleship and protection of new Christians
- Safety and health for families at home

God At Work!

Changing Lives

“The Faith Study gave me the critical piece I was missing for so many years, and allowed me to intellectually accept the teachings of the Bible. For the first time I felt the full impact of the Bible’s powerful message. I could no longer live with a half-hearted commitment to God.”

—M.A., Ed.Pr.

“The Faith Study provided me with the evidences needed to truly believe in Jesus Christ and become a Christian.”

—J.R., Ed.Pr.

“The Hope Study reaffirmed the absolute truth of our future in Jesus. It made the fact of life after death real in a new way. It also renewed my excitement to see Jesus!”

—Maple Plain

Multiplying the Impact of Our Resources

- This year we have received calls or letters from friends of Faith Studies who have traveled to other parts of the world. To their surprise and our amazement they saw someone there carrying or reading my book, *Surprised by Faith*—this happened on four different continents!
- God has provided a friend of Faith Studies to give \$120,000 of restricted funds to completely cover the cost of filming and editing our new Faith Study video.

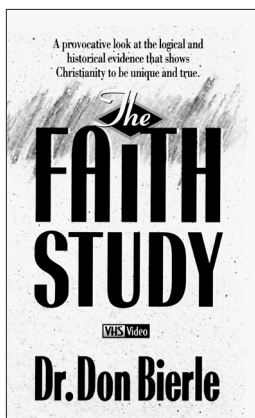
- Faith Studies has signed an agreement with Mahoney Media of St. Louis Park to be the exclusive distributor of both our *Friend to Friend* and *Faith Study* video packages. This fall they will begin marketing them through catalogs, the Internet, cable and satellite television, and other venues.
- *The Owner’s Manual* Bible study has been translated into Romanian and is being used by missionaries to disciple the church there.
- A capable Ukrainian Christian man has enthusiastically agreed to translate *Surprised by Faith* into the Russian language. He also has a publisher and is excited about its distribution in his country.

Prayer Requests:

1. A Spanish translator and publisher for *Surprised by Faith* and *The Owner’s Manual*
2. The release of our new Faith Study video, seminar guide and leader’s guide by September
3. The distribution of our ministry publications by Mahoney Media will have a wonderful impact on the growth of churches across America.
4. Funds to publish a quantity of our ministry publications for fall ministry.

Out with the old— In with the new!

We have a few sets of the current video Faith Study seminar left that you can purchase at half price—\$50. It includes copies of the Leader’s Guide, *Surprised by Faith*, and *The Owner’s Manual*—a \$122 value — until they’re gone.



Full-Time Positions Available

We are currently seeking mature Christians to fill two full-time positions, Director of Ministry Resources and Director of Church Partner Services. Request an application, job descriptions, and other details at 952-401-4501 (local Twin Cities) or 1-800-964-1447.

Financial Giving is Down

In our public statements and in our hearts, we believe that Faith Studies International is the Lord’s ministry. As we seek and remain in His will, we depend on the promise “...my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19). Sometimes it’s hard to wait—like now.

The number of donors is down 120 (25%), unrestricted contributions are down nearly \$100,000 (40%), and we are \$169,000 below budget. But God has told us to ask (Mt. 7:7-11), so please add these requests to your prayers for us.

Prayer Requests:

1. The wisdom to reduce our budget needs
2. The wisdom to be good stewards
3. A 25% increase in the number of donors
4. Some large gifts to erase the budget deficit
5. The financial means to publish our new ministry products

