

Because of you, thousands can celebrate Christmas with new meaning

Dear Friend,

A transforming relationship with Jesus changes Christmas from a national holiday to a personal celebration. **FaithSearch** friends like you who pray for us, volunteer, and invest financially, together have made this a reality for thousands of youth and adults who heard our life-changing message about Jesus this year. On their behalf, **THANK YOU!**

Until now these people would have asked, “What difference can a name make?” Now, they know God because they’ve discovered **“Immanuel”**—God with us, and they have experienced forgiveness and assurance of eternal life through faith in **“Jesus”**—Savior (see the newsletter article “What’s In a Name?”). For them, Christmas this year will be more than gifts under the tree; it will also be about God’s miraculous gift that keeps on giving!

Financial gifts from individual people just like you this year helped make this possible. Besides new faith commitments to follow Jesus, thousands of other people resolved to follow Him more faithfully and witness to others with greater boldness. **I am writing to invite you to help us keep this momentum going. A year-end gift from you will result in many more people making the same vital decisions in their life.** Thank you for joining hands with **FaithSearch** to help us continue proclaiming the Gospel with evidence in the U.S. and in several other countries.

As a result of the support of God’s people and His convicting Spirit, we receive thrilling comments of life change from people of diverse language, geography and culture.

Evangelist **Oleg Voskresensky** traveled to Russia, Ukraine and Latvia five times this year, mostly to train public school teachers how to teach our evangelistic **FaithSearch** Discovery materials as an elective course on religion to thousands of Russian high school students. We are beginning to receive testimonies of the impact of the Gospel they are hearing. One instructor wrote, “*My high school students are bombarding me with questions about faith and Christianity daily. Thank you for giving me the tools to answer them intelligently and convincingly!*” One high school principal was amazed at how attentive the students were. She said, “*I watched them. They were listening so intensely. And even when they talked to each other—it was about the presentation. Nobody ever spoke about this topic to them so openly and so... friendly. I am sure it will be the talk of the school for a long, long time.*” **It is hard to fathom such a miracle happening, but that is exactly what God is doing in that semi-authoritarian nation!**



Gabriel announced truly earth-shaking news.



Oleg trains future and current teachers in Russia to present **FaithSearch** Discovery in their classrooms.

Evangelist **Carlos Fernández** ministers to the second-most spoken language in the world—Spanish. It includes Mexico, Central and South America, and Spanish-speaking churches in the U.S. Their desire for a deeper faith and to have the ability to answer skeptics is growing everywhere. One man wrote, *“Today I learned that there is evidence that lets us know Jesus is not a legend, but a true historical person. Because of that, I have faith in Jesus Christ. I now know that there is ample proof that confirms my faith.”* A pastor commented, *“Today I learned that the divinity and historicity of Jesus are supported by very many sources and writings about his life. This has strengthened my faith and given reasons from which to defend it.”*



Carlos proclaims the Gospel with evidence in Spanish to churches, communities, colleges and seminaries.

Our associate evangelist, **Reuben David**, who is also a professor at North Central University, reconnected this past summer with Christians in India who were trained by **FaithSearch** from 2003–2008. He found that hundreds of pastors, lay leaders, Bible college and seminary professors and students, and Campus Crusade for Christ staff are multiplying themselves with excitement as they “train others who will train others.” One of our teachers, Thomas Varghese Babu, said, *“FaithSearch ministry should be in every Indian church and seminary. It is a well organized evangelistic tool to reach many people.”* A student from North India said, *“Dr. Don Bierle’s book Surprised by Faith transformed my life and ministry. For the first time I have gained a deeper appreciation for the majesty of Christ. The seminars were profoundly insightful and helped me to get a new understanding in proclaiming Christ.”*

The dynamic power of God which broke our own bondage to sin and death through “Immanuel” and “Jesus,” is still at work to change lives wherever we proclaim the Christian Gospel. **Even American youth are responding positively to our evidence approach to the Truth** (see my newsletter field report).

Because of people like you, Christmas will never be the same for thousands of people who responded with faith to follow Jesus when they heard the Gospel with evidence proclaimed by FaithSearch. That Name which is above every name (Philippians 2:9) has become for them, as the angel announced, *“good news of a great joy”* (Luke 2:10). I want you to know that your prayers for, and financial investment in, **FaithSearch** is laying up *“treasures in heaven”* to your account (Matthew 6:20).



I am amazed (perhaps I shouldn't be!) at the positive response to our message among young people.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a generous year-end gift this Christmas season. **Our financial need is critical, and we earnestly seek your prayers for us.** For your convenience, a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. If you prefer, you can also give online at our Web site: www.faithsearch.org/CYE.

I join with my wife, Vernee, and the entire staff at **FaithSearch**, to wish you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with the presence of Immanuel and the grace of Jesus.

Grateful for your friendship and partnership in the Gospel with evidence,

Dr. Don Bierle
President

PS: Because of this wonderful connection between Christmas (Immanuel, God with us) and Easter (Jesus, Savior) I encourage you to share it with others by ordering our Gospel with evidence PocketGuide, “Looking for the Truth about Easter.” Visit shop.faithsearch.org.

