



From the President's Desk...

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Imagine standing and listening to the Apostle Paul defend the Christian faith...

Dear Friend,

What a thrill it must have been for those who heard Paul give his resounding defense of the Christian faith before the skeptics in Athens at Mars Hill.

Imagine standing with them and listening as he proclaimed all sorts of evidence—even from their own writers and thinkers—to demonstrate that the Christian faith was not blind and anti-intellectual, but rather based on solid facts. Our hearts would quicken—there are reasons to believe!

***FaithSearch*—IN THE EFFECTIVE TRADITION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL**

We can't go back in time to hear Paul, but our *FaithSearch* Festivals are very much in keeping with his incredibly effective tradition. We are proclaiming to the world that Christianity is founded on the greatest body of evidence—scientific and historical as well as biblical—that exists for anything in ancient history.

We're standing against the current secular worldview that permeates our culture through our schools, the media, legal system, and even some religious organizations and churches. But prejudice and falsehood retreat when the truth is proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit. One recent attendee at *FaithSearch* wrote, "*As a life-long skeptic, I needed this approach to dispel my doubts. For the first time in my life I prayed to trust and follow Jesus Christ.*"

Time and again I've watched as people who claimed no faith or church are shocked by the discovery that Christianity is a reality supported by irrefutable facts rather than "pie-in-the-sky" wishful imaginations. As one atheist exclaimed: "*I've been an atheist for many years but [FaithSearch] has come closer than anything I've ever heard to convincing me of the validity of Christianity.*" We must reach our lost world with this message. It's their greatest need in this day and hour.

***FaithSearch*—PLANNING FOR GROWTH**

I'm excited to share with you today that we are expanding our schedule to present more *FaithSearch* Festivals this year. The times in which we live are causing many to live in fear and uncertainty. There is a desperate cry for a voice of truth and reason to provide hope and certainty. One senior high youth wrote me: "*I've been asking myself many questions about faith—and they were all answered*"



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[in FaithSearch]. *You've helped me to trust in Jesus.*" The simple fact is that many people, even believers, are not receiving instruction in absolute truth that alone can deliver what they need and should enjoy.

I know from my own personal journey, beginning as an uninformed skeptic, that when the solid evidence for the Christian faith is presented, everything changes! My mind was opened, I yielded to Christ, my sins were forgiven, my heart was spiritually transformed—I experienced new life for now and forever.

FaithSearch—INVESTING TO REACH THE WORLD

With your support, and using *FaithSearch*, we can reach many more people by presenting the evidence that will change their eternal destinies like it has mine. That's why I'm writing to you—I need your help. The financial chart included is self explanatory. I need you to come alongside financially in order to strengthen my arms to reach more people with the life-changing message of *FaithSearch*.

Everyone who makes a gift of \$50 or more by the end of our 2003 fiscal year (June 30) or becomes a "Friend" at \$20/month or more (see enclosed reply card), will receive a copy of my newly revised book, *Surprised by Faith*.

Updated to include the very latest archaeological discoveries, *Surprised by Faith* helps restore scientific and biblical literacy, and identifies the credibility of the Christian faith. It's a perfect tool to share with someone you know who is seeking the truth but is skeptical about the claims of the Bible and Jesus Christ.

I believe God has prepared this ministry to speak specifically to the critical spiritual needs of our confused society today. We are uniquely positioned to speak effectively to our post-modern culture. As one participant enthused, "I feel like I have been given the key to a huge secret and I must share that secret with all my loved ones, if not the world." And I know that with your continued prayers and financial support, we will see many like this who are equipped through the answers of *FaithSearch* to minister to 21st Century unbelievers of every color and race.

Thank you for your friendship and support. Together, let's renew our commitment to pray for one another.

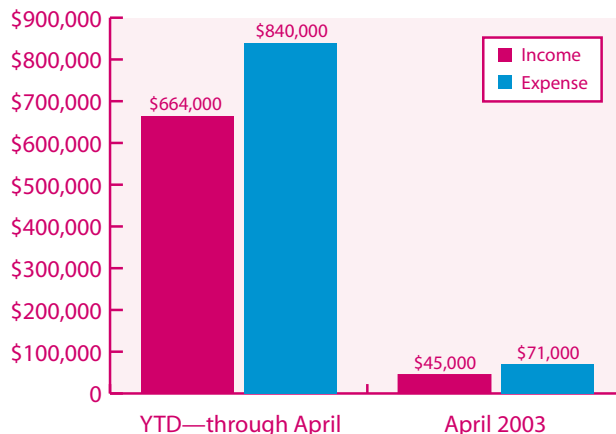


Serving Christ with joy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don".

Dr. Don Bierle
FaithSearch

Fiscal 2003 Income -vs- Expenses



PS. Please take note of the enclosed reply card for another way you can partner with us to reach our world. It's an easy but powerful way to make a huge/significant difference. I look forward to your reply.