



A Hope and a Future

August, 2012

Dear Friend,

I extend summer greetings to you from all of us at FaithSearch. I pray that God's presence in your life is a source of real encouragement and confidence about the future. God gave a wonderful promise to exiled Israel: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

A God-Given HOPE

As did Israel, FaithSearch has been experiencing trials, yet God's faithfulness to His promise is apparent in many ways:



Presenting the Gospel with evidence in Fosston, MN, last fall.

- 1. A total of 473 people recorded a faith commitment to follow Christ in fiscal 2012
2. About 29,000 people heard the Gospel with evidence (a 16% increase) at 259 events
3. Joe Komarek became executive director to provide long-term leadership for FaithSearch
4. We finished the fiscal year in the black
5. Another 4,046 people were trained to teach the FaithSearch Discovery presentation, including 3,792 public high school teachers in Russia
6. A total of 728 donors supported FaithSearch, the third most in our thirty-three-year history
7. We had about 317,000 page requests on our Web site, the second largest in our history
8. The staff remains dedicated to the mission of FaithSearch in spite of a three-day week this summer and despite receiving 60% salary

A God-Given FUTURE

Concerning the future, FaithSearch has an incredible fall planned (this information includes YOU):



"Explore the Evidence Twin Cities!" Pray, Provide and Participate, to reach our "Jerusalem."

- A new outreach initiative will challenge regional Christians and unbelievers beginning in late September. It's called "Explore the Evidence Twin Cities!" We want all our friends, donors, staff and Board to pray about whom to invite and to attend one or more events with them. (Our goal is to build a campaign to saturate our "Jerusalem" with the Gospel with evidence. This will increase our visibility and vibrancy here at home. Then based on that model, we can make similar campaigns available to other communities throughout the country--wherever God leads.)

My presentation schedule will include the scientific and historical evidence demonstrating the truth of the Bible and Jesus, including: FaithSearch Discovery; Making Sense of Creation-Evolution; Do All Roads Lead to God?; and Making Sense of Life after Death events. Oleg and Reuben will also be doing events--AND we may even have a guest who does some world-class illusion events for the whole family!

- "Mr. Golf," executive director Joe Komarek, has initiated and will lead our first Invitational Golf Classic on Monday, September 10. Proceeds go to support the ministry of FaithSearch, so join us in advancing the cause of the Gospel. Contact Julie Braun at our office for a flyer and registration form (952.401.4501).
Reuben David, native of Bangalore, India, has been accepted as a candidate for FaithSearch staff evangelist to India and South Asia. He is doing evangelism and discipleship events this summer in the U.S., and will again all fall--while he pursues raising his personal support.



Reuben David is preparing to be a FaithSearch staff evangelist to India and South Asia

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A Future and a Hope through the Gospel with Evidence

YES, Don and Joe, I want to help FaithSearch so you can launch the Next Generation of FaithSearch ministry.

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Thank you!

- Russian staff evangelist **Oleg Voskresensky** has secured funding for another trip to Russia, Ukraine and other countries in September. He will continue multiplying the Gospel with evidence by training Russian public secondary teachers to present our **FaithSearch** Discovery materials in their classrooms to thousands of students. He will also equip pastors, priests, and lay leaders in both the Orthodox and evangelical churches. He is currently recording the Russian *Surprised by Faith* for release as an audio book.
- Joe will begin reaching out to business and professional people with a new concept called **“Lunch and Learn.”** Small businesses and corporations will be the hosts. A key life question or issue will be highlighted and the Christian perspective with solid evidence will be presented.



Oleg Voskresensky trains Russian teachers and future teachers to use **FaithSearch** Discovery in their public school classrooms

**How’s that for a God-given plan to give us hope and a future this fall?**

### **A Friends-Given SUPPORT and PARTICIPATION**

The optimistic hope and future which I have described for **FaithSearch** and its Gospel with evidence this fall **starts with YOU!** God has provided the opportunities, but His Holy Spirit uses you and me to fulfill them. Other friends of **FaithSearch** have invested their gifts to produce the spiritual results listed above. I invite you to join them to help produce even more fruit this fall. **You can help in three ways:**

1. **Pray** for a complete and full fall schedule; for evangelists’ preparation and health; for large attendance at events; and many salvation confessions
2. **Provide a financial gift** now to help with expenses
3. **Participate** by attending one or more events with your believing and/or unbelieving friends

My appeal to you is not a fund-raising scheme. **I sincerely need to increase the number of donors to FaithSearch in order to make an eternal difference in the lives of people in the Twin Cities this fall.** As a donor-supported ministry, **FaithSearch** is dependent on adding new friends like you to our support team if we are to continue doing what Jesus asked us all to do: *“tell people about me everywhere”* (Acts 1:8 NLT).

This past year we had on average **one salvation confession for every \$500 given to us.** You can begin making that difference in someone’s life through **FaithSearch.** If you can’t give that much, don’t make the mistake of not giving at all—many smaller gifts add up to the same impact!

**Please be involved with “Explore the Evidence Twin Cities” this fall. Start now with as generous a gift as you can so we can move forward to generate hope and a future for many this fall in the Twin Cities and around the world.**

Thanking you for your generous support of the Gospel with evidence,



Dr. Don Bierle  
Evangelist and President