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Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



Cadusale/Ellsmore Filipino Missions Conference

Dr. David Ellsmore, alumnus of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary preached at the Missions Conference in Tigbaum, Philippines where Pastor A. Cadusale is pastor. He states, "The ministry is going well here and we have been truly blessed by the people here. Apart from Tigbaum church I have been able to speak to 14 policemen at a local police station and got a good reception. They have invited Pastor Cadusale to return once a month to speak to them. Also, I spoke to 8 staff members at a local maritime college. Again, there was a good reception of the gospel. Last night I preached the first of 4 messages on 'The Prize is Worth the Price' from I Corinthians 9:24-27 at Bible Baptist Church here at Tigbaum, Philippines."

Dr. Thomas Strouse



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Filipino Missions Conference*

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Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

A Modern Day Journey of a NT Missionary Teacher

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves,
BBTS Alumnus

On September 15, 2016 Dr. Caswell A. Reeves began his journey to the Philippines as a visiting teacher at the Cornerstone Baptist Church under the pastoral care of Dr. Jed Raquintan. Dr. Reeves of the Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary and in concert with Dr. Thomas M. Strouse of the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary make annual visits as visiting teachers to the Philippines. These teaching expeditions are respectively six months apart from each other. They are an effectual opportunity given us by the Lord to share the word of God with a cadre of very appreciative national pastors.

For Dr. Reeves, this year's journey began early on a Thursday morning, arriving at the Binghamton, New York airport at 5:00 AM in order to get checked in to the flight. The flight lifted off the ground at 6:30 AM and arrived 45 minutes later at Newark, New Jersey airport. At 11:00 AM the next flight lifted off the ground for the next leg of the journey, a 14 hour flight to Tokyo, Japan. This flight is a very difficult flight on one's physical body because of the length of the flight and the compact conditions of the flight. If one is able to sleep it is much better; however, not everyone is able to sleep except for short naps. This obviously leads to an over-tired condition. For those with special dietary needs there is not much choice but very salty or sugar based food. This may or may not lead to physical problems upon arrival at destination.

For the most part, the airplane stewards were very attentive to the needs of over 300 passengers and tried very hard to make the flight as comfortable as possible. This year, our flight to Tokyo experienced hydraulic problems as the plane put down its wheels to land. They discovered that the plane had no ground steering capability. Therefore after circling the airport several times and perfectly lining up the

plane with the runway, the emergency landing became one of the smoothest landing a plane could make. When the plane came to a stop on the runway, fire crews first checked out the plane, which was followed by towing it to the terminal. I am thankful to my God and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who clearly watched over His servant in the moment of danger.

After a two hour layover in Tokyo the next leg of the journey began, the flight to Manila, Philippines. This flight was with Nippon Airways, which is a very nice Japanese airline. After a four-hour flight, I arrived in Manila. The very first thing one must do is go through immigration where they check your passport and ask why you are in the country and how long you are going to stay. Sometimes it can be a long wait and at other times a short one. This year I was the third person in line and I went through faster than I ever have before. Next, one must find luggage, which is not too difficult in the Manila Airport because of their organization. Next is going through customs at which time officials can examine luggage. Once through customs I entered the public part of the airport where Dr. Raquintan met me. From the airport it took us an hour to get to the church in Quezon City. This was the quickest trip that I have made from the airport. Usually it can take anywhere from 2 hours to 4 hours depending upon traffic.

At the church, I was given accommodations in the new "prophet's chamber" as my apartment for my stay. This is a very comfortable air-conditioned room with an attached bathroom. The room has a double bed for rest and a desk with "wifi" for work and correspondence. Right next to the "prophet's chamber" is the air-conditioned dining room, in which is served very delicious and healthy meals under the oversight of Mrs. Raquintan. It also serves as a snack area at mid-breaks during classes. Above the dining room on the second floor is the air-conditioned classroom where modules are taught in the mornings and evenings during the week. Also on the second floor are several rooms for the accommodation of seminary students coming from afar. For example: one student who

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is a pastor, ministering to three churches, travelled with wife thirteen hours one way by bus and taxis to come to the module for further training. Another man, a businessman, who assists in the pastorate of a new church plant, travels three hours one way each night of the module except for Wednesday when he conducts the prayer meeting service at his church work. Then there are several men from islands south of the Luzon that fly in for the week of modules. These men have planted churches and in some cases pastor more than one church in their local geographic areas of ministry. These men are a blessing to fellowship with and to teach and to know. It is a privilege that God has given the missionary teacher to educate the men of God through His ordained institution of the local church (1 Timothy 3:15).

This year the morning module was on "Old Testament Ministry of Finance" taught by Dr. Raquintan. It surveyed various ministries of the O.T., looking at the pattern of God's provision and finance of those men and ministries. The application was made to financing ministries today and whether they are following the biblical principle of the "my people" pattern as opposed to going outside the local church's people. The evening module was on the "Christian Home" taught by Dr. Reeves. The class examined: The First Home, The Subject of Love, The Biblical Roles in the Home, The Relationship of the Home and the Church to each other, and The Finances of the Home. Both classes were well attended with a level of high interest and participation by those attending. The morning class was from 8:00 to 12:00 in the morning with a mid-class break and diner following. Supper was held around 5:00 PM. The evening class was held from 5:15 to 9:15 with a mid-class break and snacks following the end of the class. Classes began on Monday morning and finished on Friday evening.

Regarding my preaching opportunities, I preached in the morning service at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Following a meal after the morning service, I was driven up to the province of Papanga where I preached in a new work started by Dr. Raquintan and carried on by Brother Alvin Baptista and his family. At this church planting work, I had the great honor of preaching

the Word of God and imparting Truth to these wonderfully humble people. We were graciously fed and returned to Cornerstone Baptist Church, arriving just after 9:00 P.M. Sunday evening.

Modern missions has many wonderful amenities of which the first century saints could not even imagine: airplanes, cars, computers air-conditioning, etc. But the physical body of a man has not changed and it still grows weary and tired. With all of modern technology one still has to take the time to study, lecture, teach and preach from his physical strength. And though accomplishments may abound through modern devices, time is still the same and there are only so many things that can be accomplished in a day. And though sacrifice may be measured differently in modern times, it is still sacrifice. And though most everything has changed since the first century, the word of God remains the constant of Truth throughout the centuries and it is still heralded by the men of God as faithfully as God allows them strength and wisdom to do so. Surely, there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Men of God, times are changing, but Truth does not, neither does the commission that God has given to each of us; therefore, we need to continue faithfully proclaiming the word of God through all of our trials and in all of our mission fields or wherever God may lead us now or in the future.

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Philippine Class 2016



PHILIPPINES CLASS 2016



Dr. Raqintan Teaching Class



<<Dr. Cas Reeves Teaching Class



Philippine classes September 2016

DR. JERRY WILHITE

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On September 25, 2016 Brother Jerry Wilhite preached excellent morning and afternoon messages. He and his wife, Debbie, sang Psalm 89 for the assembly. BBC enjoyed a send off party after services that afternoon honoring the Pullagura family leaving for India.

SUJ PULLAGURA SEND OFF

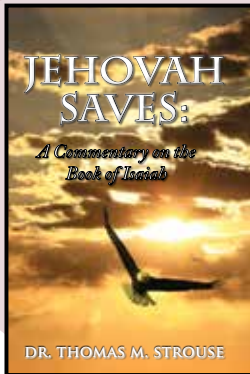
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Suj Pullagura Send Off



Pastor and Jan Strouse with Suj and Simon Pullagura





NEW BOOK: *JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH*

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah* is available for purchase. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author. Available now! \$30.00

Quotes From the Past:

John Bunyan

Baptist Preacher and Author

1628-1688



John Bunyan

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

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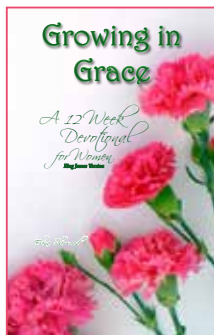


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NOVEMBER 11, 2016

"Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women"



This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy.

Grow in Grace for Women

Romans 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Reflection: Each local New Testament Church is an independent body of Christ. It works together to bring to pass the work of the Lord, the edification of the members, culminating to the glory of the Lord!

Paul uses the physical body to illustrate how each local church works together. When you consider how your body works in complete harmony with all its complexity, it's breathtaking!

This is a picture of how Jesus Christ wants His individual churches to function. God who created us also has hand-picked each person with their specific giftings to create the unique design of His individual churches.

1 Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

The Lord has given you **One** of seven spiritual gifts to use for His **uniquely designed** New Testament Local church. Which **one** do you have?

The Seven Gifts:

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Romans 12:7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Romans 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that **ruleth**, with diligence; he that sheweth **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

(bold and underlining added for emphasis)

* The gift of Prophecy is the proclamation of God's preserved written Words of the KJV Bible. It does not give liberty to add to or subtract from the Bible as given to us.

Challenge: Are you a faithful local church member using your Spiritual Gift to serve the Lord and others in the church? What is **one change** you will make to increase your service in the Lord's Church beginning with faithful attendance?

2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"

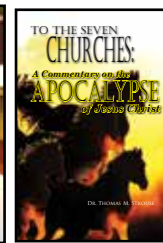
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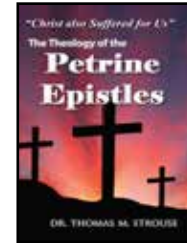
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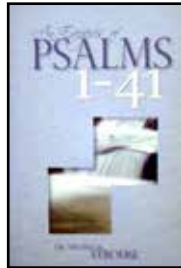
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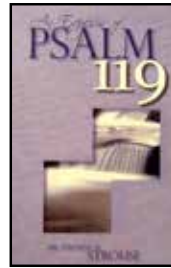
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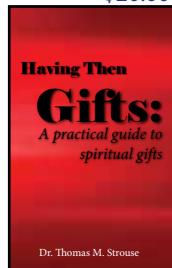
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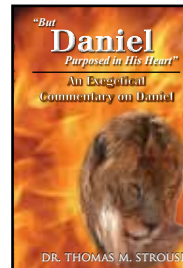
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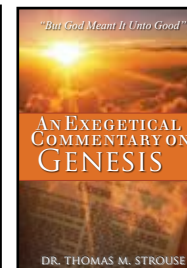
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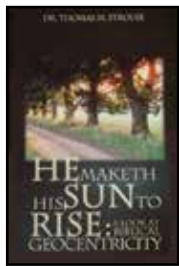
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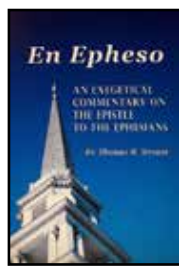
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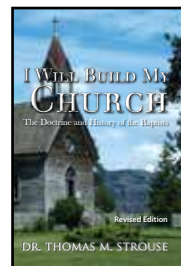
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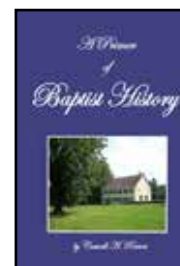
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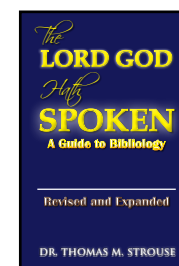
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