



# BBC UPDATE

## The Ministry of Pastor Dmitry Gospodarev

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



*Dr. Thomas Strouse*

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, national pastor Dmitry Gospodarev ("the Lord's gift") along with his wife Olga and children Leah and Timothy ministered to Bible Baptist Church. Pastor Gospodarev is Belrussian and shepherds Bible Baptist Church in Zhodino, Belarus. He lives and ministers in a country which under a dictator-socialist regime. He and his family stayed at the Strouse House for several days before returning to Rochester, NY. Belarus is closed to western Christian missionaries, and so supporting a national who leads a New Testament church is of extreme importance to advance Gospel church planting in an Eastern Europe country. Pray for the Gospodarev family.



*Bro. Gospodarev gave an excellent Sunday message.*



*Bro. Gospodarev with Pastor Strouse*



*Mrs. Bharati Chakarborty with the Gospodarev Family  
(More photos on page 5...)*



*Song Time*

### Dr. Ellsmore's Philippine Travelogue Teacher

Dr. David Ellsmore is an Doctor of Divinity alumnus of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary and ministered to fellow BBTS alumni in the Philippines. Here is the travelogue of his recent visit:

Having been commended to the Lord by West Basingstoke Baptist Church, we departed from London Heathrow Terminal 4 at 10:50 pm on Tuesday 13th on a direct flight with Philippine Airlines to Manila which arrived at 7:35 pm local time on Thursday 15th. The Philippine Airlines staff could not have been more friendly, helpful, and pleasant. We had a long layover at Manila until the flight to our first area of ministry in Iloilo. During the layover we met with Sister Edna Adena, who had visited our church in Basingstoke, her pastor, and two other men from her church. We were also able to witness to an American ex-service man, Rob, for over an hour. Our flight to Iloilo took off at 4:30 am on Thursday morning and landed at 5:40 am where we were met by Dr Emmanuel Tanierla, his wife Elvisa and Pastor Alejandro Cadusale Jr., and his wife Beverley. Pastors Tanierla and Cadusale are fellow alumni of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, Cromwell, Connecticut. We visited their respective churches and homes and had lunch with them before resting for the night.

Pastor and Mrs. Cadusale had arranged our itinerary whilst we were in Panay Island. We cannot thank the Lord enough for these dear brethren and their faithful ministry.

Dr and Mrs. Tanierla were equally a great blessing to us and we are so grateful for the time Dr Tanierla took to drive us to many destinations. It was a great delight to meet with these dear folks who share our burden for the Word of God to enrich the Lord's churches.

Along with Dr Tanierla and Pastor Cadusale we visited the memorial commemorating the place where allied forces under General MacArthur landed to liberate Panay Island from the Japanese on 18th March 1945.

On Friday morning I preached to 14 policemen at their outpost in Tigbaum and to 8 staff members from

a maritime college.

Then on Friday evening we preached at Tigbaum Bible Baptist Church the first of 4 messages on "The Prize is Worth the Price."

On Saturday 17th Pastor Tanierla drove us to a mission work started by the Tigbaum church, where I preached the second message in the series, "The Prize is Worth the Price." The church presented Devene and myself with some wonderful hand-made gifts.

It is very encouraging to see local churches self-propagating after the biblical fashion. Everywhere we went we were greatly impacted by the loving and sincere welcome that we received, and by the infectious enthusiasm for God's Word.

Sunday 18th began with Sunday School at Tigbaum church at 9:30 am followed by morning and afternoon services where I preached messages 3 and 4 of "The Prize is Worth the Price," and Devene and Sister Beverley Cadusale sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

At 3pm Pastor Tanierla collected us and drove us to his church in Iloilo City, Garden Bible Baptist Church, where I preached on "Giving Ourselves." Following the service was a fellowship time where we all partook of the biggest pizzas we have ever seen.

Monday morning saw us travelling to another province, Antique. Pastor Tanierla and collected us, and then picked up Pastor Cadusale and Sister Beverley on route. The drive took ca. 2 hours and was very picturesque for much of the way as we negotiated the windy roads in the mountainous terrain. The first port of call was to Heaven's Grace Bible Baptist Church, Balowan, Hamtic (red ant), where we met Pastor Mangullimutan and his wife Flora, and I preached from Psalm 51 "Truth in the Inward Parts." We enjoyed great fellowship with these dear folks and again, the church provided a meal for us. This church is situated right next to the South China Sea.

## ARTICLE

## DR. ELLSMORE'S PHILIPPINE TRAVELOGUE

Leaving Hamtic we drove to Bible Baptist Church, San Jose, where we had lunch with Pastor Balinas and his wife Genevieve, with whom, as with the other pastors and wives, we felt an immediate affinity. They had arranged for us to be accommodated in the Pinnacle Suites Hotel in San Jose for our 3 nights stay in Antique Province. Their church has a Bible College and some of the students are accommodated on the church property. It was a great blessing to fellowship with these dear folks, their family, and the Bible College students.

Devene and myself with Pastor and Mrs. Anecito Balinas, and Pastor Balinas senior who started the church. The building in the background is home to 2 of the young men who are studying at the Bible college.

On Tuesday 20th Pastor Tanierla picked us up from the hotel and drove us to Cross-Road Bible Baptist Church, Sibalom where we met with Pastor Carlito Halipa and his wife Leticia. This church was started by Dr Tanierla in 1978. Following a good time of fellowship, we had lunch at a Filipino restaurant then rested at the hotel until 5pm when we were taken to Bible Baptist Church, San Jose again where I spoke on "Discipleship" from Acts 4:1-14 to the Bible College students, and Devene sang "Is Your All on the Altar."

On Wednesday 21st Sister Beverley Cadusale came for us at 12:00 noon and we travelled with her by tricycle to Bible Baptist Church again where we had lunch with Pastor Balinas and his family. After lunch we travelled by tricycle again to the Mall before going back to the church for the 6pm midweek Service where I preached on "Building on the Right Foundation."

The Balinas' Son-in-Law drove us back to the hotel in his tricycle after the service. On Thursday, the Balinas' came to the hotel at 11:30 to say goodbye. They were accompanied by Sister Beverley Cadusale (her husband had had to depart the day before to deal with a sudden death of one of the Tigbaum church member's relatives) who would travel with us by taxi van to Iloilo Airport (a 3 hour journey), stopping on the way to collect Pastor Cadusale. We flew from the Airport at 6:05pm on Philippines Airlines flight no. 2385 to Cebu where we arrived at 6:50pm and were

met by Pastor Francis Cosgrave and his 2 sons, Anthony and Junior. We then travelled to the Cosgrave home where we were reunited with Francis' wife Nida and daughter Norlisa. After an evening meal with the family, Francis drove us to the Crown Regency Hotel where we booked in for 3 nights.

On Friday morning a dear friend of the Cosgraves, Juan Miguel Saurez, kindly took us to see some interesting places in Cebu City. After lunch at a restaurant in the ultra-modern SM Mall we returned to the hotel to rest before the evening anniversary service (16th) at Alaska Mambling Bible Baptist Church, where I gave a short power-point presentation on Bible History and history of Missions in the U.K.

The Cosgraves built this church on the edge of the waterfront from wood floated down the sea from an Island 300 km. away.

Pastor Francis and Sister Nida joined us for breakfast at the hotel on Saturday morning. After breakfast Francis had to leave to prepare for the evening service but Nida accompanied us as we explored some of the amazing features of the hotel. Then after lunch she accompanied us to the Cebu museum and Fort San Pedro. In the evening an associate of the Cosgraves, Jun Cornel, and I both preached at the Anniversary Service.

Sunday began early as we had to check out of the hotel and take a taxi to the Cosgrave's house where we left our luggage ready for a midnight departure to Cebu airport and our 4:50am early Monday morning flight to Manila. Sunday School was at 8:00am and Norlisa taught around 90-100 children (Nida was unwell so she was unable to attend). Devene and I helped in leading the children in some choruses. Morning service followed Sunday School and I preached from John Chapter 4 "The Woman at the Well." After lunch we rested at the Cosgrave's house as we would not be able to sleep that night.

Our flight to Manila on Monday morning

landed at ca. 6:00 am where we were met by Dr Jed Raquintan, Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City (Quezon City adjoins Manila and is the largest and effectively the principal city in the Philippines). We had breakfast at McDonalds and then went to an OMF hostel where we stayed for the next 3 nights. Pastor Raquintan and his wife, Eden, collected us at 4:45 pm and we went to the large SM Mall where we had supper and fellowshiped with the Raquintan family.

The final day, Wednesday 28th, before our return to England began more leisurely as we rested in the morning and then ate leftovers from a meal at an Italian restaurant on the previous day. In the afternoon Sister Edna Adena came to visit with us (a 2-hour journey) and to discuss her burden for ministry. She departed at 3:45 pm as she needed to be back in San Pedro (south of Manila) for the mid-week service at her church. Pastor Raquintan and Sister Eden came for us at 5:00 pm and we ate a meal in a local mall before heading to Cornerstone Baptist Church for their mid-week service, where I preached on "Giving Ourselves" from II Corinthians 8:1-5. After the service there was a fellowship time with food provided. A truly blessed conclusion to our trip. We were so sad to part with so many wonderful saints in all the churches that we visited.

We had a long (nearly 15 hours) but smooth flight home on Thursday 29th and arrived home nearly 18 hours later at midnight. We praise the Lord that He enabled us to make such a blessed and memorable visit and to be able to minister to our fellow Baptist Churches.

**PRAY FOR THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FAITHFUL LABOURERS IN THE LORD'S CANDLESTICKS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL LAND.**

## BBTS FALL LECTURE SERIES 2016



### "THE BIBLE, CREATION, AND EVOLUTION"

*NOVEMBER 11, 2016*



On November 11, 2016, Bible Baptist Church will sponsor the 2016 BBTS Fall Lecture Series on "The Bible, Creation, and Evolution" at The Courtyard Marriott, Cromwell, CT. Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will lecture on "The Creation Week and the Noachic Flood" (9 AM to 11:30 AM). After a free luncheon at Bible Baptist Church (11:30 AM to 1 PM), Dr. Greg Breeden will lecture on "The Creation of Man" and related issues (1-3 PM). Biblical responses will be given to queries such as the events of the first day of creation, the duration of each day, the speed of light as a constant, the "gap" theory, the "flat earth" theory, the origin of the so-called "races," the priority of the chicken or the egg, the canopy theory, giants, the source for meteors, and the frozen mammoths. A book table will be available.

# THE GOSPODAREV FAMILY



*Gospodarev Family and Rossignol Family*



*Bro. Gospodarev preaching Sunday Message*



*Belarus Display*



*Fun at the farm!*





Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

### NEW CLOTHES

*"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24).*

We all like a new set of clothes. It seems Spring and Fall are times for a new outfits. A lot of folks take this time of the year to purchase their new wardrobes: new shoes, new dresses, new shirts and pants and maybe even a new suit. God also has a new outfit for Christians.

Colossians 3:8: A parallel verse to our text, likens our behavior and character to a set of clothes, which we, as men and women, and boys and girls, who have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, are urged to change. These garments are "...anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth." And these are unbecoming of a Christian.

Once these filthy clothes, dirty because of sinfulness, are removed, then they are to be replaced with "holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another.... And above all these things put on charity.... And let the peace of God rule in your hearts....and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:12-17).

Now, if we put off the old garments and put on the new, we literally experience the truth, that we are truly in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Looking nice gives us confidence, but looking Christ-like gives us assurance. -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

**John Bunyan**

Baptist Preacher and Author

1628-1688



John Bunyan

*"He who bestows his goods upon the poor shall have as much again, and ten times more."*

## *Grow in Grace for Women*

**Psalm 118:6** The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

**Psalm 118:8** It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

**Psalm 118:13** Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

**Reflection:** Where does the world go when trouble strikes? Where do you go when you are struggling? When trials arise? It is easy to take our eyes off the Lord's goodness and put it on the source of our troubles. The Bible teaches us to keep our eyes on Him. When we take our eyes off Him and put them on the circumstances then we lose our peace and joy. What happened to Peter when he stepped out of the boat in **Matthew 14**?

**Challenge:** Is there a trial in your life today? Examine your thinking...are your thoughts on the promises of Scripture or on the circumstances? As a child of God, what shift is needed to maintain your peace and joy?

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

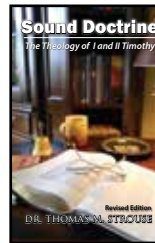
Ladies' Fellowship at Cromwell Diner began with a laborious Bible Verse Match Game and a Fill-in-the-Blank Bible Verse Game, a winner announced and prizes awarded for Biblical accuracy! A delicious breakfast followed as fellowship was enjoyed by all.



# THE BOOK CORNER

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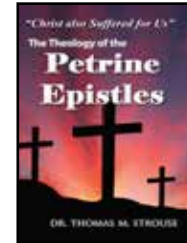
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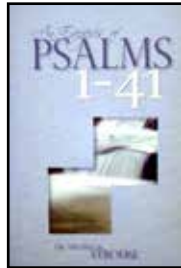
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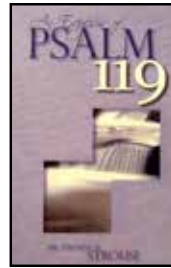
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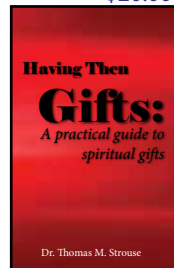
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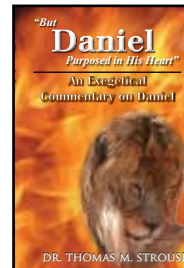
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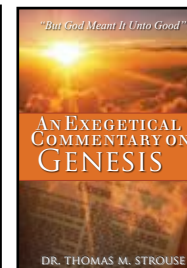
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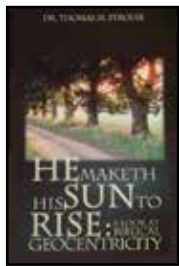
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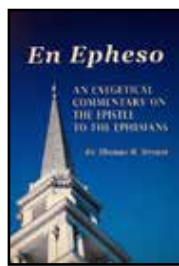
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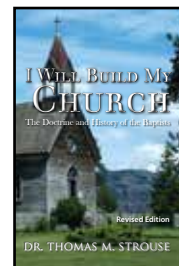
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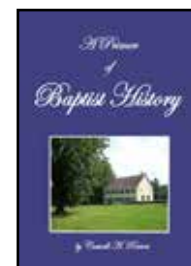
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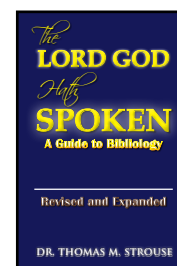
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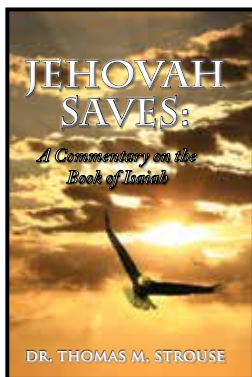
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The Book Corner

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New Book

## 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

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