



BBC UPDATE

BBC/BBTS October 15th Update

Dr. Thomas Strouse

We are thankful for what the Lord is doing in and through Bible Baptist Church this fall. There have been several visitors in the services of late, and the Lord has given



Dr. Thomas Strouse

Bible Baptist Church a consistently faithful church body. Bible Baptist Church will be hosting the **Second Annual BBTS Fall Lecture Series** on **Nov. 17, 2011**, having four biblically trained men present several aspects of the Second Coming of Christ. Please see the insert. Also, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary continued seminary modules in Quezon City, Philippines (Sept.-Oct.), through two recent graduates of the seminary (2011). Bible Baptist Theological Seminary implemented two adjunct professors for these modules. Pastor Cas Reeves taught Baptist History I using his book, and Pastor Jed Raquintan taught Missiology using his MDiv thesis. The subsequent report with pictures will convey the spiritual blessings of these modules.



Above: Attendees of the Baptist History I Module taught by BBTS Adjunct Professor, Pastor Cas Reeves. The class was taught at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City, Philippines.

BBTS Quezon City, Philippines Report

by Pastor Caswell Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves Today is Wednesday the 28th of September. I am writing this as the final rains of Typhoon Nesat come down upon us. It has been dumping torrential rains upon us for two days straight and is still lightly raining this morning. The Lord has continued to allow the seminary modules to continue uninterrupted except for a few power outages. The Cornerstone Baptist Church, where Pastor Jed Raquintan is the pastor, and who also is a graduate of BBTS, is literally a lighthouse set upon a hill and is in no danger of flooding. However, not so for 100,000 Filipinos who have had to evacuate to the shelter of public school buildings as I write.

On the 19th of September, I flew from Binghamton, New York to Washington D.C. to Tokyo, Japan and then to Manila, Philippines. It was 24 hour of air travel, leaving Monday at 10 AM and arriving

Tuesday at 10 PM. The Philippine time differential is 12 hours ahead of our Eastern Time Zone. Pastor Raquintan met me at the airport and took me to my quarters in Antipolo a suburb of Manila. A very nice and comfortable house with air conditioning, be-

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Pastor Reeves with standing with Pastor Roy Raquintan, Pastor Jed's older brother who led him to the Lord Jesus

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longing to his brother Ron's mother-in-law, and about 45 minutes from Quezon City.



Above: Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City

Right: The residence that hosted Pastor Reeves during his stay.



On Thursday we went up into the mountains to San Polo, so that we might see one of the mission churches being planted by Cornerstone Baptist Church and to meet the pastor, Pastor Eric Matig-a, who is a BBTS student working in the MBS program. Pastor Eric took us to the San Palo Inn to meet Jeffery and Josephine the proprietors. They prepared a wonderful dinner for us which we ate in the Inn's dining room.



Above: Sunday evening service at Cornerstone Baptist Church

We stayed the night at the Inn and returned to Quezon City on Friday morning.

Friday evening the Cornerstone Baptist Church began its Bible Conference. I was their guest speaker, speaking on *The Pastor and the KJV Bible* (Fri), *Why We Should Continue with the KJV Bible* (Sat.), *The Family* (Sun. morn.) and *Biblical Separation* (Sun. even.) each message was an hour and half long, which is a normal length here in the Philippines. One pastor said to me, "Thank you pastor for a long Filipino mes-

sage and not a short American message." Our final service, Pastor Raquintan estimated the attendance to be between 160 to 170 people. It was very hard to get an accurate count because people were sitting

outside the church building listening through the windows and doors. Those listening were very attentive and a number of personal decisions were made with regard to their lives as the Lord moved among the congregation.

On Monday the BBTS Module Classes began. We first met at 7:00 AM on the church veranda for breakfast. At 8:00 AM Pastor Raquintan began his class on Missiology, taught until 1:00 PM and then we enjoyed lunch. At 4:00 PM, I began my class on Baptist History I, finishing at 9:00 PM. Both classes were well attended with a total of 26 students: 15 are enrolled at graduate level work and 11 are enrolled at undergraduate level work. Two new students are pastors: Gerry Rulla from Iguig, where he is the pastor of the True Gospel Baptist Church, and Felix Leron from Antipolo where he is the pastor of the Bible Baptist Church. Pastor Rulla traveled 10 hours by bus from northern part of the Philippines, leaving after his church's evening service. Pastor Leron traveled 45 minutes one-way by public transportation (jeep-

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ney) and was a former Benedictine priest in the Roman Catholic Church. We are pleased to welcome and to have these two men join the BBTS student body.



Above: Attendees of Pastor Jed Raquintan's Missiology Module.

Right: Pastor Jed teaching the class.



As I begin to finish this report, the sun is beginning to shine through the clouds. It appears that this day will get more beautiful as we go along. We are now midway through these modules and the classes are going very well with very attentive students. I am taken with the caliber of the students attending. Not only are there pastors attending, but also a number of church members that have taken off from work for the week in order to attend the module classes. Among these students, is a residential engineer, who supervises the building and development of subdivisions, also a university professor of communications, who holds a PhD., and an economist, who works in Asian development, and who is a candidate for the PhD..

I have found that the Filipino people in general are very friendly, but lost in the spiritual darkness of sin. As in the United States, there is an easy-believism that many have found, which results in a lack of sincerity for some and an emphasis upon quantity rather than quality. Yet, some are truly interested with a genuine thirst for the truth and for quality, willing to suffer the reproach of other as they separate from those living in error. I am also amazed at the liberty that the Filipino people enjoy compared to the liberties that have been

over regulated and lost in the United States. I notice also that the capitalistic spirit is alive and well, thriving on just about every street. It has been very easy to sense a kindred spirit, and to establish a personal relationship with the dear Christians that I have met

As wonderful as I have been treated here in the Philippines, and though I will greatly miss my Filipino brethren, it will still be a joy to return to my loved ones and to my local church family. Pray for God's work in the Philippines and for His servants that it remains unhindered and growing till Jesus comes again.

Many thanks to my hosts Pastor Jed and his wife Eden, who have taken exceptional care of me, especially by diet and my comfort from the heat. Also, much appreciation to the Cornerstone Baptist Church for all the kindness showed, and to its ladies who labored diligently to make the module classes a success feeding us with delicious meals.

His servant,
Cas Reeves
2 Thes. 5:23



Above: Pastor Felix Leron, Pastor Jed Raquintan, and Pastor Gerry Rulla

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Photos



Many BBC Homeschoolers enjoyed beautiful weather during a recent trip to Old Sturbridge Village

The BBC Homeschoolers have been very active this fall! Field trips included trips to Old Sturbridge Village, The Big E, and Chatfield Hollow State Park.

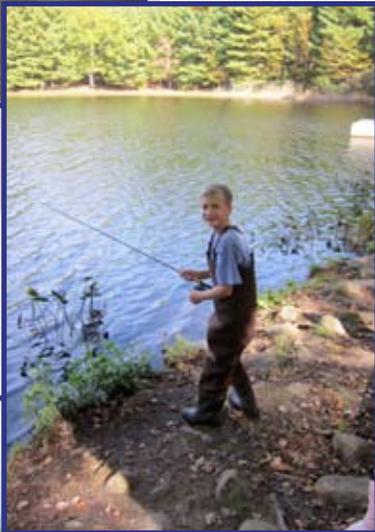




The boys especially loved the shooting of the musket!



A good day of fishing at Chatfield Hollow State Park!



Learning to milk at cow at the Big "E"!



Chatfield Hollow State Park



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Praise Be to God!

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ”*

1 Peter 1:3

Here is perhaps a common thought among first century Christians in their praise of God for the Lord Jesus. We find this exact phrase used only twice in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul used it once and the Apostle Peter as they penned the Scripture. It is from the usage of this phrase that we learn how to praise our heavenly Father.

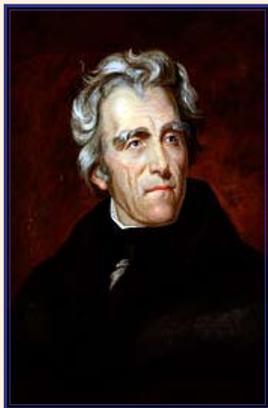
Praise be to God for his *“abundant mercy”* (vs.3). Mercy is what we received, and God did demonstrate it to us when we were begotten in Christ Jesus. Mercy that has given to us is a *“lively hope”* (vs.3). A hope that is real and living. Not a ‘guess so’ kind of hope, but a genuine anticipation and looking forward to the true promises given to us by God. And this *“lively hope”* is assured us *“by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”* (vs.3). This hope is found in God’s promise of *“an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven”* (1 Peter 1:4). Think of it, reserved in heaven for us is an inheritance which is not subject

to decay, or rust, or wearing out, but is eternal and pure. Praise be to God!

Praise be to God for his keeping power. *“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Peter 1:5). It is faith that accesses the power of God and it is that power which keeps us. It is God’s ability that keeps us and not our ability. Our salvation is secure, and it is ready to be revealed by God in the last time. Praise be to God!

Praise be to God for Jesus Christ. *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ”* (Ephesians 1:3). Salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12). Now, all the *“spiritual blessings”* of heaven, which we receive presently and will receive in time to come are because of Jesus Christ, God’s Son and our Savior. These *“spiritual blessings”* are in no other, but Christ alone. And they are promised to us when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”* (John 1:12). Praise be to God! -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845

7th President of the USA

“I must soon follow him (a dear friend who had suddenly died), and hope to meet him and those friends who have gone before me in the realms of bliss through the mediation of a dear Redeemer, Jesus Christ.”

MORE PHOTOS



Above: Baptist History class's snack break on the veranda



*Above: Pastor Reeves and Pastor Rulla
Left: Pastor Raquintan teaching.*



Pastor Jed Raquintan and his wife Eden



Typhoon Neseat struck the Philippines during the Quezon City Modules. Class went on as the rains came down and the wind blew! Here is the scene at Cornerstone Baptist Church during the Typhoon!



Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents

The Second Annual Fall Lecture Series

"Behold He Cometh"

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!



Dr. David Smith Dr. Thomas M. Strouse Mr. Jeff Skorupski Pastor Cas Reeves

Preaching Schedule:

9:00-10:30 AM *"The Biblical Teaching on the Second Coming of Christ"*—Dr. David Smith, MDiv, DD, Pastor of Community Baptist Church, Quakertown, PA.

10:45 AM-12:00 *"Heretical Views on the Second Coming of Christ"*—Dr. Thomas Strouse, MDiv, PhD, ThD, DD, DLit, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of BBTS.

1:00-2:30 PM *"The Judgment Seat of Christ"*—Mr. Jeff Skorupski, MBS, Associate Professor of BBTS.

2:45-4:00 PM *"The New Jerusalem"*—Pastor Cas Reeves, MBS, MDiv, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and President of HBTS.

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**Lunch will be provided with free-will offering.*

**A book table will be available with relevant material.*

Thursday, November 17, 2011

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

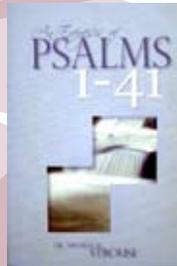
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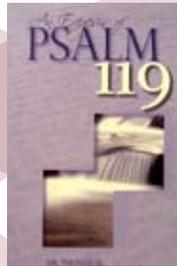
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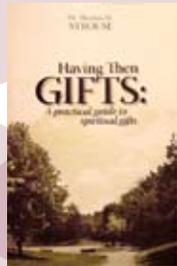
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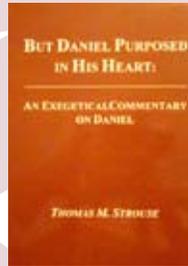
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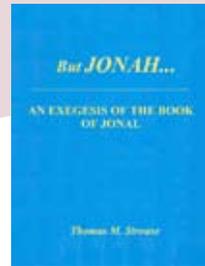
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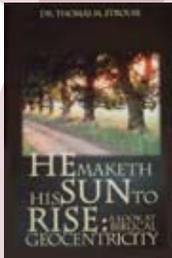
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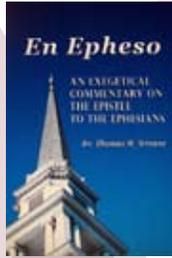
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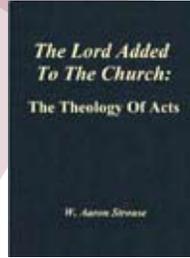
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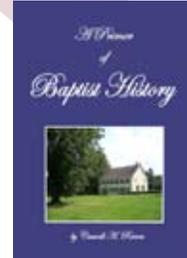
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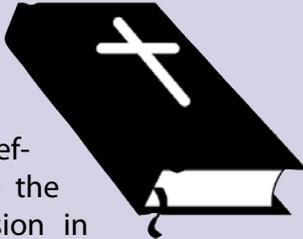
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Manchester Bible Study

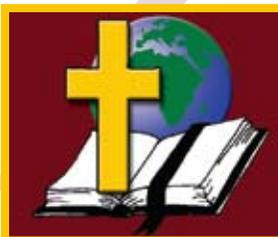
Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



The BBC Boys get a lesson in woodworking at Old Sturbridge Village "Homeschool Day"

If you have any news for the next issue of the BBC Update, please send to the Editor, Cas Reeves, at either

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