



Things have been quite busy for us since our last update. We had our largest Good Soil Seminar ever in Harrisburg in May with 65 attendees, we've held workshops at several conferences and have had great missionary training events. These pages detail a few exciting overseas developments for us. May He continue to bless you as you *initiate conversations that may lead to redemptive relationships*. **Sincerely,**

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## Expanding in Ukraine and beyond!

There was great rejoicing when the Berlin Wall was torn down and the Iron Curtain totally crumbled in 1991. The freedom people felt after years of oppression was exhilarating to the entire world! Thankfully, that event opened the door to people gaining their spiritual freedom as well. The church in the former Soviet bloc countries has grown tremendously over the past 20 years, with many coming to salvation in Christ. There is still much work to be done though.

Earlier this year ABWE missionary Caleb Suko wrote to us from Ukraine: *"In my opinion much of the former Soviet Union is ripe for Good Soil materials. After 20 years of being exposed to evangelism techniques and gimmicks, many churches feel the need to find tools that are substantial rather than just another trend."* Caleb and his coworkers have been working hard over the past few years to equip and resource Ukrainian churches for the harvest. The response has been almost overwhelming, but in a good sense. Caleb went on to tell us that if resources and personnel were available *"we could do 15 to 20 Good Soil seminars a year (currently we are doing about five or six). That alone would greatly increase the impact in churches in Ukraine, Moldova and Russia."*



Healthy discussion at a Good Soil Seminar in Ukraine



Pastor Mikhail  
"Misha" Nunyaev

**Thankfully, God recently provided a generous donation from a friend of the Good Soil ministry so that the gospel effort in eastern Europe will receive a huge boost!**

Beginning August 1, 2012 Ukrainian Pastor Mikhail "Misha" Nunyaev joined the global Good Soil team to ramp up the effort that has been initiated by Ukrainian churches. Misha's goal his entire adult life has been to serve God in evangelism. He has a degree in theology from Donetsk Christian University and currently co-pastors one of the ABWE church plants in Odessa, Ukraine. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Nunyaev to our team, lifting him up in prayer as he spearheads our Good Soil efforts to reach those still yearning for spiritual freedom in the former Soviet Union.

Check out his video on YouTube.com: *"New Coordinator for Good Soil"*

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## Good Soil Believer »



According to Jesus, the “good soil” believer is a person who hears God’s word and ...

- Clearly **understands** it. *Matthew 13:23*
- Sincerely **embraces** it. *Mark 4:20*
- Firmly **holds on** to it. *Luke 8:15*

## From a Missionary:

Serving North Africa

“Dear Good Soil Team—Thank you for all of the hard work you have done on the Good Soil materials and classes. This past week (at the Good Soil Seminar) was such a blessing to me! I am so glad I could come and look forward to using these skills in France and North Africa. Your countless hours of work and preparation truly showed! The interactive learning methods were excellent. The courses are exceptional quality. Be sure that I will be spreading the word about Good Soil!”



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## Seminar Segment



Where we begin sharing God’s story of hope largely depends on how much of God’s Word the listener already understands. Let’s look at Acts chapter 2 to see how Peter communicated the good news about the risen Savior to Jews on the day of Pentecost. The Jews of that day were keenly aware of important Biblical concepts such as the existence of only one true God, the sacrificial system and the prophecies concerning a Savior. In verse 22 it is quite clear that Peter was speaking to Jews because he addressed them as “Men of Israel.” Consider the Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship Scale which is partially pictured here. That level of knowledge would place them somewhere between -7 and -4 on this scale. It also meant that **Peter**

### Good Soil Evangelism & Discipleship Scale (lower portion)

<i>Repents and trusts Jesus</i>	<b>0</b>	Jews at Pentecost
Counts cost of a faith response	-1	
Confronted with a faith response	-2	
Senses personal spiritual conviction	-3	
Understands some gospel concepts	-4	
Interested in Jesus and the gospel	-5	
Exposed to other Christian concepts	-6	
Realizes there is only one true God	-7	
Vulnerable to false religious beliefs	-8	
Seeks to fill personal spiritual void	-9	
Senses personal spiritual emptiness	-10	
Aware of higher Power or powers	-11	
Born with a God-vacuum	-12	

**did not need to lay an Old Testament foundation for them.** They already had it. Instead, he quickly reviewed Old Testament prophecies from Joel and David, and then boldly proclaimed that Jesus was, in fact, the Savior that was prophesied to come. The Jewish listeners, who truly understood and were deeply moved, emphatically asked Peter “What shall we do?” to gain salvation. How wonderful that must have sounded to Peter’s ears!

Are there people that you come in contact with that already have some knowledge of the Bible? Perhaps they are nominal Christians who are God-fearing but don’t quite know how everything fits together. If they are somewhere in the -4 to -7 range on the Good Soil Scale then perhaps a quick review of Old Testament concepts, just like Peter did at Pentecost, is all that’s needed to bring them to the point of repentance and trusting in the risen Savior. Consider using our new resource **The Story of Hope** Condensed booklet (see “New Resources” section) to help them more clearly understand by putting their Biblical knowledge in order. This may be all that’s needed for them to make a Good Soil faith response and finally embrace the gospel as their own. What a joy that will be for you to help them trust Christ as their Savior just as Peter did many years ago.



# Letters from the Field

## Good Soil in Afghanistan

One of our Good Soil Seminar graduates is now a chaplain with the U.S. Army deployed to Afghanistan. A few months ago he asked us to send him 50 copies of *The Story of Hope*, saying "I'm excited about the prospect of using *The Story of Hope* as many of my soldiers are religiously conscious but do not truly understand the gospel. Deployment provides a unique window of spiritual awareness that I want to fully engage..." He received the books and started a study that's very well attended (and armed!) as you can see in the picture!

In a very recent update the chaplain informed us that two of the soldiers in the unit he ministers to were killed. This is just another harsh reminder of the urgency of the task before all of us, to clearly proclaim God's story of hope before it's too late. Please be in prayer for this chaplain and the service members he's working with, that they may grow in their understanding of the true gospel through this study and come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.



A U.S. Army Chaplain and Good Soil Seminar graduate uses *The Story of Hope* to fully engage the spiritual awareness of troops "as many of the soldiers in Afghanistan are religiously conscious but do not truly understand the gospel."

## New Resources! [www.GoodSoil.com/Resources](http://www.GoodSoil.com/Resources)



### Free Leader's Guides

We've recently updated several of our leader's guides to help you lead people through the Good Soil materials. **These are free to download from our website.**



#### The Story of Hope

The *Leader's Guide* provides information to help you teach *The Story of Hope* to an individual or small group of students.



#### The Way to Joy

The *Leader's Guide* provides information to help you teach *The Way to Joy* to an individual or small group of students. The *Class Facilitator Guide* provides instruction plans for teaching *The Way to Joy* in a classroom setting.



### Gaining Ground with Good Soil



#### Individual Study Guide

This guide is designed to help individuals study the book through questions and activities.



#### Leader's Guide

Provides information for leaders to guide a small group or class through the book.



#### Powerpoint Resource

A Powerpoint file designed to accompany the Leader's Guide in a small group or classroom setting.

#### Leader's Guide Resources

A collection of supplemental teaching resources mentioned in the Leader's Guide.

### The Story of Hope Condensed

Have you ever gotten into a conversation with someone and thought "Boy, I wish I had a copy of *The Story of Hope* to walk this guy through!" Now you can carry one in your pocket wherever you go. **The Story of Hope Condensed** contains 20 events designed for quickly sharing the big picture of the Bible with someone. They come in packs of 5 for \$10, so they are affordable enough to give away to those who are interested in knowing more.



## Mark your calendars!

*Interactive and Fun Learning!*

### Moving Beyond Lecture

**October 22 - 23, 2012**

Are you frustrated with the lack of audience involvement in your presentations? Do you desperately want to minimize lecturing but are not sure what to do differently? *Moving Beyond Lecture* will equip you to design presentations and training sessions that will consistently engage participants and greatly enhance their learning.

### Good Soil Seminars

**October 24 - 26, 2012**

The two-day Basic and one-day Trainer Certification seminars will really get you going with Good Soil! Learn the Biblical foundation for how to clearly and effectively share the gospel as God's story of hope in a world of competing faiths and cultures.

### The Roots of Faith

**June 10 - 14, 2013 - Old Testament**  
**June 17 - 21, 2013 - New Testament**

The Roots of Faith is a **chronological Bible survey of God's redemptive plan**, consisting of two courses: *The Roots of Faith - Old Testament* and *The Roots of Faith - New Testament*. It is a study of God's progressive revelation of major theological concepts, especially those closely related to mankind's spiritual needs and God's plan of salvation. Altogether these courses include lessons that feature 100 major Bible events from Genesis through Revelation.

