



# Cultivate

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Equipping and resourcing you to clearly share God's story of hope in a world of competing faiths and cultures

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We recently received this note from a missionary serving overseas regarding our main resource *The Story of Hope*: "I have a feeling a good number of my 400+ co-workers would like to use this resource as it is very well done. I could imagine altogether we could use about 10,000+ per year once they know it is available and are familiar with it." That's quite exciting and is just one example of how God is blessing our efforts to equip His workers to share God's Word clearly. Please pray that we may be effective in fulfilling the task He has put before us.

Sincerely, *Fred Wayne East*



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## Equipping Church Leaders in Asia!

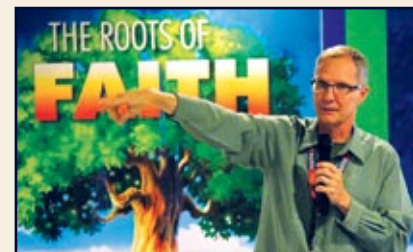


Students from all over Asia use the event images for a review activity.

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." These words from the Apostle Paul to Timothy lay out a simple but important strategy for Good Soil that we are seeing the Lord bless all over the world. Just a few weeks ago in mid-August Good Soil Trainer Gil Thomas, ABWE missionary Pat Melson and Bible College Professor David Brooks led over 100 pastors and church leaders through *The Roots of Faith - Old Testament* course in the Philippines. Over

the five days of training 50 key Bible events were studied in a fun and interactive way to show the participants how God's one plan of redemption is woven through the whole of Scripture. While they were studying the Bible lessons, the attendees were also learning how to teach others when they return home. The "Timothy Training Principle" at work!

This recent training event is a continuation of our focused effort that is really gaining momentum in Asia! Over the past few years we have been conducting strategic training sessions and working on resource translation and development to equip God's workers in the region to clearly share the gospel in a way that makes sense. **As we move forward, we are planning a regional launch of Good Soil in Thailand in late March, 2015, immediately followed by another round of *The Roots of Faith* training in the Philippines.** We certainly appreciate your prayers as we respond to Paul's charge to entrust these things to reliable people who will also teach others! For more information about *The Roots of Faith* and how you can also be equipped to train others, please visit [www.GoodSoil.com/Roots](http://www.GoodSoil.com/Roots).



Gil Thomas leads a discussion for one of the events of the Old Testament.

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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:

Cassandra, South Africa

“If you are looking for a dynamic way to do evangelism, you **NEED** to take the Good Soil seminar. I can personally vouch for how awesome this training is! I can’t imagine ministry without it now!”

## Seminar Segment



### The Chronological Bridge to Life

*How do you share the gospel with someone?*

Consider that in today’s world very few people know the main points of the Bible. The *Chronological Bridge to Life*, or “*Chronobridge*,” was developed specifically for them! It is a simple yet thorough way to tell the main story of the Bible in a way that people will understand. Walking someone through the *Chronobridge* is as simple as telling the main points of the Bible in a story; that “**God**” is the Almighty Creator and “**Man**” is His creation. “**Man**” disobeyed “**God’s**” one command, which is called “**Sin**,” and that resulted in “**Man’s**” separation from “**God**,” which is called “**Death**.”

That’s the sad part, but there is hope! “**God**” wants to restore the relationship with “**Man**” so He sent Jesus “**Christ**” to be a perfect sacrifice on the “**Cross**.” If we have “**Faith**” that “**Christ’s**” sacrifice is the only thing sufficient to cover all of our sins, then we can have eternal “**Life!**”



Learn how to share the *Chronological Bridge to Life* with someone at the next Good Soil Seminar, October 22&23 in Harrisburg, PA!



### Good Soil Info:

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This is a simple way to tell the Big Story of the Bible in a way that makes sense to people. We have various resources including a mobile app to help you use the *Chronological Bridge to Life* in your evangelism efforts - [www.GoodSoil.com/Resources](http://www.GoodSoil.com/Resources).



# Letters from the Field:

From a pastor in upstate New York:

“My wife Becky started taking Jenny through *The Story of Hope* about one year ago. Jenny would in turn go home after meeting with Becky and explain to her fiancée Joe what Becky had taught her. We began to purposefully invest in their lives by spending time with them and recently they asked me to perform their marriage ceremony. Since they were already living together I told them they would need to separate, abstain, attend church regularly, have premarital counseling and study through *The Story of Hope* with me. It was a risk because I didn’t want to hurt our relationship, but I chose my words carefully. Thankfully they responded by saying they knew that this was what they needed if they were going to get their marriage started off on the right foot. Praise God! I met with Joe today and we will meet as couples tomorrow beginning premarital counseling. God is at work! Thanks for making *The Story of Hope* such a great resource to teach people God’s life-changing Word so clearly!”



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



**We are MOBILE!**

Announcing the release of the Good Soil Apps for both Apple and Android devices!

In the app stores, search for “*The Story of Hope*” or use the links below to get your fingers swiping through 20, 40, and 100 beautifully visualized Bible events. Trace the Bible’s one main story of redemption as it is woven from Genesis through Revelation. Easily review or share God’s Truth right from your mobile device!



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Additional features of the apps include the *Chronological Bridge to Life*, Biblical era sorting quizzes and an exciting video about *The Roots of Faith* Bible courses.

The 3 Apps can be used as they are or along with our printed materials: *The Story of Hope - Condensed* (20 Events), *The Story of Hope* (40 Events) or *The Roots of Faith* (100 Events).





## Mark your calendars!

Interactive and Fun Learning!

### Special Event

Regional Good Soil Seminar in northern NJ  
 December 5 & 6! See website for details!

### Moving Beyond Lecture **October 20 - 21, 2014**

Are you frustrated with the lack of audience engagement in your presentations, classes or even sermons? Do you desperately want to minimize lecturing but are not sure what to do differently? **Moving Beyond Lecture** will equip you to organize and lead presentations and training sessions that will consistently engage participants and greatly enhance their learning and retention.

### Good Soil Seminars **October 22 - 24, 2014**

The two-day Good Soil Basic Seminar will really get you going! 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. Plan to also attend the Trainer Certification day to learn how to train others as well!

### The Roots of Faith **June 15 - 19, 2015 - Old Testament** **June 22 - 26, 2015 - 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* & *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 to Revelation.

