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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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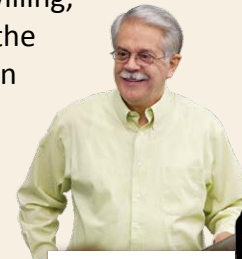
Our focus is to train and resource people for worldview-relevant evangelism and discipleship. In other words, we want to help you help people understand God better and grow closer to Him one step at a time. There aren't any programs or outlines to memorize, just training and tools to help you in any situation to get to know people and lead conversations toward spiritual matters. Lord willing, eventually those conversations will lead into studying God's Word, the Bible. The pages of this newsletter outline some of the ways we can help you do that. Hope you'll join us at a training event sometime this spring!



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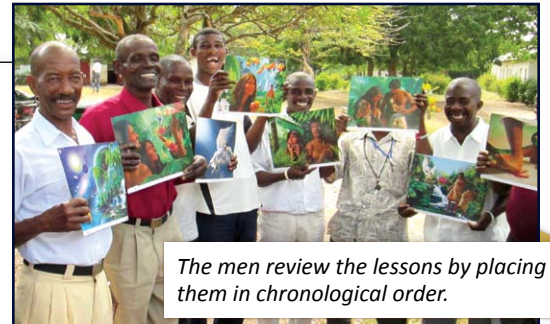
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## Bringing Understanding to Haiti!



Fred guides the pastors through a visual chronology of the Bible.

Haiti is a land that has lived under the shadow of dark folk religions such as voodoo for a long time. Recently Good Soil Trainer Fred Seiferth and his friend Pastor Mike Vauters traveled to a remote, economically depressed area of Haiti to lead a Good Soil seminar for 45 national pastors. As with any Good Soil seminar, much of the training centered around the concept that a key to evangelism is helping people to "understand" the whole



The men review the lessons by placing them in chronological order.

gospel. **What does that whole picture of the gospel look like?** Careful study of the Bible shows that the full gospel message actually begins in the very first chapter of Genesis and is not complete until the very last chapter of Revelation. Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship resources have been developed to help people understand and tell this one big story of the Bible by linking together key Bible events chronologically. Two of these resources are *The Story of Hope* Bible study book as well as the corresponding 40-image printed visual set. Fred and Mike spent a good portion of the seminar equipping these Haitian pastors to use both.

The pastors enjoyed not only learning about this one big story of redemption through Jesus Christ but also practicing with how to tell it themselves. **Seeing how God's plan for salvation through Jesus Christ is woven through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation was invigorating to them.** They couldn't wait to return to their congregations to pass on this newfound knowledge. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of these pastors to help their congregations "understand" this one big story while also equipping them to go out and tell it to others! Want to learn how to tell God's story of hope yourself? Please consider coming to one of our upcoming seminars! [www.GoodSoil.com/training](http://www.GoodSoil.com/training).

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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:

Steve, Philippines

“If I would have had this training 33 years ago my whole ministry would be different! The thousands of people that I rushed into “praying the prayer” without fully understanding what they were saying would know much better how to place their faith in Christ compared to what I previously told them...”

## Seminar Highlight

### The Roots of Faith Bible Courses:

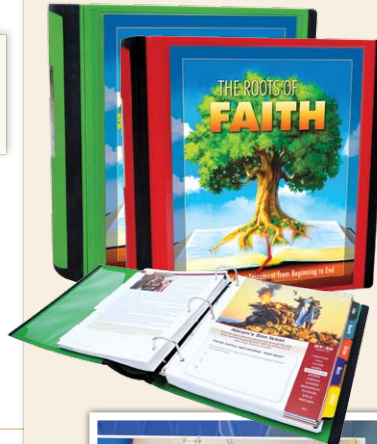
*Exploring the Bible from Beginning to End*



The Roots of Faith is an extensive and intensive study of the Bible’s redemptive story. This chronological Bible study program consists of two courses: *The Roots of Faith—Old Testament* and *The Roots of Faith—New Testament*.

### In these courses you will learn ...

- The basic content of the Old and New Testaments, the chronology of 100 major Bible events showing how the Bible progressively unfolds from Genesis through Revelation and the geographic locations where major Bible events occurred.
- Each course (Old Testament and New Testament) consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction.
- The courses are creatively interactive, engaging and lots of fun.
- Not only will you enjoy these courses as a student, but you will also simultaneously be equipped to teach these courses.
- Student workbooks and free instructor resources are available for course graduates to use in teaching others.



## Course Dates:

***The Roots of Faith – Old Testament: June 15 - 19, 2015***

***The Roots of Faith – New Testament: June 22 - 26, 2015***

Each of *The Roots of Faith* Bible courses consist of 40 hours of classroom instruction (Monday through Friday). The \$250 cost includes student instructional materials, lunch, and snacks.

For more information or to register: [www.GoodSoil.com/Roots](http://www.GoodSoil.com/Roots)



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# Letters from the Field:

From a pastor in Washington State:

“We began teaching *The Roots of Faith* course at our church in mid-January for anyone middle-school-aged and older. We encouraged parents to come with their teens as we thought it would be a good opportunity for families to learn together. On average we have about 40 people each week and cover 3 lessons per night. We are also following the same interactive format that was used when I first went through it at your facility - with three presenters for each lesson. That helps to keep the energy high and the time moving. I am observing great discussion and interaction of all ages in the learning process. Here is what one of the attendees said: **‘The interactive and chronological format makes the Bible easier to understand. I can really see the overall plan of God. This just makes more sense.’**

*The Roots of Faith* is far more than just an Old or New Testament survey. As a result of teaching these materials I have also had the opportunity to encourage two of our students to use *The Story of Hope* for outreach and discipleship opportunities that they were engaged in, and they took me up on it. I would highly recommend *The Roots of Faith* for evangelistic outreach training as well!”



Parents and teens at one of the evening sessions, working on an activity in the lesson workbook.

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

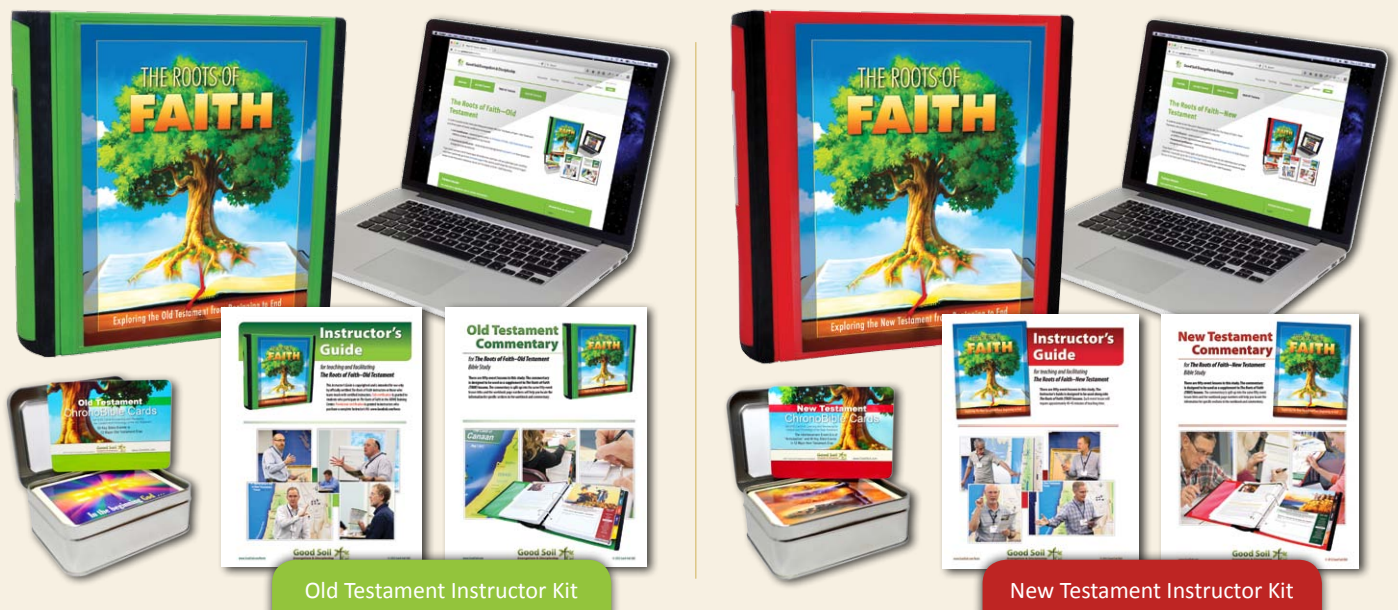


**The Roots of Faith Course Instructor Kits**      **\$100**

**Now you can teach God's redemptive story in your own church!**

Each kit for teaching *The Roots of Faith—Old Testament* or *The Roots of Faith—New Testament* includes:

1. A copy of the student workbook (OT or NT)
  2. Instructor Guides (Lesson Plans)
  3. A supplementary commentary
  4. A set of Old or New Testament Chronological Bible cards
  5. Access to the online *Instructor's Resource Center*
  6. A \$250 option (includes full kit *and* a voucher to attend the full OT or NT course at ABWE at a later time)
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## Good Soil Seminars

**May 18 - 20, 2015**

Tired of using canned ways of “presenting the gospel”? Not sure at all how to discuss spiritual matters with people? The two-day Basic and one-day Trainer Certification seminars will really get you going with Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship! Learn the Biblical foundation for how to **clearly share the gospel as God’s story of hope** in a simple and natural way with those in your life.

## Bible Storytelling

**May 21 - 22, 2015**

Looking for a way to engage people more effectively with the best story ever told? Whether you are a pastor, Bible teacher or someone who wants to communicate the truths of the Bible better, then this seminar is for you! Come learn how to tell engaging Bible stories in a way that people of all ages will be enthralled by His story of hope.

## 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.

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