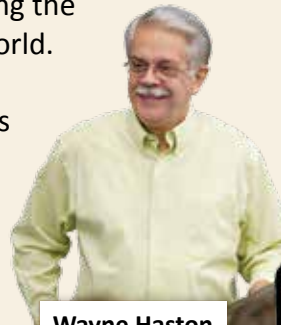




The Apostle Paul asked the Colossians to pray that he would be able to share God's message of hope clearly, as he should. It is our prayer that we could help you and your ministry coworkers to do likewise. The articles in this latest newsletter highlight the ways that God is blessing the use of Good Soil training and resources around the world.

This October there are more opportunities for you to join us near Harrisburg, PA, for our *Good Soil Seminars* and *Moving Beyond Lecture Workshop*. We hope to see you then!

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"What is a Bible?"

Steve, a missionary to the Philippines, introduced himself to the young lady seated beside him on the international flight they were on. They were engaging in small talk about her family, job, and other things when Steve decided to go deeper and asked if she knew anything about the Bible. "What is a Bible?" she asked curiously.

"You know, God's book, the Word of God." She still looked puzzled, so Steve stood up and got his study Bible from the overhead bin to show her. Her shocked reply was, "Wow, that's a Bible?" Realizing she had zero biblical knowledge, Steve knew he had to start from the beginning. He grabbed his cellphone and used *The Story of Hope* mobile app to begin introducing this young lady to God with the words "In the beginning GOD..." Then, using the 20 Bible pictures in the app, he chronologically told her the Bible's one BIG story of how someone can find salvation through Jesus Christ. She loved the beautiful pictures and was amazed by God's story, but Steve could tell her understanding of it all was still quite low. She was excited to learn more but their flight was over. Steve knew it was in God's hands so he didn't pressure her to make any premature decisions.

Thankfully she agreed to meet Steve and his daughter in the city they were visiting. Steve's daughter, who is fluent in Vietnamese, was able to share more about God and His love in the young woman's heart language. Steve was also able to give her a copy of *The Story of Hope* in English.

He is currently working on translating *The Story of Hope* into Vietnamese and **we are praying with Steve that the Lord will provide the funds to print it.** If you are interested in helping financially with this project please contact us at Info@GoodSoil.com. Please also pray for this young woman, that she would continue to grow in her understanding and come to a true saving faith in Jesus Christ!

Go to your app store or follow the links at www.GoodSoil.com/Resources to download your free version of *The Story of Hope-Condensed* mobile app.



Steve with his new friend



Steve's daughter sharing God's story of hope in Vietnamese

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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 Pastor:

Rich, North Dakota

“Our group just finished the book **Gaining Ground with Good Soil** yesterday. We had a great time working through it together. It has made sharing the gospel more meaningful to those who have gotten involved. We have also used **The Story of Hope** in a jail ministry and with our Youth Leadership training. Hoping it becomes a regular part of most of the ministries we have here.”

Seminar Highlight



Moving Beyond Lecture:
Become a Creative Facilitator of Interactive Training



In today’s world it is very difficult to hold people’s attention. Studies show that learning and retention go up when participants are actively engaged. In the *Moving Beyond Lecture* workshop you will discover a six-step process for designing sermons, presentations and training sessions that consistently keep people focused and involved.

1. **Mind Map** - Learn a quick and easy visual method for determining the content needed for your training/teaching sessions.
2. **Define Objectives** - Decide what you want participants to know, be able to do, and to feel as a result of your training/teaching.
3. **Prioritize Content** - Differentiate between the content that participants really *need to know* and that which is only *nice to know*. Also, determine what content you should tell them *where to go* to find, if needed.
4. **Outline Content** - Based upon the visual *mind map*, organize the teaching content into an outline form.
5. **Chunk Content** - Based upon the outline, organize the teaching content into *chunks* (bite-size segments) that can be taught in about 20 minutes. Each chunk includes some new content and time to process that content. A review activity should occur after two or three chunks (40-60 minutes period).
6. **Insert Activities** - Explore alternatives to lecture that will add options to your presentational toolkit.



October Workshop Date:

October 22-23, 2015

Plan to join us this October at this life-changing workshop!
www.GoodSoil.com/training/moving-beyond-lecture for more information and to register.



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Letters from the Field:

From Jessica, a new missionary, who participated in *The Roots of Faith* courses this past June:

“We had fantastic instructors from all over the globe that utilized a very interactive teaching style with lots of audience participation. That really helped me to internalize what we were learning! The courses emphasized going chronologically through the events in the Bible and looking with fresh eyes as if we had never heard the Bible at all before. We dove into the details and historical context as well as stepped back and looked at the large reoccurring themes (God’s judgment, His Love, His record of keeping promises, His power). This was a great exercise since many of us will encounter people with no Biblical background.”

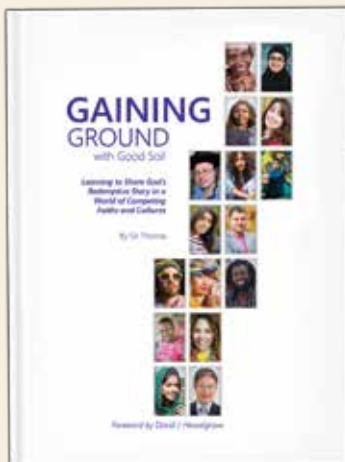
The Roots of Faith is a chronological Bible survey, from Genesis through Revelation, but it is much more than that. It traces the unfolding of God’s progressive revelation of major theological concepts, especially those theological truths that are closely related to mankind’s spiritual needs and God’s plan of salvation. Students learn key content of 50 Old Testament and 50 New Testament events along with their geographic locations, spanning 25 major Bible eras.

Pastors, missionaries, Christian school teachers (for continuing education), students (college credits available) and Bible teachers at all levels should consider attending *The Roots of Faith* training in June 2016. To learn more, go to www.GoodSoil.com/Roots.



Jessica and another student work through an activity in the Conversion of Cornelius event lesson.

New Resources! www.GoodSoil.com/resources



Pre-order *Gaining Ground with Good Soil* Now!

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Gaining Ground With Good Soil, an evangelism and discipleship training narrative is a scaled-down version of the Good Soil E&D seminar in a narrative format. It follows hard-working, dedicated missionaries who are contemplating leaving the field because of a lack of solid fruit. A last-gasp Bible study reveals a theology of evangelism and discipleship that inspires and equips them to continue to pursue their calling. The principles gained from this theology are applicable to anyone wishing to serve God through biblical evangelism and discipleship. Free resources for individual and group study are also available for download.

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Mark Your Calendars! *Interactive and Fun Learning!*

Good Soil Seminars

October 19-21, 2015

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!

Moving Beyond Lecture

October 22-23, 2015

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? The *Moving Beyond Lecture* Workshop will equip you to organize and lead presentations and training sessions that will consistently engage participants and greatly enhance their learning and retention.

The Roots of Faith

June 13 - 17, 2016 - Old Testament
June 20 - 24, 2016 - 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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