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The

# Lutmanns

Serving with Bible Visuals International



Speaking in History of Civ class

**“ . . . a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us . . . ”**

Near the end of the book of Joshua the tribes on the East side of the Jordan River set up a replica of the altar at Shiloh. Although the other tribes initially thought this was an act of rebellion and false worship, they eventually came to understand that these tribes had a sincere purpose in their act. This symbolic altar was to show that they were part of Israel despite the geographic boundary of the Jordan River. Now that fact was obvious at the moment, but Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh were concerned for the future, for their children.



Ginger at BJU

Part of my role at Bible Visuals International is encouraging a similar concern among the church for the spiritual welfare of future generations. We recently returned from a trip to South Carolina which included taking part in the Bob Jones University Global Opportunities Week. It was a great week of interacting with the students through classroom presentations and through our booth in a display hall. Some of the classes I shared in had a direct connection to our ministry work. I was especially grateful for the opportunity to meet with art students. Some of these folks may serve as future illustrators for our materials.



(Left) . . . After hearing dad speak a few times . . . (Middle) with Elly Kalagayan of BVI logo fame (Right) Jesse w/siblings and cousins

Betsy and I both had opportunity to share in a combined class Reporting for Broadcast/ Reporting for Print. I shared about a recent opportunity BVI has in North Africa to work with a Christian satellite tv network to create visualized broadcasts of our Bible lessons and stories. Betsy shared about the numerous opportunities she has had to assist our ministry and many others using her skills as a videographer.

During our time in Greenville we had opportunity to enjoy a meal with students connected with our home church, Harvest Bible Church in Lancaster. I also met up with my good friend, Elly Kalagayan, who has worked on a number of BVI design projects over the past several years. For our kids, the highlight of the trip was meeting up with their eight cousins who live in the area. Jesse turned six at the beginning of October and got to celebrate with a bunch of family!

While we were in South Carolina we enjoyed a Sunday meeting at Cleveland Park Bible Church in Spartanburg. There was some nostalgia in this visit too. For one, the church is located just up the road from the nursing home where Betsy and I first met while serving on an extension ministry there. This church is also the sending church of our good friends and missionaries to France, Michael and Liz Cole. I told the folks at Cleveland Park that I am always concerned with supplying materials to ministry partners abroad but it is especially meaningful when I get them into the hands of personal friends like the Coles. Our other missionary friends in France, the Dodelers, recently sent me some pictures of their Bible club this summer where they taught our biography on hymn writer Fanny Crosby.



(Left) enjoying dinner w/BJU students (Middle) Magnolia Place nursing home in Spartanburg (2000) (Right) Dodelers using Fanny Crosby story

Our trip to South Carolina wasn't our only trip in recent months. Back in August we traveled out to western Pennsylvania where we spent a Sunday at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Prospect. I presented the ministry in the morning and field tested our new story called **When I am Weak**. In the evening I conducted a teacher training workshop with their children's ministry workers. It's always an encouragement to see fellow believers investing time and energy in learning how to more effectively communicate God's Word to children.

From western Pennsylvania we headed out to Ohio to spend a few days with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ohio. We enjoyed spending time with these ministry workers as we

gathered by the shores of Lake Erie at the Beulah Beach Conference Center. I conducted another teacher workshop here focused on applying technology in children's ministry. I am certainly not a tech guru, but I have found a number of tools and applications helpful in teaching children.



(Left) Mt. Zion Baptist in Prospect, PA



(Middle) on the shores of Lake Erie



(Right) surprise visit from David & Mary Cofer

One unexpected blessing during this trip was a quick visit with Betsy's brother and sister-in-law, David and Mary Cofer. They traveled out from Illinois on a quick business trip to the Cleveland area.

We're now back in Lancaster for a while which will give me some more time to devote to ongoing production projects. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of our family.

Tom & Betsy Luttmann and family

### Prayer Requests

1. Our family helps out with a Good News Club at Wharton Elementary in Lancaster. Pray for a fruitful ministry here as we get started with the fall semester. Elijah and his friend Toby went through CEF Teen training recently, so they are our newest helpers!
2. During our recent trip to South Carolina, a water pipe broke in the BVI office. There was plenty of water everywhere, but thankfully no materials were damaged and our computer system was unaffected. Pray for us as we work through the necessary plumbing and facility repairs.
3. Betsy and I are working on a project to create a tract people can print and give out on Halloween. It shares some details about Martin Luther (Reformation Day) and shares the Gospel. It also has a QR code that links to a youtube video of our full story on Martin Luther called The Refuge. Betsy and I are finishing up this project now so it can be available by the end of the month.
4. We continue working through some strategic planning issues at BVI. Please pray for much wisdom for myself, the board of BVI and everyone involved. May God's glory be paramount in the process.



(Left) visit to Positive Action for Christ in NC (Middle) with Mickey & Trina Cofer's (Mongolia) son Jaaz at BJU (Right) singing with the Poborsky's at Harvest



(Left) Elijah enjoying Gravitopia in Greenville (Middle & Right) The beginning of a busy semester at Wharton Elementary Good News Club

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