

THE Intercessor



Children's choir performing at the BVI banquet

STORIES OF GRACE

🎉 SPECIAL EDITION: 59th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET REVIEW 🎉

Attendance: 287 Banquet offering: \$13,795

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A special thanks to Melody Mayer and Dr. Christine Beiler for coordinating the banquet

On May 10th, BVI celebrated 59 years of ministry by hosting a banquet at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Our "Stories of Grace" banquet focused on the work of grace God has done in the Gospel throughout the ages and among all people.

Almost 300 people gathered for our celebration. The evening included prelude music provided by young people from Harvest Bible Church in Lancaster. A children's choir from the Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts supplied the evening's special music.

Director Tom Luttmann gave an update on the ministry including BVI's latest production projects of the **David Brainerd Story** and the **Elinor Young Story**. The evening's offering went in part towards these projects. Tom also shared about some of the exciting opportunities BVI is having abroad through licensing/distribution agreements in Mongolia, India, The Republic of Georgia, The Ukraine and Brazil.

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Guest speaker, Dr. Tim Keesee from Frontline Missions International, also shared during the evening. His personal experiences with ministry partners in hard to reach places added to the “stories of grace” theme. Like BVI, Frontline Missions International has helped share these stories of God’s grace. Dr. Keesee showed two clips from their video series called **Dispatches from the Front**.

BVI board member, Matt Black, did a great job emceeing the banquet. Before the offering he shared his own testimony of coming to faith in Christ as a young man in the midst of a troubled childhood. BVI materials in the hands of some faithful Sunday School teachers helped plant the seed of the Gospel in his own heart.

The evening ended with the children’s choir singing “Lord of the Small” an arrangement by Dan Forrest.

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid
who girds them with courage and lends them His aid,
He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak,
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill
who heals their afflictions or carries them till,
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly.
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live
who’ve been given so much and can so little give
our frail lisping praise God will never despise-
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

You can see more pictures and video from the banquet at www.biblevisuals.org/banquet





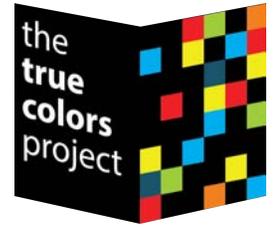
BVI materials in interesting places

During a trip to the UK last fall, Tom & Betsy Luttmann were able to visit the church in Olney where John Newton pastored. They left a copy of the **Depths of Grace** story at the Cowper and Newton Museum in town. Now the museum has started carrying the books! The new family format printed through Amazon makes it easier for BVI to supply these titles abroad.



True Colors Update

Since 2003 BVI's True Colors Project has focused on bringing all of our older illustrations into full color. This has been a mammoth task, but within the last year we have been making significant progress.



Since just last year 37 volumes of the Visualized Bible Series have been updated or are currently in process! Several of these volumes have recently been reprinted and made available. Others are still in need of funds before we can print. If you'd like to learn more and have a part in this project visit: www.biblevisuals.org/projects/truecolors



MONDAY

- Praise! Office Manager, Patti Pope, recently had an MRI and there is no evident reoccurrence of her brain tumor from 2014.
- Last month, Director Tom Luttmann celebrated 16 years of marriage and 8 years as Director at BVI. Pray for continued faithfulness as a husband, a father and a ministry director.

TUESDAY

- Praise! Web Store coordinator, Melody Mayer, recently purchased a home in the area which finalized her move back from Michigan.
- Pray for Dave Spangler in the office as he helps guide the ministry through our webstore update process.

WEDNESDAY

- Praise! Since the beginning of the year, licensing agreements have been signed between BVI and ministry partners in The Ukraine and Brazil.
- Pray for volunteers John Griffiths and Christy Aucott as they work through the details of more licensing agreements.

THURSDAY

- Praise the Lord for the offering provision through the Stories of Grace Banquet. Pray for wise stewardship.

FRIDAY

- Pray for the Moy sisters as they continue work on the David Brainerd story project.
- Pray for wisdom for the ministry as we consider new production projects.

SATURDAY

- Praise! Only three (out of 78) Bible volumes still need to be translated into Spanish. Pray for all our volunteer translators carrying out this work.

SUNDAY

- Pray for those training others to serve this summer in outreach ministries to children.
- Pray for those receiving training and who will be spending their summer in camp, club or other outreach ministries to children.
- Pray for those children who will be ministered to through these opportunities.



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BVI partners with Good Life Ministries in India to help supply visualized Bible lessons and stories for use in their VBS ministries held in January. This year they had 18,000 children in attendance. Smaller groups gather throughout the week but on the last day, a massive tent is set up for a group gathering!

Learn more at www.biblevisuals.org/partnerships