



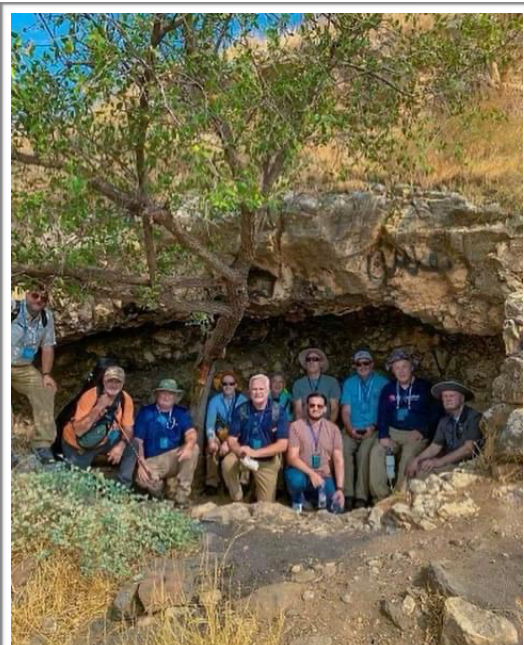
Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

October 2022

In 2013, I led a group on a tour of the Holy Land. It was a wonderful trip with couples who loved the Lord. Being there really transforms the reading of God's Word forever. As you read, you see and feel Israel, God's chosen people.

Deuteronomy 7:6 – “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession”.

While I was there in 2013, God laid it on my heart to one day take a group of guys where we would all share in the teaching and learn from one another. This would give me more time to simply slow down and meditate. This year I was able to take this trip and journey throughout Israel together with other men as we encouraged one another to be in unbroken communion with God!



2022 Disciple-Making Holy Land Journey. Our group on location where Jesus prayed.



I often teach on our resurrection “with Christ.” All of us were remembering this as we went in and came out of His tomb.

Romans 6:5 – “For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection ...”

When I got back home from Israel, a team of us went to the Cooper-Young festival in midtown Memphis to distribute thousands of gospel tracts to many who attended locally and from the tri-state area.

I then drove to Linden, TN and was honored to preach the homecoming service at First Baptist Linden. We had many come forward to pray at the altar for a fresh surrender to the Holy Spirit. I believe God is going to do a great new work at this church with their new pastor Rev. Bill Edge. I preached a revival there many years ago as I transitioned from Bellevue Baptist as Minister of Pastoral Care to forming Abiding Above Ministries. This transition has enabled me to share with many churches, conferences, and countries the messages that burn in my heart, “**Christ Died For You**” to the lost and “**Christ Died As You**” for believers.



Before I left for our 2022 September/October Multiplying Disciple-Making Training and Evangelism mission trip to Kenya, Africa, I preached at Memphis Union Mission and heard many pray to receive Christ. I shared with them that I was about to board a plane to Kenya. That announcement was received with applause and a genuine interest was especially shown by the African Americans there. In this picture, you can see them holding up wooden crosses that Bill May, a man in his 90s, makes for Abiding Above Ministries. We also gave hundreds of these to people in Kenya, Africa.



I so look forward to sharing on October 18th with these men at the Union Mission about the Kenyan people, their customs, and the Jesus Film presentations and the disciple-making training we did there. Many were saved, many were trained in disciple-making, and our church plants are doing wonderfully.

I will report more on these specific things in our next two newsletters. There is so much that I want to share with you and more pictures to show. Please go to our website at www.abidingabove.org and our social media sites for additional pictures and reports of this mission trip!

As I type this newsletter, I'm packed and ready for my midnight flight out of Nairobi, Kenya and back to America.



Please pray as God continues to use 3,000 of our gospel tracts called "How Can I Get To Heaven?" which were translated into Swahili and given out to the people in Kenya. Though we will be gone, these paper missionaries will still be there, and we believe God will cause them to show up in the most perfect places to get His gospel spread far and wide!

Thank you for praying, giving, and sending! You are special!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3

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