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The Vision of Precept Ministries International

To establish people in God's Word to live as exemplary followers of Jesus Christ, studying the Bible inductively, viewing the world Biblically, making disciples intentionally, and serving the Church faithfully in the power of the Holy Spirit.

About *Plumbline*

The plumb line is pictured in Scripture as the standard of Truth. "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people. . ." (Amos 7:8). Our goal with *Plumbline* is to help Precept supporters like you measure all of life by God's Word. May it bless you!



SPECIAL SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Your Support Reveals God's Word to People Around the World

Summer. This is our chance. This is our opportunity. This is when we can reach people around the world. Right now, when they're searching, seeking, hungering for God's Word.

We will engage with them in Precept camps in many countries and several languages through your generous gifts. Throughout the year, we'll reach 60,000 people around the world. With Bible study, and activities like sports, the camps bring people together and give them the opportunity to discover God's Word and we see hearts opening to Jesus' love.

In troubled parts of the world, people are at risk, lured by false teachings and dangerous ideologies. But through Precept, they'll have the chance to discover God's Word and see for themselves how it changes their lives.

It takes a lot of prayers and financial support to make this happen. The truth is, more than 70 percent of our funding comes from believers like you. That's why I urge you to think of your gift toward this special summer opportunity as an investment. An investment with an amazing return.

Think of it: Because of you, people around the world will become established in God's Word. As their faith deepens, they'll realize what it means to live—to truly live—in Jesus' love. With their hearts overflowing, they'll share what they've discovered and then—Praise God—disciples for His Kingdom will really multiply!

David Arthur
CEO

A MESSAGE FROM KAY

Kay Arthur, Co-Founder of Precept Ministries

How You're a Channel of God's Love



O Beloved,

Do you realize how greatly God is using *your* gifts, your financial partnership with Precept Ministries International, to transform the lives of men, women, teens, and children ALL OVER THE WORLD?

You have made the most significant investment you could ever make in a person's life. You have been used by God to provide tools and training which help individuals know and understand God's Word for themselves—so that God Himself, by His Spirit, becomes their teacher (Psalm 119:102 NASB).

Nothing is more foundational, imperative, critical, vital than that! His word is our life! You, beloved, through your prayers and gracious ministry of giving (2 Corinthians 8-9) have nourished the eternal souls of individuals from the nations of this world, so they can know and be prepared to meet their God!

When the apostle Peter wrote his final letter, the first truth he wanted his readers to know was that God has given us *everything*—*EVERYTHING*—that pertains to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Him (2 Peter 1:3).

THAT IS HUGE! God uses Peter's impending death to remind generations that everything any human being needs for all of life is found in one book: His book, the Bible.

While other books are informative or entertaining in actuality **WE NEED NO BOOK OTHER THAN THE BIBLE.** But we must know how to study it for ourselves, to handle it accurately.

And this, beloved, is exactly what your investment does. Read the stories in this *Plumline* and know that God divinely brought us together for this purpose. There is no other explanation for Precept Ministries International except God! He raised us up for such a time as this.

It seems like God may be wrapping things up. In the final chapter and book of His Bible, Jesus said, "I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done" (Revelation 22:12).

May your reward be great, beloved . . . and may we hasten His coming by getting His Gospel—His good news which begins in Genesis and ends in Revelation to His world.

Hugs and Hebrews 13:20-21,

Salvation Around the World

Four Lives Transformed with Jesus' Love and Your Gifts

In countries around the world, your support brings people to His Word through our Inductive Bible Study Method. See how Jesus' love has touched these lives.

RINA'S STORY

Tragedy Led Her to the Lord



Living in Israel, Rina grew up in a wealthy family. "I thought nothing could harm us," she said. But when her uncle lost two children, and another uncle had a son dying of cancer, the sadness was overwhelming.

It drove Rina to do something unexpected. She felt moved to call a friend from many years ago, a woman who had tutored her as a child. She didn't realize it, but God's plan was unfolding.

A Christian woman, Rina's friend offered to talk with her and pray with her, and it sparked something. Suddenly, Rina realized she was hungry for God's Word. Her friend contacted Precept in Israel, and they provided Inductive Bible Study materials. And when Rina began studying, it opened her eyes and her heart. "The words jump off the page," she said, amazed, "you hear the voice!"

But unfortunately, crisis turned to tragedy. Her nephew slowly grew sicker, and Rina turned to God in prayer. "I asked God," she said, "please don't take this child."

Miraculously, she soon learned that her nephew's condition had stabilized.

Rina's heart leaped up. "I started to understand that God listens," she said, "that God answers."

And a week later, Rina got wonderful, joyful news—her nephew was coming home from the hospital. Rina cried out, "Come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

Today, every time she sees her nephew, she thanks him. "It's because of him that I became hungry for God's Word and this method of study," she said. "It has truly led me to understand the Word of God."

GRACE'S STORY

"It's my goal to glorify the Lord!"



At 16, Grace attended Precept's Transform 2015 Boot Camp, and it deepened her faith in unexpected ways.

"The more I dug into His Word," she said, "the closer He drew me to Himself. I was blessed so much that week. It gave me faith, strength, and boldness.

"After camp, I talked with friends about what the Lord did that week and encouraged them to apply this year, and I led my Sunday school class through a short study I was equipped with during camp. It showed me how to love those around me and how to let God use me for His Kingdom's purpose. It's my daily goal to glorify the Lord!"

ANIL'S STORY

From Hinduism to Loving God's Word



Living in India, Anil Kumar Gopinath took part in Precept's training and it transformed his life.

"I am from a Hindu family," Anil said, "and I accepted Jesus in 1991. The training was a blessing for me. This was the first time I got an opportunity to attend such life-changing classes.

"Many things I learned—first and foremost, how to learn the Word of God properly without anyone's help. There are so many false teachings and teachers around us. People are confused. But the method we are using is very good. I learned that knowing about God and knowing God are different, and I also learned how to know God more intimately from the Word of God. Now I know how to study the Word of God, understand the truth, and how to apply it in my life."

MEGAN'S STORY

Her Faith Defeated Fear



A personal challenge from a friend led Megan to explore the truth of God's Word.

"I began to realize how I had been consumed by fear," Megan said. "So I began the Precept study *Lord, Teach*

Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days. It was as if I were reading Scripture for the first time. I had been interpreting Scripture based on how my pastors or mentors had interpreted it.

"After finishing this, I started *The Power of Knowing God*. I then moved on to *Breaking Free from Fear*, which showed me that my fears were seeds of lies Satan had been planting. So I began *Spiritual Warfare: Overcoming the Enemy*. It opened my eyes even more to the spiritual battle going on. These studies have given me great assurance in the power of the great I Am, while comforting me in the loving kindness of our gentle Father." ■

Visit Us ONLINE and Grow Closer to Christ

At www.Precept.org, discover inspiring resources that reveal God's Word, like these:

- **FREE:** *Learn to Study Your Bible* course
- **FREE:** *Jeremiah Part One* course
- **FREE:** *Precepts for Life* program
- **FREE:** Recent issues of *Plumbline* newsletters
- **FREE:** Join our Online Community for Bible studies, videos, and live web events
- **And more!**

PLUS, you can see how our online Bible training, Bible study classes and programs, continuing education, and other programs will deepen your relationship with Christ. His Word is waiting to be revealed to you.

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International Students Discover the Joy of Jesus' Love

How Your Support Empowers Bob and Sandra to Share God's Word

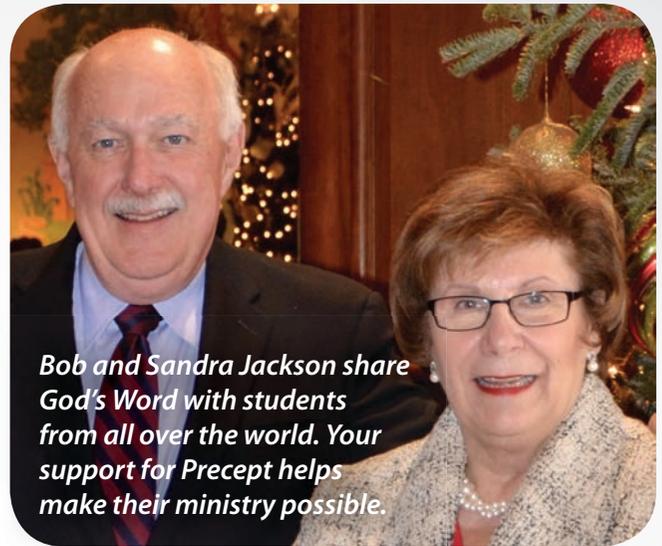
“I wonder,” Sandra asked herself, “if anyone is involved with international students at Virginia Tech?” That innocent question started it all, creating a ministry that has touched the lives of young people from almost every country in the world. Here’s how it happened.

Bob and Sandra Jackson had just moved to Virginia to start North Star Church. It was 2002. They’d been active with Precept for years, attending classes, teaching classes, and traveling overseas to Precept’s training center.

Their first project in Virginia was to start a Hispanic center in Galax to reach out to the laborers in that community. “I’ve always had this mission to minister to people from other countries,” Sandra says with a laugh.

As her commitment deepened, Sandra got the idea to start English conversation classes for international students at Virginia Tech with Precept’s Bible Study programs. At first, she was a little intimidated by these brilliant students. “But I soon discovered that they have needs in their lives,” she says. “Science cannot solve their problems. They’re searching for God.”

With faith and enthusiasm, their ministry grew, and today it includes the international wives group, the Sunday night Bible discussions, and participation in North Star Church. “I believe our international training with Precept made it possible for us to do this ministry,” Sandra says. It’s brought the world to their doorstep, and Bob and Sandra love it.



Bob and Sandra Jackson share God's Word with students from all over the world. Your support for Precept helps make their ministry possible.

Sandra’s current focus is the Chinese community at Virginia Tech. “The Chinese population at the school doubled last year,” Sandra says, amazed. “They’re very open to learning about the Lord, which is fantastic.”

So, every week Sandra hosts an all-Chinese international wives group, and every Sunday night there’s dinner and Bible study. At one event, Sandra met a Chinese doctoral student, a brilliant young man. Over tea, he grew serious. He told Sandra, “I want to ask you a question. What is living? I don’t mean what is life. I mean what is living?” Sandra answered, “Well, it’s love, joy, and peace. You can’t have that—you can’t really live—without Christ in your life. For me, that is really living.”

As much as Bob and Sandra treasure their time with international students, they know their ministry really bears fruit when the students return home, taking their passion for God’s Word with them—like one young woman in Sandra’s study group.

“She’s solid in the Word of God,” Sandra says. “She’s looking for a job, but she told me, ‘If I don’t get a job here, I know it’s God’s will for me to go back to China.’”

With Sandra’s help, this young lady has built her life on the Lord. “That’s exciting for me,” Sandra says, “because I know God will sustain her, and I know she’ll have a ministry in China. She’ll reach believers there.”

What a blessing for these students at Virginia Tech! Bob and Sandra’s ministry touches and transforms lives, and your support helps make it possible. Thanks to you, the impact for Christ keeps growing around the world. ■

Her Life Overflows with Jesus' Love

Marika's Happiness and Your Support

Her walk with the Lord began when Marika was just 9 years old. Living in Moldova, she felt so sad that she thought about suicide. But praise God, thanks to your generous support, Precept was there. Marika started attending Precept's taekwondo camp and Bible study. Our sports camps bring people together and introduce them to God's Word and our ministry. At 13, Marika received the Lord. Her life bloomed with happiness, and the blessings continued.

Marika continued with taekwondo, even participating in competitions with the national team. She started her own Bible study group and became a Precept trainer. Yet, the blessings still continued.

Just last year Marika married Ion, another taekwondo champion and Precept trainer. Together, with His love filling their hearts, they minister to people in four villages in their country through sports and Precept's Bible study. Then, the greatest blessing of all.

Marika gave birth to a beautiful little boy, Emanuel. She and Ion are thrilled, giving thanks every day to Jesus. "The Lord blessed me with a child," she says, with tears of happiness, "and the joy to share my faith with everyone, including every nurse and the doctors who assisted me."



Marika and Ion with their baby, Emanuel. God has blessed them through Precept, and so has your support.

Her faith stronger than ever, Marika reached out to her doctor, the nurses, and another woman in the hospital with God's Word and Precept Bible study. So they can discover the blessings that she's found.

Isn't it amazing how God's Word touches lives through Precept? Your support makes it happen. Thank you! ■



VIDEO

The Barn

How a barn in Iowa farm country became a Precept training center. Watch Choya and Steve Bielenberg's inspiring story of devotion to God's Word.

Visit www.precept.org/thebarn

Discover a Call to Christ in this Q & A

A wonderful friend of our ministry, Ken Guise has served on Precept's board for the past four years and is now taking a new leadership role as chairperson. We're blessed to have him with us.

Precept: How did you become acquainted with Precept?

Ken: Like most good things in my life, it came through my wife and daughter. They both attended Precept events, and my wife took the leadership course and became a teacher. I took a couple of her courses. Then I did the leadership training too, so today I teach and take courses.

Precept: Wow, that's wonderful. How has this impacted you personally?

Ken: It's deepened my knowledge of God's Word. It's let me go much deeper in my personal relationship with the Lord. The process just slows me down so I can dig down to really discover the treasures that are there to be unlocked.

Precept: You've served on Precept's board. What led you to join us in that capacity?

Ken: I was blessed to be able to travel internationally and hear Kay and David teach, and I got to know them personally. I have incredible respect for them. So when they asked me to consider serving on the board, I was humbled and honored. I've been privileged to serve for four years now. It's been a true blessing in my life.



Ken and Juanita Guise share God's Word through Precept training and your generous support.

Precept: What's ahead for Precept . . . what are the priorities going forward?

Ken: To continue to establish people in God's Word. That's our mission. It's simple and it's beautiful. What I hope to help with is using technology to reach more people. For example, taking online classes. It's incredible when you realize that you're in a session online with people all across the U.S., and even around the world. In seconds, I can be in touch with an online community of believers. That's powerful. And it's especially vital now when we see society decaying. I think that just makes Precept's work even more valuable and more necessary.

Precept: Why should people support Precept Ministries?

Ken: There's a Bible study group that had just started in Paris right before the terrorist attack in that country. Their study and belief gave them strength at that horrible time. When people share their gifts with us, they can be confident that they're sharing God's Word at home and abroad. It sustains people. It gives people strength. It transforms their lives. As a supporter, you will touch lives all around the world and open people's hearts to Scripture. This ministry is so incredibly valuable.



Matching Gift Update: SUCCESS!

This spring, a generous friend of the ministry provided a \$150,000 matching grant to establish more people in God's Word. We're rejoicing in God's provision through supporters like you who helped complete the match! The \$150,000 raised will be doubled to \$300,000, so every dollar you gave will provide *twice* the impact. ***Thank you for your support!***