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the nations, His wonderful
deeds among all the peoples.*

—Psalm 96:3 NASB



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David Arthur
CEO of Precept Ministries

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!

Rejoice first . . . and then resolve to act!

I never tire of sharing what God is doing through your support of Precept Ministries International.

In this edition of *Plumbline* you'll find many heartfelt testimonies and uplifting stories about unreached people who are now being reached with the Good News, and about believers who are overjoyed to find they are growing in their faith as they become firmly established in God's Word through Precept's Inductive Bible Study.

But know this, the heartfelt stories we are describing in this issue are just a sampling. Resources don't exist to share the mountain of emails, texts, notes, and letters we receive from every corner of the globe demonstrating how your partnership is honoring Christ's command to—

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19 ESV).

So as you read about lives saved and changed by God's provision through faithful friends like you, rejoice first . . . and then resolve to act, because our work is far from done and time is short.

Millions more lost and broken souls have yet to hear the Good News, and millions of believers still hunger for the tools and knowledge they need to be established in His Word.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity as, together, we take the hope and truth of God's Word to our desperate, hurting world.

David Arthur, CEO

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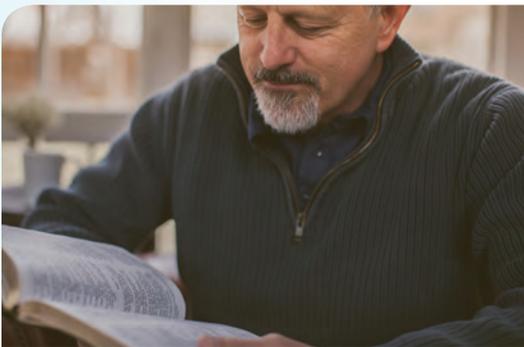
Share Your Story!



So many friends write in to share how Precept Ministries International has impacted their lives. We just had to share a few of these heartfelt notes with you to demonstrate how God is using your prayers and support each day to impact others. Thank you for partnering with us!

Thank you

I would not know the Word of God as I do, nor would I know God Himself as well, if years ago I had not been introduced to Precept Bible Studies. I have used them to share with others so they could grow also. ***Thank you, Shirley***



Thanking God

God moved me last year to send a Russian International Inductive Study Bible to a Russian lad I sponsor. I have pictures of him smiling with it. Very shortly afterward, Russia closed all orphans from receiving gifts from outside of Russia. Thank God he received it! —***John***

His Truth

I couldn't have enjoyed the good times or survived the bad times without God's Word. Thank you for your faithfulness in leading us to His Truth! —***Janie***



Blessings

I began as a student about 27 years ago. What a blessing it is! Nothing compares to His Word and no other Bible study compares to Precept! ***Blessings, Rebecca****

Spreading the Good News

I was involved in Precept studies for a few years and learned so much, and I realized just how important it is to support the spread of the Good News throughout the world! —***Helen***

Praise Him!

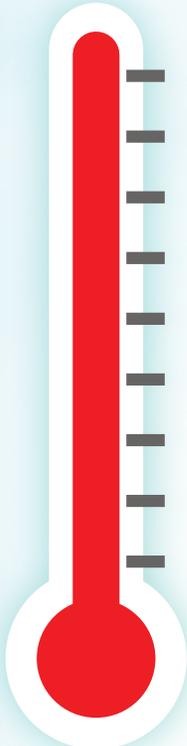
I've studied almost all the books of the Bible with Precept over the years. I taught my daughter, her husband, and now the grandkids and their spouses. It's so exciting to see how powerful God's Word is and how it changes lives for good! Praise Him! —***Jean*** ■



**Name changed*

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

—Proverbs 3:1-2 ESV



Matching Challenge Goal—MET!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Your compassion and generosity allowed us to meet our Spring Matching Challenge Goal of \$125,000. That meant thousands of desperately poor and neglected boys and girls across Eurasia were able to attend one of our 3,000 life-transforming summer Bible camps!

Across Eurasia, little ones trapped in lives of hardship had the opportunity to attend one of Precept's 3,000 summer Bible camps, thanks to gifts from friends like you who helped meet the \$125,000 Matching Challenge. ***Please support Precept's ongoing outreach to boys and girls around the world who need to know someone cares . . . God loves them . . . and there is hope for their future! ■***



Answering the Call

Your prayers and financial support are God's provision in helping establish people all around the world deeper in His Word!

FROM LATIN AMERICA TO SOUTH KOREA, FROM THE HEART OF AFRICA TO THE MOST REMOTE REGIONS OF RUSSIA, YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS MAKING AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE IN COUNTLESS LIVES THROUGH PRECEPT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL'S ANSWERING THE CALL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING—

IN JAPAN: Over 70 people attended PUP training in Okinawa. The organizer of the event had hoped for 20 to attend and was thrilled when over 70 signed up and 46 of them asked to be trained to become PUP leaders!

Many attendees were greatly impacted and deeply grateful for this opportunity. Among them, Sylvia who shared, "Thank you for the opportunity to become a

part of Precept Ministries—to be an ambassador for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; what a blessing! Because of the simplicity of your teaching and the leading of the Spirit of God, my confidence in learning, understanding, and teaching the Word of God has grown. I pray God strengthens in you all you have poured out on me and everyone else."

IN EURASIA: Our work in public schools continues to grow. A Precept team that works in five schools is excited because they have reached 710 students and 24 teachers. Maria, a leader in this team, is a retired teacher. When someone asked her how she likes teaching in schools she said, "I believe the Lord gave me life to serve Him. Teaching the Word of God in schools is such a joy. I asked the Lord

for at least 100 students and He gave me 300! What a wonderful God we have!" Our trainer Radu went to a sports academy to present Precept studies and share how he uses them in his sports and Bible groups. He taught the inductive method to the coaches and invited them to the training. After this they decided to introduce Bible study to the sports academy!

IN PERU: We recently held a *Fast Track* training in the Quechua language in Andahuaylas. Here's what our trainer had to say:

"Thanks to our sovereign God for this workshop in the Quechua language which the people can understand and apply without difficulty . . . compared to other workshops we hold in Spanish.

BECAUSE MILLIONS STILL HUNGER TO KNOW GOD'S WORD!

All around the world, people are crying out for help and hope as unprecedented violence, disease, and disaster drive them to the brink of despair. **That is why, with only weeks remaining in 2015, we are asking all friends and supports to unite with us in prayer that we can raise \$3,892,912 by December 31 in order to accomplish these ministry goals:**

Training and Leadership Development—\$302,194. Funding is needed to provide

training and leadership development for those who wish to train local coordinators, national leaders, and other believers use their hunger for God to disciple others.

International Ministry—\$819,261. Funding is needed to provide training and Inductive Study materials in dozens of languages to people around the world who long to study God's Word in their native language.

Core Ministry Functions—\$2,771,457. Funds are urgently needed to cover the core day-to-day ministry of Precept, including Bible study, curriculum development, creation of online resources, and much more.

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support that will allow us to close out this year strong and prepared for an even more impactful 2016! ■

The Holy Spirit convicted them of sins they had hidden deep in their hearts, and enabled them to confess them with tears and repent. When we studied the topic of sex according to the Bible

they couldn't believe what they were hearing. They read with tears welling up in their eyes and began to pray. The Lord "took the wind" out of the taboo on this theme that had never been touched on

before, since sex was considered dirty, something that "shouldn't be talked about in church." ■



What an answer to prayer! I have been praying to desire God's Word like "daily bread" but have felt overwhelmed. Now I have tools and confidence to dig into the Word of God for myself! —Gretchen



A MESSAGE FROM

Kay

Kay Arthur, Co-Founder of Precept Ministries

Thanking God for you!

Beloved,

Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

This verse from Psalm 96:3 (NASB) is part of a hymn lifting up the Lord and praising Him for all He has done . . . and frankly, it reminds me of you.

That's because your partnership in the many outreaches of Precept Ministries International is actively lifting up the Lord before the whole world. Your gifts and prayers are a joyful shout from the rooftops, bringing salvation to people who are so in need of help and hope!

So, Beloved, while you may never have the chance to personally share your love for God and His Word with a frightened refugee family who has fled for their lives from extremists . . .

While you might not be the one to place a Bible in the hands of a remote villager in Central America and see his stunned amazement and tears of joy when he finds it is printed in his own language . . .

And while you might not be the one who sits with the prisoner or recovering addict as he hungrily searches the Word for the Truth that will set him free . . .

I assure you that, through your support of Precept, you have indeed been the one to give compassion and the eternal hope that lies in God's promises to a great many people in their darkest hour.

We are thanking God for His provision of your faithfulness,

Kay



EASE YOUR HEART AND MIND

Peace of mind is an often sought after and overpromised state. As Christians, we know peace of mind ultimately comes through the intimate knowledge of, and complete trust in, the God who meets "all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Have you considered, though, that God may use you and the decisions you make today to bring that ease of mind and heart to your family after you are gone? Through a well-designed will and other estate documents, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the goals important to you in this life will continue to be pursued through your family and ministries for years to come.

We have partnered with PhilanthroCorp to provide customized will and estate documents as a free service to you. Since 1997, PhilanthroCorp has been helping Christian families think through issues of stewardship and estate planning from a biblical worldview. PhilanthroCorp's process will allow you to clearly articulate your desires for your family and the ministries you care about in order to accomplish God's purposes for your legacy.

Whether you feel your estate is large or small, PhilanthroCorp can help you create or update your plan. Eliminate the nagging worry and stress of the unknown about your estate by giving Tara DeWitt at **PhilanthroCorp** a call at **800-876-7958**. As a result, you will experience ease of mind and heart knowing you have been faithful with all that God has given you now and in the future.

PRECEPTS FOR LIFE AIRING SCHEDULE:

Matthew: The Kingdom, His Kingdom, and Me	September 7 – November 20
Israel	November 23 – December 18
Christmas: Receiving and Giving Love	December 21 – December 25
NWC 02 About My Father's Business	December 28 – December 30
NWC 02 Living Sacrifice	December 31 – January 1



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“We have so much to be excited about!”

It was 33 years ago that Lynn Johnson first encountered Precept’s Inductive Bible Study.

“In 1983, I had a great need in my life, emotionally and spiritually. In God’s timing, He put the Inductive Bible Study Method in my hands. It took me deeper, and gave me understanding. It really got me into Scripture, word for word, and gave me the tools to really study the Bible. There’s no other study like it.”

A deep faith bolstered Lynn and her husband, Stan, over the decades as they weathered financial, marital, and other life challenges, while raising four children. But with their faith anchored in Scripture and nurtured through Precept’s Inductive Bible Study, they have time and again found the strength they needed, when they needed it.

“Precept taught us the character of God, his sovereignty. His written Word has enabled Stan and me to stay put in our faith. No matter what comes at us, we have our shield of protection.”

That shield of protection took on all new meaning on the October evening in 2006 when Lynn and Stan got the news that their youngest son, a proud Marine serving in Iraq, had been killed in action. Worse still, Stephen’s body was missing for several days.

“I got on my knees and told God, ‘I feel really abandoned here, and that you’ve abandoned Stephen.’ But the Holy Spirit spoke to me, saying that Christ was abandoned so we would



never know abandonment. I instantly knew I heard truth and the feeling of abandonment left me. The Marine Corps didn’t know where Stephen was, but the Lord knew. He wasn’t missing, he was with God.”

“That’s one of the things I owe to Precept, to what God has done through Jack and Kay, is [I’ve learned] to push deeper into the Word so the Holy Spirit can take the written Word and apply it, like He did that night.”

Lynn and Stan continue to take courage from Scripture, from knowing that Stephen had long since given his heart to Christ, and from the knowledge that their son’s story will serve to bring others to faith. “This is God’s story and we want Him to use it . . . it’s not about us or our son. If He can use all of this to bring more people to faith in Christ and to strengthen other believers, that’s a good thing.”

“God has taken my grief and exchanged it for anticipation,” Lynn says. “Number one, I will get to see Jesus face to face and, two, I will get to be reunited with my son. My Precept leader wisely told us this is why we studied Daniel and then Revelation. To understand that we have so much to be excited about!”

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