



ESTABLISHING PEOPLE IN GOD'S WORD

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# AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL . . .

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**David Arthur**  
CEO of Precept Ministries

**On the cover:**

America stands on the precipice of spiritual destruction. But there is hope! Take a moment to read through this issue to see how you can help bring our nation back to its spiritual and moral foundation through God's Word.

**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 Plumline**

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 7:8b). Our goal with *Plumline* is to help Precept supporters like you measure all of life by God's Word. May it bless you!

# STATE OF AMERICA

God is calling believers to make a difference

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This is our time.

It is a time when America's foundation of faith is being shaken. It is a time when many fear for America's spiritual future. It is a time of growing trials and challenges.

But in God's perfect plan, it is also OUR TIME to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

God has placed us in this country at this very time to be His light shining in the darkness. We can save America one person at a time through God's Word. You are a living, breathing, walking testament of Scripture.

Precept has been called to equip believers like you, in America and around the world, to dig deep into the Word and find strength, encouragement, and guidance from Scripture. Take a moment to read through my *Plumline* article (page 4) with some practical advice from those who were literally tried by fire.

I also believe you will be encouraged by reading about believers in volatile locations around the world who stand firm in faith (page 3). You can also see how your prayers and support are making a difference throughout this issue!

Precept Ministries International has been uniquely positioned to call, equip, and mobilize men, women, and students like you to live apart from the world. Our Inductive Bible Study method, teachings, and other resources help believers proclaim truth with love and compassion for those living in darkness.

**This is no time to be frightened or throw in the towel. It is time to LIVE THE WORD and BRING IT TO LIFE for those around you to see.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

David Arthur, CEO

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Please pray for those studying and ministering in difficult places.

# TRIAL BY FIRE

A test is coming for believers in America . . . get ready! By David Arthur

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Believers in America have been blessed with the freedom to live a life of faith with relatively little persecution. But I believe the tide is changing in our nation. As morality in America continues to decline, more Christians are ridiculed and targeted. Are you ready to withstand the test?

This summer at Boot Camp in Chattanooga we studied the book of Daniel a familiar story to many of the students.

In Daniel chapter 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were faced with a life or death decision. Either bow to the golden image or be burned to death in a furnace.

When faced with the crucial decision of obedience, they answered the most powerful man in the Near East—King Nebuchadnezzar. *“O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king” (Daniel 3:16-17 ESV).*

What can we discern from their bold response to the king?

**First, we learn about their relationship to God.** They serve God. God is their Master and Sovereign Lord. This means they do what He tells them to do. No compromises, no adjustments to His law.

**Second, they know God is able to do the impossible.** They know God does not operate under restrictions like mankind. He is omnipotent, all powerful.

**Finally, they know that life with God does not stop on earth.** If we are united to God through Christ, we will live forever—for eternity with Him. Even if they were burned alive, God would deliver them from Nebuchadnezzar by death!

Remember how the story turned out? God was with them in the fire and they were not harmed. The story ends with the king declaring, *“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego” (Daniel 3:28 ESV).*

It’s not hard for me to imagine that similar testing of our faith in America is coming soon. How will you stand the test? Do you know God? Are you aware of His commands? Are you ready to serve Him despite the costs?

## ANSWERING THE CALL

Hunger for God’s Word grows around the globe

Your support and prayers are helping Precept Ministries International *Answer the Call* to establish people in God’s Word around the world. Rejoice in these testimonies of how God is using our partnership together to advance His kingdom!

Coordinators Isaias and Quezia Uaene spread the Word of God through inductive training at Assembly of God, Boane, Mozambique. Students arrived at the workshop eager to study the 40-Minute Study, *Having a Real Relationship with God*.

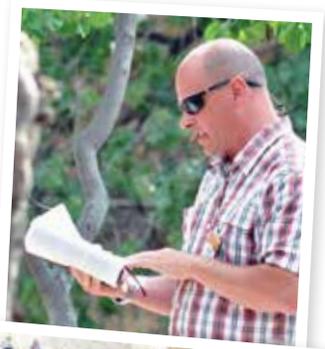


# TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Participants of 2014 Israel trip experience God's Word!

Participants of the 2014 Precept Israel tour literally walked through the Bible with Kay and David Arthur leading the way. From the shores of Galilee to the streets of Jerusalem, tour members soaked in God's Word!

In addition to teaching, Kay and David also spoke to almost forty local Precept leaders and students in Israel. Kay exhorted all of the participants to turn to the Scriptures and study God's Word in order to find answers for every problem, question, and frustration. David led a *Fast Track* training session using the first lesson of Precept Ministries' resource "The Power of Knowing God."



2015 ISRAEL TOUR: MAY 12-23, 2015 (JORDAN EXTENSION, MAY 23-27)

TO REGISTER FOR THE 2015 TOUR,  
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Angela attended the recent *FastTrack* training in Georgia and wrote:

*"I enjoyed learning how to break down chapters of a book and ask who, what, when, where, why, and how questions to get a better understanding of what God's Word is saying. This was all new for me. I'm excited about doing this in future studies of books of the Bible!"*



About twenty-five people gather each week as part of this Precept study group in Singapore. One student Gan Yu shared:

*"I really thank God for the blessings I received from studying God's Word using Precept materials. Not only did I gain knowledge of the Bible; I also built a closer and stronger relationship with God. God's Word is now my daily bread; it energizes me to read it and pray regularly."*



Kay Arthur, Co-Founder of Precept Ministries

## OUR ONLY HOPE

Beloved,

America is in crisis! We have gone down a spiritually treacherous road full of immorality, unrepentant sin, and greed . . . a nation that once respected God has turned its back on faith.

In Ezekiel 14:12-20, God tells us what happens when He brings His severe judgments on a “country that sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness.” It’s not ‘pretty! The message is “only the righteous will survive.” Righteousness is living according to every word that comes from the mouth of God! According to Romans 10: 9-10, believing in the heart that Jesus is Lord results in righteousness.

This is why the mission of PMI is so critical.

I believe with all my heart the most important thing we can do to save America from her current path of immorality and destruction is to establish people in God’s Word. We call “evil good and good evil” and don’t know any better because we don’t know truth for ourselves. Each of us needs a first-hand knowledge of God’s Word....all 66 books!

*There is no firmer foundation in this life or in the next!*

Precept is called to equip an army of believers to go deep into the Word of God—iron sharpening iron.

Because of your support and prayers, we are empowering people to discover the Truth of Scripture for themselves through training, through building the growing Precept Online Community, and through translations in a host of languages so the materials can reach the nations.

It is also a blessing to see brothers and sisters right here in America taking the initiative to dive deep into Scripture and I love how so many grew in knowledge of the Word on our recent trip to Israel (page 8).

Your continued prayers and gifts are such a VITAL part of all we do. Thank you.



Make plans now to attend the 2014 Women’s Conference! This year’s theme is “How Can I Be Holy in an Unholy World?”

Don’t miss spending time with Bible teacher Kay Arthur. Dig deep into the Word for a weekend of encouragement and inspiration.

Register now because seating is limited! Go to [precept.org/womens\\_conference](http://precept.org/womens_conference) for more information!



Conference Speaker  
Kay Arthur, co-founder of  
Precept Ministries International



Conference Worship Leader  
Alicia Williamson Garcia

## **PRECEPTS FOR LIFE AIRING SCHEDULE:**

Jeremiah, Part 1: Return To Me .....September 8 – November 7

Jeremiah, Part 2: God’s Certain Judgment .....November 10 – January 2

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Fall Women’s Conference .....October 17 – 19



## **BECOME A MEMBER BENEFITS FOR YOU!**

You will be strengthened and empowered when you join the Precept Online Community. Don't wait to connect with ongoing support, training opportunities, and exclusive resources.

Join today at [www.precept.org/poc](http://www.precept.org/poc)



# “From black and white to high-definition color!”

When Mary Lou Forté arrived in Israel, God’s Word leaped off the pages of her Bible.

Mary Lou and her husband Kenton joined David and Kay Arthur for their recent Precept Ministries International Israel tour—God’s Word would never be the same. Mary Lou shares how the words she had come to love in black and white suddenly took shape and color around her.

“Going to Israel completely changed our reading of God’s Word,” she explains. “It takes it from black and white to high-definition color! You are truly able to visualize these locations. It allows much more focus on God’s commands of His Word and the worship of His holiness.”

Mary Lou said walking in Christ’s footsteps impacted them spiritually and changed their priorities.

Even before the Israel trip, Mary Lou said the ministry of Precept touched her life. She listened to Kay on local

radio, attended Precept Bible study classes, trained to be a leader, and even led Bible studies at church and in her home.

“*Precept Upon Precept* let me know what was expected of me through obedience,” she says. “It requires time in God’s Word and accountability. It works beautifully to keep me where God wants me to be.”

The Fortés say they gladly support the ministry. “We consider our monthly giving as a form of worship,” Mary Lou shares. “By partnering with Precept, we are impacting lives around the world. To give to a ministry that we know is serving well is a blessing. We thank God that we can give to Precept Ministries monthly and encourage others to join us.”

Thank you Mary Lou and Kenton! We are glad you are a part of our ministry family!



Kenton and Mary Lou Forté in Israel

We would love to hear how studying God’s Word is transforming your life. Feel free to share your story with us at [www.precept.org/share\\_your\\_story](http://www.precept.org/share_your_story).

