



ESTABLISHING PEOPLE IN GOD'S WORD

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

## Join us in a tremendous opportunity to grow God's work!

This is an exciting time at Precept Ministries International as we "roll up our sleeves" and dig into a spring season filled with life-changing ministry here and around the world. The reports in this issue of *Plumline* will give you a sense of how God is blessing our efforts for His Kingdom.

And right now, you can *double your impact* for the Kingdom through a generous **Matching Gift** of \$150,000 being offered to us by a generous friend who wants to see even more people disciplined in God's Word and trained to reach others!

The "math" is pretty simple. For every dollar given by friends like you, we receive a matching dollar from this grant—which could result in \$300,000 for new ministry *if we match the gift to its full amount*.

We're in that exciting process and trusting for great things from our God who "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). One of these is the printing, production, and distribution of the new Arabic-language *Inductive Study Bible*, which has been in the works for four years. It's staggering to think of giving millions of Arabic speakers in the Middle East access to this incredible study tool—right there in the birthplace of ISIS! And it's just one example of the ways you can reach twice as many people with God's Word right now through your gift to help match this special grant.

In these pages, you will see other ways God is working through your prayers and support. He has multiplied the reach of Precept from Chattanooga to South America and Europe, including Kenya (pp.4), Russia (pp. 5), and Paris (pg. 6).

**It takes a lot of prayers and financial resources to make this kind of ministry happen**—which is why this Matching Gift is so strategic. Through it, your gift today will be *doubled* for Kingdom outreach! Please let me know of your response on the enclosed reply slip, and *thank you*.

David Arthur, CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



A MESSAGE FROM

*Kay*

Kay Arthur, Co-Founder of Precept Ministries

## Deepening Our Desire for God's Word

O Beloved,

I woke up with you on my mind this morning. My prayer to our Father was that this note would be 'of Him' and a genuine practical blessing to you.

Life can be lived in a rote way—robotic almost. You push a 'get-up button', do what you have to do, but there's no heart, soul, passion, or even expectation. It's mechanical, routine. Life—and dull at that!

I don't want that for you, nor for me. I want to live passionately, purposefully. I don't want to be a bystander, enjoying the parade. I want to be in it!

I don't know how much you've read of this edition of the *Plumblines*, but when you finish I'm praying you'll be 'IN IT'—and excited. Like the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8, "begging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints (v4)," "sowing bountifully and reaping bountifully" and experiencing His "abounding grace" (2 Corinthians 9:5-8).

I want you to be **excited** that God called you to be a part of the most important thing that anyone can do and that is help people be established in His Word through training in rock solid inductive Bible studies. **Excited** that *you* have enabled Wycliffe from the slums in Kenya, Usaman in war-torn Iraq, Fabrice and Marjorie in ISIS threatened France, and Russians who are battling rampant alcohol and divorce, learn how to defeat the enemy! **Excited** that your giving has helped put not just a Bible BUT an Inductive Study **Bible in Arabic** in a person's hands SO when they get it they will have a Bible that teaches them how to study it book by book!

And just think, if we raise \$150,000—it will be doubled to \$300,000!!! **WOW**, there's nothing robotic about this, is there? May God answer my prayers for you, beloved.

In the parade with you, waving the banner of our Jehovah Nissi,

*Kay*

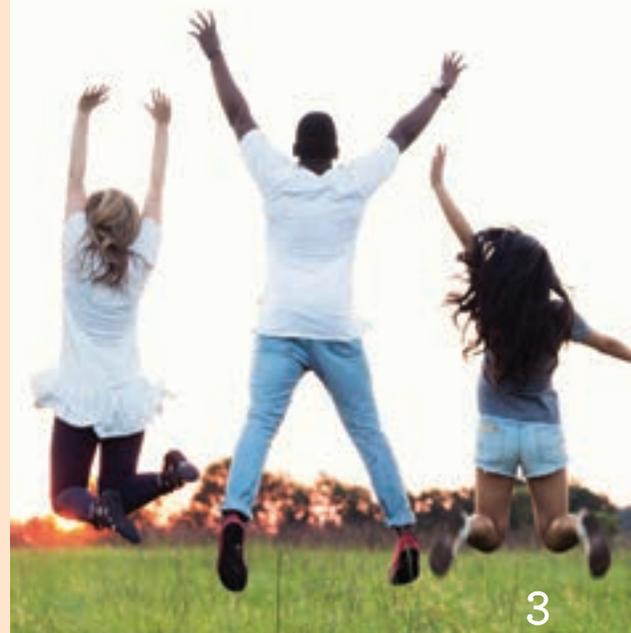
## Make Your Gift Go TWICE AS FAR!

A committed friend has given Precept a \$150,000 Matching Gift to help establish more people in God's Word.

This is a wonderful, God-given opportunity for you to **double the ministry impact** of your gift to Precept this month. We need to match the amount of the grant, dollar for dollar, to receive the entire \$150,000. When matched by the gifts of friends like you, this will provide a total of \$300,000 in ministry funds!

Make your gift go twice as far in life-changing ministry. Simply return the enclosed reply with your gift amount clearly marked, along with your donation.

**Please share the power of God's Word with many people through your gift today! ■**



# ESCAPE

## *from certain death*

*A life-changing encounter  
with God's Word*



### KENYA

Wycliffe gestured with his hands as he unfolded his miraculous story of how God saved him and his family from certain death, and what the Lord has done in his life since that nearly fatal day.

“I left home to go to Nairobi, but I had to live on the streets,” Wycliffe recalled. “Life was not easy. I collected bottles in order to have money for food. From the streets God took me to the Kibera slum in Nairobi, the second largest slum in Africa with a population of about one million people. And it’s still growing.”

Wycliffe got married in Kibera, and he and his family lived in a tiny house. He befriended the son of his landlord, who was also Wycliffe’s neighbor. The two men talked about life and Wycliffe invited his friend, who was a Muslim, to attend his church.

“But my friend’s father was an imam in the local mosque, so it was an abomination for his son to go to church,” Wycliffe explained. “One day this son ran to my house, telling me, ‘My father is seeking to kill me, I have to go.’”

Two days later, Wycliffe’s house was set on fire. The attackers locked the door and windows from the outside, trapping Wycliffe and his family inside as

the flames roared. He continues the story:

“I was holding my daughter, thinking there was no way out and we were going to die, when the door suddenly opened and a hand beckoned to me, saying, ‘Come on out! Come on out!’ The flames were swept to one side and I ran out with my children.

“I expected to find someone outside telling me to come out, but there was no one there! And immediately after we stepped out, the door slammed shut and locked again right behind me.”

Wycliffe and his family escaped, but their house was destroyed and they lost everything. “My daughter spent five months in the hospital,” he said, “and she will never have hair. It was all burned off.”

Wycliffe fell into such deep despair after this family’s escape from death that he even attempted suicide at one point. But then he got a job in a shop that prints materials for Precept in Kenya. ■

Find out what happens to Wycliffe’s life when he starts an Inductive Bible Study through Precept. Go to <http://store.precept.org/escape-from-certain-death.html> to hear and see Wycliffe finish the story.



*The participants engaged in the training session about spiritual warfare and were encouraged by the presence of the Holy Spirit.*



## RUSSIA

Mia and Costel, our faithful Precept workers in Russia, report that after a training session in Moscow, they taught the study *Lord, Is It Warfare? Teach Me to Stand!* followed by a course in counseling after each lesson. The trainers included eight pastors and teams that represent 11 institutes from Russia, Central Asia, and Belarus.



Mia and Costel said, “As we studied we felt the power of the Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit searching the hearts of individuals. People came to the front, knelt and cried, asking God to help them in our spiritual war. They put on His armor and dedicated themselves to serving Him with all their being. The study was so convicting and encouraging. We talked with each team and planned future work. We were so encouraged to hear about their ministries, dedication, and love for the Lord, His Word, and His people.



*Life in Kibera slums in Nairobi, Kenya, is difficult and dangerous.*

“The participants lead 44 groups and plan to start 53 new ones to reach over 1,070 people in 16 localities! They were so grateful for the study. The Lord spoke to each one, powerfully drawing them to be involved in the lives of others. They kept saying, *‘This is a study everyone needs to do!’* ■

# Your Support Is Changing Lives!

## Training and Equipping People around the World . . .

### IN IRAQ

Usman and his family lived in Mosul and “called” themselves Christians, but they did not know the Bible. Facing great persecution, and losing their house and belongings at the hands of ISIS, Usman and his mother and sisters fled this violence under the cover of darkness with just the clothes they had on their backs.

After finding refuge in a city in northern Iraq, Usman attended a Bible study conducted by two Precept trainers in a refugee camp. Usman was among 20 young men who gave their lives to Christ after completing the study *Having a Real Relationship With God*.

With the emotional baggage from the trauma endured because of ISIS, Usman found it hard to love other Muslims or offer forgiveness to those who had hurt his family. But he continued to attend church in the refugee camp, studied different Precept books with others, and eventually asked to be baptized!

Now Usman is passionate to share the Word of God with others! God has brought healing into his life, and he wants to attend the mission school of Precept Ministries in Moldova this summer. Usman and his family have been completely changed by the study of God’s Word!

When Usman found out the Arabic *Inductive Study Bible* will be ready in 2016, he was thrilled and said, “I cannot wait to have this Bible in my hands and to be able to understand the whole [plan] of God for my life.”



### IN FRANCE

Our regional director for western Europe tells about an amazing chain of events only God could have orchestrated, which led to a group of Precept students being established in Paris:

“An enquiring email from a couple, Fabrice and Marjorie, in Paris led to an online Skype study class, which led to an invitation to go to Paris. This led to training with a small group of people who attend an amazing church in central Paris. The training led to a meeting with its pastor, which led to launching a Precept Bible study class in his church with twelve people. This led to further training and another meeting with this pastor and the pastor of a different church.

The amazing thing was the timing of all this. Paris had just come under the terrorist attack as we met! The inductive study tools helped ground people in the Word so they could stand firm in those tough days. Please pray for Fabrice and Marjorie, for their church in Paris, and their leaders as they seek to reach out to others with the Gospel.” ■

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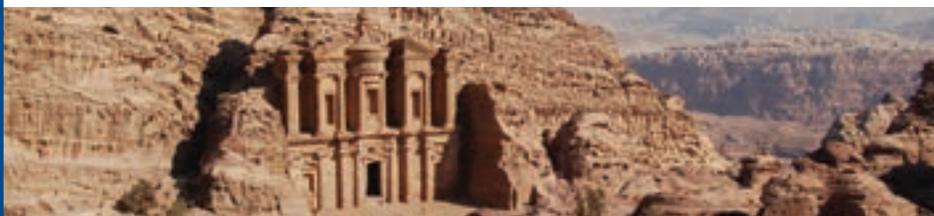
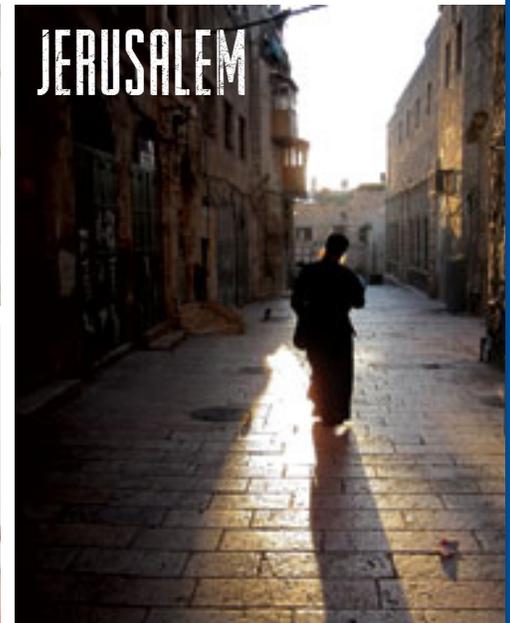
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# A Pastor to the World

“I was born in Nigeria, seasoned in South Africa, salted in Jamaica, and established in America,” says Precept ministry partner Danne King.

Danne’s colorful way of describing his Christian pilgrimage helps explain why he is so effective in ministry in a number of cultures and settings—and why he says God is calling him back to mission work in the Caribbean, Nigeria, and India.

Danne was already studying and learning with Precept as he was courting his wife, Boomy. “I introduced her to Precept because I wanted her to be prepared in God’s Word,” Danne says.

He is very grateful God called him to faith in Christ when he was fifteen years old. Later, when he was a university student, Danne surrendered his life to the Lord. Two men in his area took it upon themselves to disciple Danne intensively for the next ten months.

Danne knew early on God was calling him into ministry, and eventually God led Danne and Boomy to the U.S., where a pastor supported Danne and encouraged him to start a church.

“I was a reluctant church planter,” Danne recalls. His church in Florida officially began under the banner of Life Gate International Christian Center. “Our goals were to train and disciple believers, and we emphasized missions and family.”

Danne was also eager to introduce the ministry of Precept, so he brought people from his native Nigeria to our Precept campus here in Chattanooga for training.

“I want to continue to bring more and more people from Nigeria to study the Bible inductively with Precept,” Danne says. “We also want to raise up a trainer in Nigeria to reach more people in West Africa.”

Precept is important to Danne and Boomy because, as he says, “It is a functional approach to Bible study and ministry. Look at its fruit; it is productive. I would encourage anyone to support Precept Ministries!” ■



*Danne (seated) enjoys teaching the Word of God—grounding others in their faith.*

