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Besides stepping into the lives of many across the land with a message of encouragement, Winning With Encouragement loves to invite people to join them on pilgrimages to memorable locations around the world and create life-altering memories. We don't tour ... we do pilgrimages. Check out where we've been and where we're going.

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We're Off to Retrace the Steps of the Apostle Paul in Greece and Turkey

April 12-22, 2011



We'll visit Athens and the Acropolis, Ephesus, Patmos, Corinth, Istanbul, and the cities of Paul's second missionary journey including Philippi and Thessalonica. This unforgettable journey includes sailing on the Aegean Sea, the Bosphorus Sea, standing atop the Acropolis and Mars Hill, and shopping in the famous Athens Plaka. We'll also visit the monasteries at Meteora and make an overnight in Delphi. We've packed so much into this pilgrimage, and we'll open the Word of God in all the places Paul shared the same message.

We're In Israel

Sorry you missed going with us, but as this newsletter arrives in your mailbox we are in Israel with a group of people. We'll be walking in Jerusalem, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, floating on the Dead Sea, and standing where all the people of the Bible including Jesus stood. Wish you were with us. Be watching for the next opportunity to take advantage of this unbelievable experience in Israel with Winning With Encouragement.



WWE Is Cruisin! Come Cruise with Us to Alaska

What do whales, glaciers, moose, 24-hour food service, midnight buffets, shows, constant pampering and eye-popping photo ops all have in common? They'll all be featured on the WWE-sponsored Alaskan cruise next summer. The adventure will be hosted by Walt and Patti Wiley and includes daily on-board devotional sessions preceding unforgettable ports-of-call. Please join us for the vacation of a lifetime.

Packages, begin at \$1,853.19 per person. Call Fred Reed at Wilcox World Travels for inquiries and to book: 1-800-438-5828 x473. Space is limited so call right away!

July 1-9, 2011

For details and registration procedures concerning these travel opportunities, please visit the tours section of our website at www.wweministries.org, or contact WWE at 888-993-1997 (toll free) or by email at tours@wweministries.org.

PLACES WE'VE BEEN RECENTLY . . .

JULY



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1 Walt had the opportunity to share at Sandy Cove Bible Conference in North East, MD. 400+ guests were there for the week and heard Walt share sessions each morning from *Standing Out in the Crowd*.

2 Walt and Patti had the privilege of being at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center along the Delaware River in Mt. Bethel, PA. Walt shared his new material, *Standing Out in the Crowd*.

1 Once again Walt was able to teach at the employees' luncheon at Joe Gibbs Racing in Huntersville, NC. Walt was invited by the chaplain and long time friend, Bob Dyar (right). Also pictured is assistant chaplain Brian Martin.

2 Pictured with Walt (left to right): Dr. Frank Cox—pastor, Dr. Craig Whitt, Tim Bailey, James Chastain, Steve Bullard. These are some of the staff members at North Metro First Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, GA, where Walt was invited to speak to the leadership team.

3 Walt is pictured here sharing at one of the Sunday morning services at the Ocean City (NJ) Tabernacle.

4 Pictured here are some of the teachers of TOTTime, a preschool program of Church at Charlotte (NC), overseen by Walt's wife Patti. Walt was honored to speak to the group as they prepared for the beginning of a new school year.



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1 Walt always enjoys being part of the Fellowship of Companies for Christ Int'l (FCCI)'s International Conference. This year it was held in Tucson, AZ. FCCI's President/CEO Doug Hunter invited Walt to come speak as well as emcee the events.

2 Walt took employees and associates of Front Door Fabrics in Matthews, NC through the *People Skills* material, where the attendees were able to learn their personal strengths and weaknesses in relation to their business contacts. Walt always enjoys sharing this material as it relates to helping people learn how to accept and work with others.



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1 Through the efforts of Tim Sellers, a WWE board member and attendee of Cove Church in Mooresville, NC, and staff member Patrick Weber, Walt and Patti were invited to speak at their recent marriage retreat where they presented their seminar, *How To Get Your Mate To Be Like You So You'll Both Be Perfect*.

2 Walt recently was invited to speak at Walk Thru the Bible's Live the Word Conference held in Stone Mtn., GA. Walt is pictured here flanked by John Houchens (left), Senior Vice President for International Ministries, and Walk Thru's President Phil Tuttle (right).

3 Walt and Patti were invited to speak at the Pastor & Wives Conference of the Southwest Conservative Baptist Association on site at the Prescott (AZ) Pines Camp, where they taught their marriage seminar, *How To Get Your Mate To Be Like You So You'll Both Be Perfect*. Some of the group is pictured along with the insert of Bert Downs and his wife Alice. Bert is the Executive Director and long time friend of Walt's.

4 Walt traveled to Port Huron, MI, to speak at several events. He is pictured speaking to a community event sponsored by Operation Transformation for 900 men and their sons called "Get Ready For The Big Game."

5 Pictured also is Marty Doorn, President of Operation Transformation, Walt, WWE's long time friend and City Manager of Port Huron—Bruce Brown, and Brian Pruitt who also spoke at the event. Walt also spoke at the Compass Christian Business Alliance Luncheon and to the staff and friends of Operation Transformation at their fund-raising dinner. OT, headed by Tom and Brenda Seppo, works to unite ministry efforts in the region.



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OCTOBER

WHERE WE'RE SCHEDULED TO TEACH

Check our website at www.wweministries.org for our full schedule and updates.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Nov 4-5	ACSI Educators' Conference Phoenix, AZ	GEN	W
Nov 6-7	Church at Charlotte Charlotte, NC	GEN	W
Nov 8-18	WWE Israel Pilgrimage		W
Jan 28-29	Maximum Man Conference Millington, TN	GEN	W
Feb 4-5	Frazer UMC Couples Retreat Lakepoint State Park, AL	MAR	W/P
Feb 8-10	Coakley & Williams Hotel Mgmt Springfield, VA	GEN	W
Feb 11-13	America's Keswick Whiting, NJ	MAR	W/P
Feb 25	Grand Home Furnishings Roanoke, VA	GEN	W
Mar 6-9	Nappanee Missionary Church Nappanee, IN	GEN	W

EVENTS KEY:
 MAR = Marriage
 PZ = People Puzzle
SPEAKERS KEY:
 W/P = Walt and Patti Wiley

GEN = General
 W = Walt Wiley



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Please consider encouraging us:

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We've Already Been to Germany September 13-23

These snapshots were taken when 36 friends accompanied WWE and Walt and Patti Wiley to Germany. We took in the main cities surrounding the life of reformer Martin Luther and walked the streets and shopped the shops of the picturesque Bavarian town called Oberammergau. And while there we had the unique experience of taking in the world-famous passion play, presented every ten years by the local citizenry since 1634. What an experience!

Here is what one of the travelers had to say about their time with us:

"Thank you so much for leading this pilgrimage so effectively and with great wit and humor. I shall remember it and reflect on it long and often. It was a wonderful journey and pilgrimage, a great group, and a splendid inspiration for my faith to have seen the places where Martin Luther stood so boldly for the truth. And the Passion Play was quite realistic, affirming, and convicting—and so up-close and personal."

The group stops for a picture in Erfurt.



Great seats at the Passion Play!



Walt and Patti stand at the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses.

The Look of the Leader Arrives in the Middle East



Pictured is a copy of *The Look of the Leader* student notebook in Arabic, and the leaders of the conference: (left to right) John Houchens of Walk Thru the Bible, Laila and Wahid Wahba.

Wahid Wahba and his wife Laila live in Cairo, Egypt where they oversee the Middle East Leadership Training Institute (MELTI). Prior to creating this ministry Wahid was a dentist and Laila was a physician. Wahid found Christ as a teenager and his wife came to faith while in med school. Their ministry works closely with Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, utilizing materials created

by the Atlanta, GA based ministry. In August MELTI produced a leadership conference just outside Damascus, Syria where WWE's *The Look of the Leader* was taught by Walk Thru's Senior Vice President for International Ministries, John Houchens. Over 50 attended the conference and the Wahba's plan to use *The Look of the Leader* in other parts of the Middle East. Wahid stated, "I loved the way the seminar challenged the hearts of the leaders and emphasized the importance of character in leadership. The people loved it."

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 here we've been with
 here we've toured
 that our 2011 travel
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Before us is the season when we concentrate on being thankful. I know, I know, we should be thankful all the time, but for some reason a genuine heart of gratitude is emphasized at this time of year, and that's fine.

As far back as 1619 leaders have declared certain days to be set aside for thanksgiving. The Pilgrims did it and so did the Puritans. George Washington did it and in 1863 Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving.

None of those who emphasized a heart of thanksgiving was saying we should take things for granted in February, not appreciate things in April, and disregard all we are thankful for in August. They just felt a national holiday would cause all of us to pause, consider our blessings and have a thankful heart. Good idea! And because of this you may gather with loved ones and friends on November 25, 2010 and at that time possibly take turns telling what you are thankful for. Great idea!

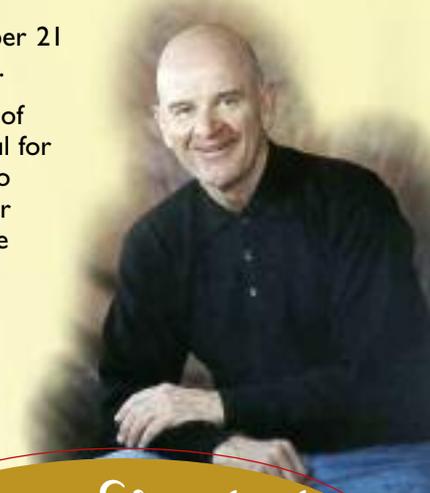
We raised two sons and we always wanted them to be thankful, but like other parents we especially talked about it in November. One time we asked them to write down one thing they were thankful for every day beginning on November 1, leading up to Thanksgiving Day. That was many years ago but we recently discovered that journal. Our youngest son was about 4 at the time and he had his mother write down his thoughts.

When reading it I noticed that he stated the things you would have guessed. He was thankful for his family, his grandparents, his dog, etc. By November 15 I guess he was running out of things because on his list I noticed he was thankful for the refrigerator, the garage, and I laughed out loud

when I noticed on November 21 he was thankful for the sink.

Taking the time to think of all the things we are thankful for will never hurt us. Pausing to count your blessings is never a bad idea. While you engage in that exercise this year consider this: Why not work at doing something that will cause someone else to be thankful. Intentionally reach out to someone with your time, a gift or your presence. Initiate an act so memorable that someone else will have to include it on their list of reasons to be thankful.

I had the privilege of being with a group of travelers who took in the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany this fall. From my row 5 seat I watched first-hand the real life reenactment of everything Jesus went through from the mocking, the scourging and the crucifixion itself. I came away with a graphic visual of someone doing something in order that another would be thankful. You went through all that for me? Thank you, Lord!



The Wit & Wisdumb
 of Walt Wiley