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Where are these places, who are these people, and what is that project?

Come inside . . .

Project We're Working On

ISRAEL DVD PROJECT: A GLIMPSE OF THE LAND, A LOOK AT YOUR HEART

- An excellent small-group tool
- A video series with high def shots of Israel
- A chance for viewers to get a glimpse of the land of Israel
- A series that causes viewers to take a look at their heart
- A group pausing at a site where a Bible character struggled with an issue
- A challenging talk from Walt Wiley about that person and that struggle
- A series that includes a leader's guide with questions viewers can grapple with



COMING SOON



A GLIMPSE OF THE LAND



A LOOK AT YOUR HEART



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A Pilgrimage

A PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN, INCLUDING PETRA October 14-26, 2012

This 12-day experience will take us to all the major sites in Israel. In the northern part of the land we will be around and on the Sea of Galilee; we'll see the Golan Heights, Nazareth, and the places that have been made special because of the events surrounding Jesus and His disciples. Stories we're all familiar with will come alive.



We'll cross the Jordan River into the nation of Jordan where we'll see the ruins at Jerash. We'll spend the night in Amman and stand on Mt. Nebo where Moses stood and—like he—view the land of Israel. Our time in this nation will conclude with a visit to Petra, a bucket-list wonder carved in the rocks of southern Jordan. You'll never forget it!

Then we'll cross the border back into Israel, spend a night by the Red Sea and then make our way to Jerusalem, stopping at Masada. In Jerusalem we'll walk where Jesus walked, and we'll see it all: from the ancient bazaars to the Mount of Olives, from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Wailing Wall and the Garden Tomb. At each stop we'll use the Bible as a reminder of the significance of what we are viewing.

This is only a portion of what we are in store for. All the details are listed on our website at www.wweministries.org.



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The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley

Though a native of Philadelphia, PA, I have lived south of the Mason-Dixon line for over 30 years. I wasn't in this region long before I was introduced in a big way to NASCAR. For those of you who still live up north and are out of touch, that stands for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. They claim over 75 million fans who purchase upwards of \$3 billion in annual licensed product sales.

Our society has stereotyped the typical NASCAR fans, thinking of them as back woodsmen, hillbillies and red necks. Jokes about those who follow and frequent NASCAR races abound. Ever see this?

You might be a redneck NASCAR fan if:

1. You've ever written Richard Petty's name on a presidential ballot.
2. Your favorite NASCAR souvenir was a direct result of a crash in turn three.
3. When you hear the word bank you think of turn three at Daytona.
4. You know the 'back way' to Talledega.
5. You have the word NASCAR in your wedding vows.

This is all done in fun, but the truth is I have met many educated, rather sophisticated NASCAR fans. They are all over the place. And to really dispel the aforementioned perception, all you have to do is go visit a NASCAR team garage. Most of them are located in the Charlotte area and I have had the privilege of seeing many of them. They're state of the art, spotlessly clean, highly technical and organized, and the people you meet there are very skilled.

One of my favorite places is the Joe Gibbs Racing headquarters in Huntersville, NC. You walk into an unbelievably beautiful lobby decorated with two racing cars. And on the wall you will notice the purpose statement for the organization. It reads: *"Our goal is to field our sponsors and fans competitive race cars on a consistent basis with the goal of winning races and championships. Our expectation is that we will be able to see in our growth and success things that would have never been accomplished except by the direct intervention of God."*

Read it again! Every time I read it I am challenged. Think about it and then ask God to help you conduct your life in the same manner. Live in such a way today that others will know it has to be God living through you. See what you can learn from NASCAR?



Places We've Been



1 Walt and Patti shared WVE's marriage material at El Camino Baptist Church in Tucson, AZ, at the invitation of Senior Pastor Ron Rushing. **2** Walt presented *Standing Out in the Crowd* at the ACSI Northern California Teachers Convention in Sacramento, CA. Pictured are Rohn Ritzema, Director, and staff members Elizabeth Herrera, Marilyn and Dale Phillips.

3 Walt spoke to the staff of Church at Charlotte's pre-school program, TOT Time, directed by Patti Wiley, 2nd from left.

4 Walt is shown speaking at the Widowed Person Ministry Holiday Luncheon of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC at the invitation of Henry Ward, Director of Senior Adults/Pastoral Care. **5** John Zeller of SCORE International Ministries asked Walt to speak at their International Conference in the Dominican Republic. While there, he took part in their baseball clinic held for teens in the Santo Domingo area. **6** Walt was also able to spend a time there with Andy Pettitte, former NY Yankee pitcher.

7 Walt and Patti shared in a seminar at Bay Leaf Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, entitled "Encourage Him, Encourage Her."

The program was organized by Jeff Meyer, Bay Leaf's Associate Pastor/Education Director. **8** Pictured is the crest for North Raleigh (NC) Christian Academy. At the invitation of Dr. Sonny Sherrill, Superintendent, Walt had the opportunity to share *Standing Out in the Crowd* with the faculty during their in-service days. **9** Walt spoke at the Ocean City Tabernacle (NJ) Winter Reunion in Pompano Beach, FL, which was hosted by Richard and Mary Ann Kull (far right) in their home and by Richard and Becky Stanislav (far left). Dr. Stanislav is the President/CEO of Ocean City Tabernacle. **10** At the First Baptist Church of Longwood, FL, Walt presented *Raising Kids in a Piece of Cake*. Pictured are Ron Laferriere, Worship Pastor, and Vickie Martin, Director of Education/Administration. **11** Here are some of the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team who attended the chapel service where Walt spoke at the invitation of the team's chaplain, Tim Donelli.

12 Walt was invited to share at a men's retreat at Long View Ranch in Mosheim, TN, hosted by LVR directors and long-time friends of Walt's—George and Kay Widmaier.



CHARLESTON EVENT

In late January Winning With Encouragement gathered with friends at the French Quarter Inn in historic Charleston, SC for a fantastic weekend. Our friends came from California, Illinois, Minnesota, Virginia, Georgia, and both North and South Carolina. They joined some of WWE's board members and staff to mark the 15th anniversary of WWE, to make new friends and to be encouraged and challenged as well as be updated on what is happening at WWE.

During the weekend Walt Wiley led two teaching sessions and board member Jim Kallam and his wife Suzi led one session. The group was introduced to historical sites in the city from a horse-drawn carriage.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE 2011

Pictured standing before the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem is the group of 29 who were part of WWE's fall pilgrimage to that unique land of Israel. Coming from various parts of the USA, the group visited all the famous sites connected to stories of the Bible. In regards to seeing the Bible come alive, being able to relate to familiar Bible characters and stories, and developing a greater understanding of and appreciation for the people of Israel, someone described the experience as "a difference maker".



Places We're Going

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Mar 12-14	Northpointe Christian School Grand Rapids, MI	GEN	WW
Mar 16-18	Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp Men's Retreat Hereford, AZ	SOC	WW
Apr 5	Arcadia Homes - Bible Study (1/4) Pineville, NC	EHH	WW
Apr 12	Arcadia Homes - Bible Study (2/4) Pineville, NC	EHH	WW
Apr 19	Arcadia Homes - Bible Study (3/4) Pineville, NC	EHH	WW
Apr 26	Arcadia Homes - Bible Study (4/4) Pineville, NC	EHH	WW
May 5-6	Church at Charlotte Weekend Services Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
May 17-19	United Foundation "Faith @ Work" Alexandria, MN	GEN	WW
Jun 1	North Raleigh Christian School Graduation Raleigh, NC	GEN	WW
Jun 11-17	Harvey Cedars Bible Conference - Homeschoolers Conference Harvey Cedars, NJ	GEN	WP
Jun 19-27	Christian Ministries International - Mission Trip to Romania	GEN	WP
Jul 15	Ocean City Tabernacle	GEN	WW
Jul 20-22	Sandy Cove Classic Weekend	GEN	WW
Jul 25	Central Church of God (1/5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 1	Central Church of God (2/5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 8	Central Church of God (3/5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 16-19	Monte Vista Christian School Watsonville, CA	EHH / PZ	WW
Aug 22	Central Church of God (4/5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 29	Central Church of God (5/5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW

EVENTS KEY:

EHH - Effectively Handling All That You Have
 GEN - General
 LofL - The Look of the Leader
 PZ - Solving the People Puzzle
 SOC - Standing Out in the Crowd

SPEAKERS KEY:

WW - Walt Wiley WP - Walt and Patti Wiley

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