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God Directs Our Steps

(by *Dave Nutting*)

Albania! Machine gun fire! Bullets flying! Bandits and looters! Helicopter rescue! Praise God, **we weren't there!** Thanks for praying!

That violence is what we would have seen if our conferences weren't canceled, but the Albanian government made a ruling just days before our scheduled flight into the country. That ruling closed all universities as well as group meetings of more than 4 people. With Mary Jo, myself, and an interpreter, that doesn't leave much. It is amazing to what contortions, including a civil war, the opposition goes through to make sure the creation message is not heard! (Ha!)

Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." We **certainly** saw that happen. The only part of the trip that went as we planned was the first 8 days of speaking in France. That was packed and fruitful but not quite as "exciting" as the next 3 weeks when God directed our steps day by day. He had us speak in Budapest 2 weeks earlier than when we had planned to more groups and with a better reception than we expected. He then made it clear for us to go down to Malta, a place I would have considered a vacation spot had we not been so very busy. With just a few days notice, God had us speaking in a wide variety of places to more than a dozen nationalities. In total, I was told that we spoke to more than 50% of the Christians in the country as well to others. We were also able to reach a bunch more via a radio program we did.

I was asking, what happened? I thought I was getting a clear message to schedule Albania. Now I realize that where we ended up was not Plan B for God, but **His Plan A**. On my own, I would not have planned France, or Malta. It took the lure of speaking to what used to be the most atheistic and communist country of the world, to get me to schedule

France as an "add-on" even though we had standing invitations for several years.

What we learned was merely a confirmation that all of those countries have had almost zero creation teaching and people are starving for the truth. When only evolution is taught in all of these countries, it is no different than the strictly atheistic instruction that the Albanians have had for many years. **The creation message is a vital message all over the world.**

The result we have witnessed in many parts of the world is a uniting of the believers hearts and minds. We have also seen many students open up to the claims of Jesus Christ. When people hear the truth of creation, they often experience a relief to know that they can believe again in the living God.

Thanks again for praying. We saw an amazing working of God. Although we were disappointed to not be able to minister in Albania, we were in good company--Paul didn't plan to go to Malta either. At least we didn't get shipwrecked and bit by a viper. Besides, it is good not to have bullet holes in us. **Following the Lord is a real adventure!**



Dave and Mary Jo doing a radio interview in Malta

Notes & Quotes

“Snapshots” from Overseas

□ The following glimpses are from the Nuttings recent speaking trip to France, Hungary, and Malta.

● Lafete, France: Two-night seminar. Attendance 55 the first night, 165 the second! Representatives from all but one “brand” of church in the area — a first for that community! Pray for unity of the true Body of Christ.

● Villa Nueve, France: The Eglise Protestant Evangelique has grown too large for the missionaries’ home. The Nuttings were able to speak at the first meetings held in the newly rented facility. Many children and youth also came to the presentations for the Kids Klub.

● Bordeaux, France: Evening university presentation. Good interest. Students stayed around asking questions till late after lecture. One student had a big misconception -- thought Stanley Miller had made DNA spontaneously in the lab. We carefully explained that they haven’t even come close. Many returned for our church presentation the next evening.

● Pau, France: 2 evenings at the Eglise Protestant Evangelique. Well-established group of believers. Very open and receptive. Lots of questions afterwards.

● Budapest, Hungary: We had the opportunity to greet the brethren at a church where we had spoken in 1989. About 500 people had attended that 17 hour seminar. The videotapes made then have been widely circulated. What a thrill it was for us to greet the 5000 people present who attended the Saturday evening service of this fellowship! God has worked in a mighty way — over 15,000 people now attend services each week in Budapest alone (and we heard estimates of over 90,000 throughout Hungary) from this group which started with 7 believers back in the late 70’s. Praise God! Hungarians are “hungry” for the truth of the Gospel.

● Budapest, Hungary: Evening presentations at 2 secular universities sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. Good enthusiasm and interest with great discussion following.

● Budapest, Hungary: 9 Presentations at 2 different Christian schools. After the presentation to the high school students at one school, the middle-schoolers practically demanded one, too. We obliged.

● Budapest, Hungary: Evening presentation to a group of 175 Bible School students. Dave described this as “the most responsive group ever.” Another evening, 450 people showed up for a presentation at the sponsoring church -- excellent

response also! (Even though we didn’t get to go into Albania, we had the joy of meeting a very enthusiastic Albanian man studying at this Bible School in Budapest!).

● Budapest, Hungary: a brokenhearted mom wept as we prayed for her daughter who had been “taken captive” by evolution and related philosophies at a “Christian” college in Michigan while she and her husband were on the mission field.

● Msida, Malta: 3 evenings of presentations enthusiastically received. People from over 17 nationalities attend this fellowship. Many Bulgarians are coming to the Lord through the ministry of this church. (We had considered going to Bulgaria, but God brought Bulgarians to us in Malta instead!)

● Buggiba, Malta: 2 presentations. Many young people present. Two nine-year old boys who had recently been saved were all ears when we told how Lanny Johnson had been saved at 9 but then bombed out of the water by evolutionary teaching.

● Malta: Ladies Bible Study: Mary Jo was bombarded with questions as she walked in the door. One mom was particularly concerned about her 3 sons who have been taught evolution in school and now argue with her against the truth of Scripture.

● Malta: Enjoyed an evening meeting discussing the geology of Libya with a Libyan man. Part of Dave’s thesis work on “sabkas” came in handy. Pray that God will use this time as one link in the chain to bring this man to Himself.

● Malta: After a sermon, a man from India came up and talked with Mary Jo. He had come to Malta as a Catholic missionary, but actually met the Lord there for the first time. Two French students who had been staying with him for a week had lots of questions about evolution and creation. He had given them Scriptural evidence, but could not answer their scientific questions. He brought them to church, not knowing that we’d be speaking on creation. Afterwards he said, “This is a Divine appointment for them!”

□ Summary: We gave presentations to 29 groups in 30 days. Several people want more in-depth training. We have invitations to return everywhere we went plus many contacts for future ministry trips. We plant, others water, but God brings the harvest. Praise God for the many opportunities to share the message. Pray that He will continue His work in the hearts of those who heard.

Spotlight On Science

Oh No, Not a Flood!

(by Mike Shaver)

Geologist, J. Harlan Bretz, distinguished himself for several attributes: First, he believed in field work above book work. Second, he believed that evidence had to be faced.

In the 1920's Bretz wrote that out-of-place boulders in northern Oregon didn't show signs of having been rolled (and rounded) during transport from their sources in Idaho and Montana. The only agent he could conceive to bring boulders unweathered for several hundred miles was to float them on icebergs, which required amounts of water far beyond what the nearby Columbia River could hold. He noted other features that only fit with giant floods.

His colleagues, many of whom did not travel to see the features Bretz talked about, shunned him and his interpretation. Today the area he cited is described as the premier site of catastrophic flood topography in the world. Contemporary colleagues sought preposterous non-catastrophic rationales rather than taking the evidence at face value for incredible amounts of water. In the 1940's, the flood theory suddenly began being accepted, and it is now almost universally accepted. What made the difference?

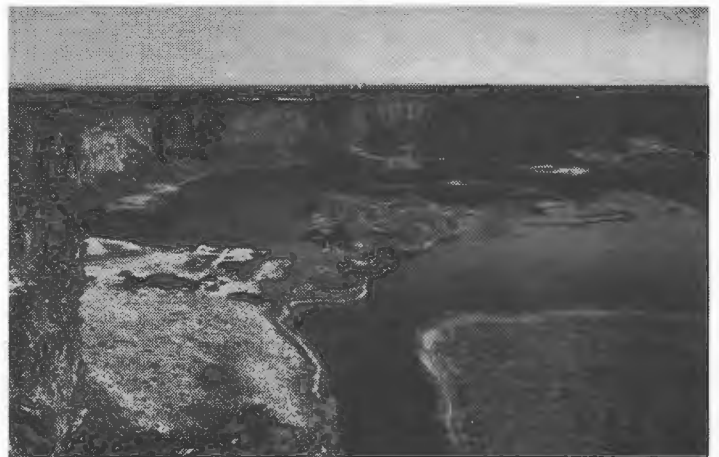
A related breakthrough indicated that a now-vanished Lake Missoula in Montana was produced by an ice dam formed by a glacier. The lake was inferred due to wave-cut terraces on hillsides. Strange hills on the lake floor were finally recognized as giant ripple marks. The ripples on a lake bottom meant the lake drained suddenly, supplying the water for the flood. Geologists could then see the route of the water to the Pacific, and that floating icebergs could carry boulders, just as Bretz had imagined. In fact, some are now suggesting that the ice dam broke roughly 40 times as water built up and floated the dam out of place, destroying the dam each time.

What changed was that a source of the water could be envisioned without any reference to Noah's flood. Had a source of water other than the flood of Noah not been found, "open-minded" scientists would likely not have admitted the overwhelming evidence of catastrophic flooding.

When the study of glaciers was young, one camp of scientists thought that many glacial features (such as bullet-shaped hills called drumlins) looked like hydraulic features and could be evidence of a flood. They thought the hills were made by vast amounts of water pouring across the land surface rather than being the result of ice movement. This group of men were largely forgotten in preference to

scientists who ascribed all of the landforms to the work of ice. The men who won the debate had an aversion to floods and were hence deemed more rational, more scientific. But if an ice dam in Montana burst because the ice impounding it floated, what would happen if the ice cap covering half of the continent melted unevenly during its movements? Melt-water could penetrate beneath the huge glacier, pooling giant lakes. Some scientists now think that many of the drumlins might be the product of giant floods after all. Floods involving up to 20,000 cubic miles of water (Think & Believe, 11/89, p. 3; Science News, 9/30/89, p. 213) may have raised the sea level 9 inches in one event.

So, the men who lost the debate on drumlins were possibly correct. Bretz's correct observations weren't accepted until they could fit into the prevailing worldview. Such is the science of prehistory: where the truth can vanish for generations and the most obvious data can be ignored.



Dry Falls in eastern Washington. The last time we were at this site, we discovered a new sign placed by the park officials. It gave the catastrophic interpretation for this site. They stated that there was a huge waterfall here with water flowing 300 feet above the horizon. They also gave an approximation of the total amount of water flowing past here. If you were to add all the water contained in all of the world's rivers at one time, then multiply that number by 10, it would be equivalent to the amount of water flowing through this region. Now that's a flood! Looking at the damage occurring in North Dakota this year, one can only imagine what a catastrophe it was when Lake Missoula collapsed. (Dave)

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- May 29-June 3: Manitou Springs, CO:** Summit Ministries
Contact Summit, 719-685-9103
- June 2-6: Flagler, CO:** Sunnydale Evangelical Free Church VBS
Contact Scott Carlson, 970-383-2314
- June 6: Grand Junction, CO:** Creation Family Night, Hawthorne Park
Contact us, 970-523-9943
- June 9-13: Fort Lupton, CO:** Four Way Baptist VBS
Contact Conley Shelander, 303-536-4659
- June 19-21: Aurora, CO:** Christian Home Educators Conference
Contact CHEC, 303-388-1888 xt 6
- June 22-27: Montrose, CO:** Montrose Christian Church VBS
Contact Barbara Keller, 970-249-5432
- June 23-24: Manitou Springs, CO:** Summit Ministries
Contact Summit, 719-685-9103
- June 29-July 4: Collbran, CO:** Twin Peaks Family Science Adventure
Contact us, 970-523-9943
- July 4-6: Collbran, CO:** Twin Peaks 4th of July Creation Celebr.
Contact us, 970-523-9943
- July 7-11: Collbran, CO:** Twin Peaks Bible Camp (3rd & 4th Grades)
Contact camp, 970-487-3891
- July 8-26: Trinidad, CO:** Salvation Bible Conferences (ages 8-18)
Contact Allen Cooper, 719-324-5624 for dates for each age.
- July 14-18: Collbran, CO:** Twin Peaks Bible Camp (5th & 6th Grades)
Contact camp, 970-487-3891
- July 31: Grand Junction CO:** Northeast Christian Church Day Camp
Contact Karen Taylor, 970-243-6672
- Aug 4-8: Molina, CO:** Molina Baptist Church VBS
Contact Sarah McBroom, 970-268-5596
- Aug 10-15: Lake City, CO:** Redcloud Family Mountain Adventure I
- Aug 17-22: Lake City, CO:** Redcloud Family Mountain Adventure II
Contact us, 970-523-9943
- Aug 23-24: Vail, CO:** Stealing the Mind of America Conference
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- Aug 25-29: Manitou Springs, CO:** ICR Summit Creation Week
Contact Amanda Bowers, 719-685-9103

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Team Training Going Great!

The VBS training this spring was very successful. The Johnsons have trained 10 teams to do Creation VBS and Camps this summer! It's exciting to see the multiplication.

Would you like to take part in our training seminars or internships? Individualized programs can be designed to help you share creation truth with children or adults. A good place to start is by attending one of our Creation Vacations this summer. You will learn the Johnson's successful approach to children's ministry and receive exciting information to share with children or adults. Fall training sessions are now being planned. Call us soon if you are interested.

Camp Openings!!!!

Can you believe it?? We still have openings at our Redcloud Family Mountain Adventures. Don't miss out this year! Moms, dads, teens, young children, and even grandparents will have the time of their life learning about God's wonderful creation and enjoying activities like horseback riding, rappelling, ropes courses, mountain biking, 4-wheel drive tours to old mining towns, fishing, hiking, canoeing, or just plain relaxing. These camps make great family reunions! Call today to reserve your week: **August 10-15** or **August 17-22**.

Financial Update

We thank God for all of you who prayed or responded financially to the needs mentioned in our last issue. THANKS for your partnership with us. Keep praying. Funds are still tight and children and adults still need to learn about our great Creator and Redeemer. We hope you will remember AOI and reverse what many ministries call the summer giving slump. God provides as His people pray and give.

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