

# BRIAN AND SHANNON NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

*The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7-8)*

September is the busiest time at Bear Valley. The main event of September is the lectureship and I was happy to see some of you all there!

## LECTURESHIP

We had another amazing lectureship this year. The theme was ancient wisdom for modern living studying from the book of Psalms. As always, we had a fantastic line up of speakers that brought the book of Psalms to life for us. It was great seeing past students and members come in from all over to glorify God. We met many new faces as well. Including the Guatemalan extinction school coordinators, Byron Benitez, his wife Snezana, their two boys Alex and Joseph, and Hiwatthia Jones. Then, John and Carla Moore hosted another “Ministry Moments” with Dan and Diane Winkler. They had some powerful stories to share and great wisdom to pass on. It is truly wonderful to be surrounded by so many Christians who passionately love the Lord.



*Dan and Diane at Ministry Moments*

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Bible Passages

We are happy to continue our work with John and Carla. This month, we primarily prepared for the Mediterranean cruise that departs on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We are still anticipating having new content on their YouTube channel on Rome, the Vatican, and Ephesus in the near future!



*Byron, Hiawatthia, Snezana, and Family*

## Preaching Out

We continued our Galatians study on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Columbine. We have been so happy to be able to provide some consistency and get to know the folks at Columbine.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Even though it was a busy month at Bear Valley, we were able to relax some. We started off with research week, which coincided with Labor Day weekend so the students could spend time with family (after getting all their work done of course). Shannon and I took a small camping trip up into the mountains around Glenwood Springs. Lastly, we were able to attend a unique night at the Colorado Symphony. On the screen, they showed Star Wars while the symphony played the score.



*Ladies at Lectureship*



*Star Wars at the Colorado Symphony*

Unfortunately, the week after lectureship, I was fighting off COVID. Thankfully it was relatively minor symptoms and Shannon was not affected. We were grateful for a speedy recovery and that I could rejoin my fellow students in the classroom.