

Pray for the *Jones Family* MINISTRIES

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BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY MINISTRIES

By the time you get this report, I will be in Israel, joining the excavation team at Tel Shiloh where we are digging up biblical history during another season of archaeological discovery in the Holy Lands. Already, the team has made some amazing discoveries - the footprint of the Old Testament Tabernacle, the gate where Eli the priest sat when he got the news about the ark of the covenant, thousands of bones of sacrificial animals, and countless artifacts. I and Dr. Bobby Sparks have also been invited to meet with the Israel Antiquities Authority in Jerusalem to tour their facilities and meet with the director. We will be



staying in Jerusalem and traveling to Shiloh (which lies in the West Bank) each day. Please pray for safety as we make this journey. I am currently working on curriculum for a course in Biblical Archaeology I will be teaching in the fall at Emmaus, part of a new degree program in Near-Eastern History and Archaeology.

At Tel Shiloh with square supervisor Dr. Charles Savelle, of Dallas Theological Institute.

THAILAND MISSIONS

After more than two decades of missionary work in Thailand, the Lord continues to open doors for outreach, discipleship, and church planting. Any people from all over (California, Washington, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, as well as workers from Thailand and Laos) joined me on our building trip to work on the seminary building in Udon Thani, Thailand. We dried in both floors, laying block, hanging doors and windows, and also completed a baptistery for the church. I preached and shared the gospel in several places, visiting some other works along the border. I recently had the privilege of meeting with 15 Thai and Laotian pastors as we discussed strategies for evangelism and fellowship among the churches. It is encouraging to see what the Lord is doing in this area of the world! Thank you for your prayers and continued support for this ministry.

EMMAUS BAPTIST COLLEGE

The Lord continues to bless the ministry of Emmaus Baptist College. We recently held one of our most well-attended graduation ceremonies to date, with attorney David Gibbs III delivering an outstanding commencement address. Be sure to read the article about his legal services for churches in the latest edition of The Baptist Anchor magazine. This summer, I am scheduled to meet with several large groups of prospective students from local churches, and the interest in our programs is growing steadily. In addition to our strong theology and pastoral training, we have launched a new Women's Ministry program and are seeing great enthusiasm for our Near-Eastern History & Archaeology degree as well as our new Missiology degree. Emmaus remains firmly committed to training the next generation of Baptist leaders, and your faithful support makes this possible.



BAPTIST TRAINING CENTER PUBLICATIONS

Baptist Training Center Publications continues to provide sound doctrinal resources for churches, Christian schools, and missionaries. We recently completed the first two volumes in Dr. Rudy Holland's Inspiration Devotional series, which are now available for purchase. I am currently working on the final two volumes, with plans to release them later this summer. In addition, we are developing new textbooks and student workbooks for the Emmaus Academy program to support our expanding Bible diploma curriculum. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we labor to equip God's people with biblically faithful materials.



The building team with a few Thai and Laotian church members in front of the new building.