

August 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings and blessings to you all. Here's the latest in our mission travels. In early June, I lectured in two mission schools, one in Richmond, Virginia and one in



Here's my small but vibrant class in Richmond.

Orlando, Florida. Oddly enough, in both schools I lectured on the letters of St. Paul, who wrote about a quarter of the New Testament. Since Richmond is "drivable," we took our car, and additionally, since our son James and three of our grandchildren live in Richmond, we needed the car. Usually, I go from the airport to a campus, and unless there is some sort of public transportation, I don't leave the campus beyond a reasonable walking distance. This time, I also stayed at the campus, but Peggy stayed with the grandkids, and I drove over each mid-afternoon when my school duties were finished.

I was home for only a few hours before flying out for Orlando, the next stop. Here there was a sizeable class of young people from a variety of countries, though in this case, most were from either the USA or

Canada. In both campuses I was able to lecture without a translator, which makes things a bit easier.

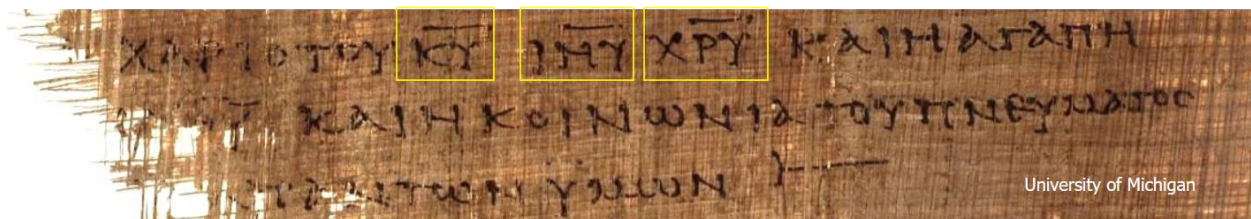
The Apostle Paul, of course, is a fascinating character in and of himself, and in addition to describing his travels, letters, and theology, we tried to get under his skin, so to speak, as a person. Educated, tenacious, and temperamentally sharp, he was a true visionary, hoping to reach as far west as Spain (it is debated whether or not this actually happened). For students of Christian missions, Paul is important, because he is the first missionary to be sent and supported by a

church, the Antioch congregation in Syria, which is not a great deal different than for those of you who support Peggy and me.

The early copies of Paul's letters are all in codex form, rather than scrolls, and indeed there is a reasonable case to be made that the codex form was invented by the early Christians, perhaps even by Paul himself.



Here's my Orlando group.



Here is the final blessing of our earliest copy of St. Paul's letters, p46 (ca. AD 200), which reads, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen!" You'll notice I've outlined the three small words in yellow, which are Paul's abbreviations of "Lord Jesus Christ." It was the pattern of Paul and other New Testament writers to abbreviate divine names.



Part of the Orlando Campus

The week after flying home from Orlando, Chad, our son, was flying to Orlando to teach on the texts of St. John. The students got a double-dose of the Lewises!



Here's Chad teaching on the letters and gospel of John.

In early July, I was off to Boston to teach once again on Paul and his letters. Here I had a very energetic group of about 25 coming from England, Canada, the



The Boston campus for the Discipleship Bible School

Netherlands, and the USA. I had been to the Boston campus previously, but not since before Covid, so it was nice to see some familiar faces among the staff.

U. of N. is incredibly creative in finding properties for their various schools of biblical studies. I've taught at campuses that were former leper colonies, munitions manufacturers, boarding schools, sailor's hotels, and

the hunting lodge of a Bavarian king. The one in Boston is a former funeral home.

In mid-July, I did Zoom lectures in Osaka, Japan, teaching 1 & 2 Kings with translation. Here is a screen shot of some of my students.



And then, let me share with you an unsolicited letter responding to materials I sent to a teacher who teaches in Papua, New Guinea, Brazil, and Mozambique—two of places where I’ve never been. The teacher had contacted me via our Diakonos website about sending to her teaching materials on the Book of Exodus

Hello Dan,

I hope you’re doing well!

I have to admit—I didn’t expect a personal reply! I thought it might be an automated system, so I was pleasantly surprised. I just want to say that I’m a big fan of your commentaries and materials. They’ve been an incredible resource to me as I’ve had the honor of teaching and leading in over eight Bible schools across three nations (Papua New Guinea, Brazil, and Mozambique).

Thank you for making such rich material available. It has truly helped shape how I teach and disciple others, and I’m deeply grateful for your ministry.

I recently helped structure our ministry’s own Bible school, and I’m currently preparing to teach on the book of Exodus. I was reaching out to see if you’d be able to share your Exodus commentary, as it would be a tremendous help in my study and preparation.

If you’re able to send it, I’d be beyond grateful.

I was able to assist this teacher with the materials she requested, and as it turned out, I had just finished a new commentary on the Book of Exodus. If interested, you’ll find it on the Diakonos website (www.dkonos.org) under “Literature” and “Biblical Commentaries.”

The final stop for the summer was a trip back to Amsterdam, where I taught a BTS2 for a group of teachers concerning the Israelite kings and prophets. This was a great group of about 40 made up of teachers, missionaries, and pastors. There were LOTS of questions and discussion about some of the more controversial and

difficult parts of the books of Kings and the various prophets to northern Israel and Judah, plus, we included a full day's lectures on intertestamental history.



This is my Amsterdam group. As you can see, there were some families with children.



Here I am with Jo van Bakel, the international director of the Discipleship Bible Schools, along with David van derMeuten, an Anglican pastor who was one of the students.

It's been a very full summer! In addition to my various lectures for the University of the Nations' biblical studies schools, I also squeezed in time to lecture on the archaeology of the Old Testament at Macomb Community College, where I had some 42 registered for my course at the University Center.

I'm taking September off, since I need a break, but between October and December I'll have lectures in Seattle, Kona, and Colorado Springs.

Our deep thanks for all who follow us, and especially, those who offer generous financial support.

Dan and Peggy Lewis