

February 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In December 2024, I lectured at the University of the Nations campus in the Seattle area. Here, I explored the writings of John in the New Testament with a lovely Korean group of biblical studies students, some from South Korea and some from the USA, along with a delightful missionary couple who have been doing missionary work the past several years in Kazakhstan. This was as bi-lingual



*Here, Onyoo (cello), Shin Ae (violin), and “yours truly” (guitar) perform “O Holy Night”*

campus, so all my materials had been sent to them many weeks prior for translation into Korean. The lectures themselves were all conducted with the help of a translator. One of the highlights for me was the fact

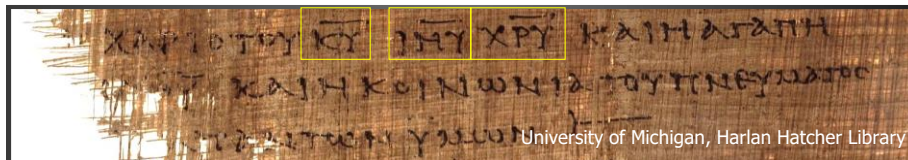
that two of my students were wonderful musicians, one a violinist and the other a cellist, and together, we performed a Christmas piece, “O Holy Night,” for the



*This is the classroom building on the U. of N. campus in Monroe, WA.*

campus community chapel service one evening. I also spoke in the chapel service and conducted an open-ended Q/A besides the lectures.

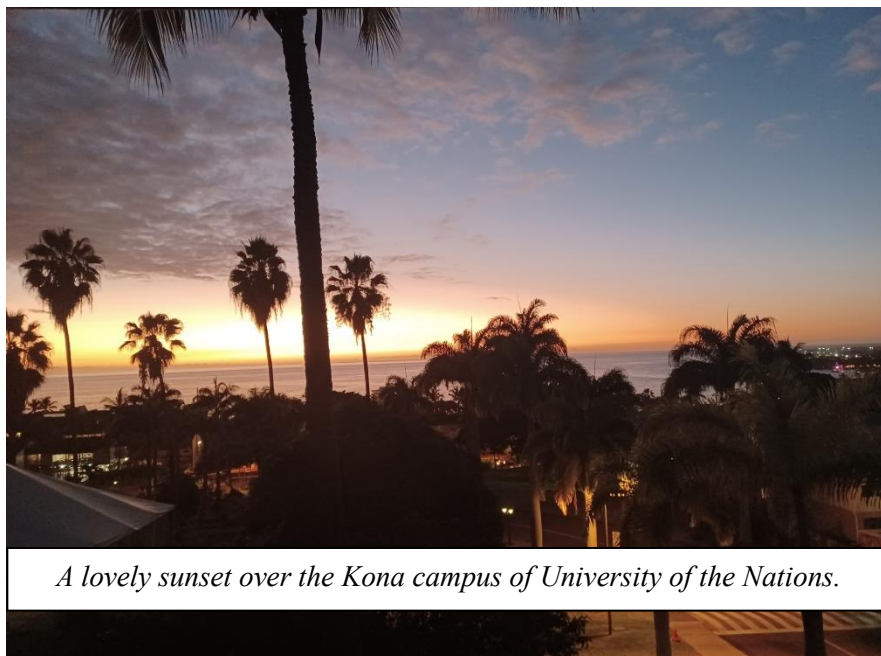
From Seattle, I flew to the U. of N. campus in Kona on the Big Island in Hawaii. This is a much larger campus with about a thousand students, more-or-less, at any given time. Here I lectured on the letters of St. Paul, the early Greek texts of his letters, the background and arguments of each of his letters, and some of the



*When looking at the early texts of Paul's letters, I explained to the students how it was typical in our early texts of the New Testament to abbreviate divine names. Here, in p46 from about AD 200, you can see three divine names, each with a line over the top (which I have marked in yellow boxes). They are abbreviations for the names "Lord," "Jesus" and "Christ." This practice seems to have been a way to accentuate divine names. Whether or not Paul invented this feature, we don't know, but in all our copies of Paul's letters, we find it.*

major points in his theology. It was a very engaged class with about 30+ including students and staff. While in Kona, I had many one-on-one meetings with students and other

faculty to discuss theological issues in the Bible. With other teachers, we mostly conversed on ways to approach some of Paul's more difficult passages. Virtually



every breakfast and every lunch as well as appointments in the afternoons and evenings filled the days.

One exciting prospect is that Christer Bergus, one of the teachers here in Kona, will start a New Testament Greek course in 2025. I taught NT Greek to Christer a few years ago, after which he went on to Gordon-

Conwell Seminary in Boston, and now he is going to lead a class himself in biblical languages. I still teach Greek and Hebrew on-line, of course, but it is rewarding to



see one's "protégé," if I can use that term appropriately, to take the lead—shades of Paul and Timothy.



*This is my DBS class in Kona.*

In January, I traveled to Curitiba, Brazil, a city in the south near Argentina, to teach in another Bible Teachers School (BTS). This was the fourth of these two-week intensives, and it is open to Bible teachers or those who want to be Bible teachers. The class consisted of many Brazilians, but also, those from other Latin American countries as well as a handful from North America. Here, my basic task was to cover the New Testament, its major characters, the structure of the various books, how documents were composed and delivered in the Greco-Roman world, the early New Testament manuscripts in Greek, the various literary genres, and the major controversies arising in New Testament studies.

Because it was in Brazil but also include others from surrounding countries, my lectures required double translation. I taught in English (and the English students



*Here is one of my students standing in front of Cleopatra's Gate in Tarsus, the remains (partly reconstructed) of one of the Roman Gates which Paul would have seen many times as a child.*

on-ones with students during the afternoon hours. AND, since it was in the southern hemisphere, I escaped Michigan's severe cold temps for the warmer climate of summer in January!

While lecturing on Paul, I had occasion to show slides of some archaeological artifacts, one of which was Cleopatra's Gate in Paul's home town of Tarsus. It was a very nice surprise to discover that one of my students had actually visited Tarsus, and she shared with me a photo of the same gate from a different angle (with her in the photo).

Near the end of February, Chad, my son, lectured on the Book of Leviticus for the School of Biblical Studies in Nuneaton, England. England has become one of his "regular" visits, and while he doesn't have a lot of extra time, given that he is a full time teacher as well as a pastor as well as a hospice clergy, he is always delighted to cross the pond to serve our friends in the United Kingdom. Typically, he not only lectures but hosts a Q & A while there.

were on the left of the classroom). The middle section, which was by far the largest, required Portuguese translation, and the right side of the classroom required Spanish. Beside the three hours of lecture each morning, I conducted multiple one-



*Here are several of my teacher-students. The gentleman in the yellow shirt, Eze, was one of those translating all my materials into Spanish.*





*Q & A sessions are always fun, and the field is wide open for any questions about the Bible or Christian theology.*

The one other thing of importance I wish to comment on is that we are now launching a new and improved website. The old platform, which has served us for 10 years, has finally reached the end of its shelf-life. Hence, if you log-on to our web address ([www.dkonos.org](http://www.dkonos.org)), you'll find an up-to-date site, thanks to

Stephanie Lucas, our webmaster and Travis Lewis, my son who has assisted greatly in the design. This website is free, and it is used all over the world by hundreds of Bible teachers as a basic resource.

Spring is coming, and I have upcoming lectures in Russia, Amsterdam, England, Richmond, and Boston this coming quarter. Your prayers are appreciated!

In God's grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Dan Lewis". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Dan and Peggy Lewis