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# WONDERS OF SCIENCE

“... bringing life to science”

Wonders of Science is a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church



## “Re-focusing On Local Opportunities”

I received a letter from a ministry we follow: “The two basic signs given by our Lord Jesus Christ to signify the last generation were mirroring the times of Noah and Lot. We seem to be about where Jesus prophesied...” Kenneth C. Hill, President, “Watchmen on the Wall” broadcast, Southwest Radio Ministries.

Since the Covid event, many ministries as well as small businesses were unable to continue. We had to postpone two years of travel to scheduled programs! For WOS it takes a year or two just to set them up. Communities are reluctant to proceed when the rules for gathering are so fluid and events are canceled with new mandates.

From Wonders of Science, our heart goes out to the many people who could have experienced WOS these past two years and be under the influence of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. During over 50 years of ministry to eight million attending a WOS presentation, the Lord has also brought thousands of sceptics and outright atheists. Documented records show over 50,000 visitors drawn into the Lord’s family after attending a WOS presentation!

Terry and I will continue to accept local programs in the southwest as God leads in our 51<sup>st</sup> year of ministry. These include speaking opportunities, home school groups and prison contacts, answering dozens of email questions daily for those seeking answers and hope in this time of uncertainty. We remind them God has told us the “end from the beginning” and what would happen through the ages (Isaiah 46:10). He is still in control!

Pray for God’s leading as we seek guidance for the future and marvel at what the Lord has allowed us to experience and see since 1969. We are forever grateful for the years of support you provided during the extensive tours. If you feel led to continue supporting WOS, your support will be directed to the continuing requests we receive for local and the Southwest outreach during the ongoing ministry of WOS.

### COMMENT CORNER...

*“I had a good Christmas with some of the guys in here that also are in their walk with the LORD. We all got together and made a small meal for our little gathering. We tried to persuade one another to say Merry Christmas to someone we are trying to avoid or someone we just don’t like . . . and we had to sincerely mean it. That got very interesting very fast. Some went to certain guards that are always picking on them, others went to the ones that either fought them or tried to fight them.”*

*“Thank you for everything you have done for me. I treasure all your words and advice. The love in our LORD that you have taught me is a constant conviction to not harden my heart. Thank you. Humbly in Christ.”*

**--Prison inmate, doing a life sentence!--**

*“I am still giving out bible tracts and some of the ones you gave me as well. I find that the homeless are very open to them. One man I met on the streets likes for me to give him extras so he can hand them out as well. His name is Kevin and we have become friends.”*

**--Salvation Army worker--**

*“Heard standing in a Christmas shopping line: “You’re Dean Ortner, aren’t you? My family are visiting CA for the season and I just wanted to tell you I attended your demonstrations many years ago in Chicago and made a decision to trust Jesus as you spoke. It completely changed our lives! We are amazed to be able to personally tell you and thank you for being faithful to your calling!”*

**--Encounter with a stranger in line--**

*“Thanks so much Dean! You left such a positive impression on me the first time I met you at Word of Life Island in 1985 when I was 17. I absolutely LOVED your Sermons from Science presentation.”*

**--Retired Police Officer, NJ--**

## “We Only Expected 25 Or So...!”



Just behind my back is man with saw who stopped to watch

A small Christian Club at a local public junior high school periodically invites classmates to an “In-n-Out Burger” lunch with a speaker sharing a Biblical challenge. Luke, one of our church’s youth pastors, is the campus representative for the “Decision Point” ministries focusing on public schools. He suggested Wonders of Science and received permission from the club’s sponsoring school teacher. Upon arrival to set up early that morning I was told, “We only expect 25 or so.”

The program location was just outside the classroom under a series of gazebos shading the extra chairs brought in. I looked across the alley to a neighbor’s garage and noticed a man setting up a table saw and thinking how clever Satan is in timing typical interference.

Then, “Students are lining up along the building and around the far corner and there are already ninety-seven in line!” I was so pleased at the polite reception by so many of them and their eager questions and comments. After club members handed out burgers, drinks and the response cards, the seats filled up to standing room only; a half dozen teachers wandering by also stayed at the back to watch. A parent teaching at the school had very positive comments of support afterwards.

I knew it was coming! Sure enough, the buzz of the table saw started up after about 10 minutes. I was quickly furnished a small mic and speaker system to hang from my neck. After some of the more exciting, interactive demonstrations, I noticed the saw being turned off quickly after each cut. Then, cuts spaced further apart and even saw the worker pretending to adjust his wood, but all the while watching and listening from across the alley. When I concluded with the biblical portion for 30 minutes, he had stopped cutting altogether and just pattered around listening. I had to chuckle since this type of thing happens on a regular basis. The Lord can draw anyone’s attention from any distraction as He feeds their hungry heart.



Nearly 100 lined up for school lunch demos

Luke passed out decision cards and reviewed the gospel, led in prayer and closed the invitation and I answered specific questions from students while reloading the equipment. Luke approached me with a big smile and exclaimed, “Dr. Ortner, we had 21 cards signed asking for a personal contact for prayer to receive Christ as Savior, and, there were nine cards signed that confessed they’d prayed on the spot for salvation and signed their cards!

The distraction of the buzz saw concerned me at first, but those things have happened to many presentations when the Lord is discussed. Perhaps God was gently preparing that man for the next contact by a witnessing believer.

- Pray for our wisdom in planning which invitations are of God’s leading.
- For the Lord’s provision during these times of limited tour funds after the recent unscheduled few years.
- For opportunities to remind the fearful, God is still in control and can be trusted.
- For continued health the Lord has granted us these 50 years of ministry and a close walk with our Lord.

**PRAYER  
CORNER**

**Wonders of Science  
Counts on You!**

# “A SHORT PHOTO HISTORY”

Enjoy the incredible variety of opportunities you made possible for WOS to present the gospel on your behalf as you share in the fruit the Lord provided. (I Samuel 30:18 – 25)

“Terry and I accepted God’s call to be available in any place He chooses to give a clear presentation of the gospel to anyone who might listen, in any profession or circumstance of life.”

GEORGE SWEETING

THE 11th WOODS PLACE  
MONTICELLO, N.C.

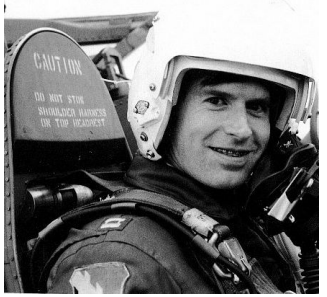
*Dear Dean, It is always a treat to hear of the ministry. The Lord has given you. We all are grateful. I remember, talking and dreaming about, what GOD COULD DO... through you... back in your days, at Moody.*

*Give our love to all.*

*George Sweeting,  
(1966) PSV 15:1, ISA 42:9, 2COR 4:7*



Dean in 1st grade dreaming of flying this Constellation airliner someday when I'm older



“As a VIP guest pilot on an introductory flight in an Air Force fighter will have to do for now”

## 1974 World Fair



#1 Spokane World Fair 1974 Dean, Dr. Speake and Pavilion Managers  
#2 Dean at Spokane 1974  
#3 Spokane Worlds Fair 1974  
Lines for an hour of patience in rain, sleet & snow



## 1996 Olympics



#4 Dean with '96 Olympic Torch  
#5 Dean, Terry meet Josh Davis - 4 Gold Medals and brother in The Faith Atlanta '96 Olympics  
#6 Mime team attends WOS at 96 Olympics  
#7 Questions after entire Jamaican Bob Sled team attended Atlanta Olympics  
#8 Chinese Olympic support team attended demos at Atlanta 96 Olympics



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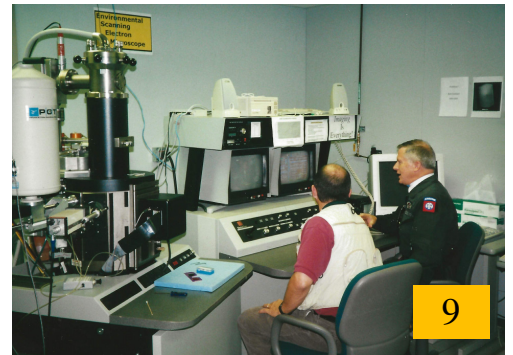
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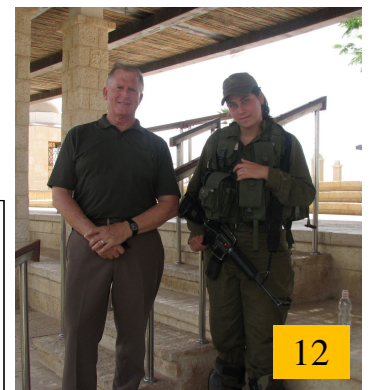
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- #1 Dean speaking to Commanders of US Submarine Base, NC
- #2 Interview for Stars and Stripes military news
- #3 Addressing new recruits and families
- #4 Air Force Academy Chapel, CO presentations
- #5 Personal tour of B-2 Stealth Bomber with Base Commander
- #6 Interacting with Israeli Mossad guards
- #7 WOS for Pentagon staff and DC Air Force Base
- #8 Tour of USS Nebraska, Nuclear Sub
- #9 Visit scanning electron microscope research lab before presentation
- #10 With Air Force at Alaska Oil Pipeline
- #11 Piloting a Nuke Submarine
- #12 Practicing my Hebrew with Israeli soldier guarding at Jordan River
- #13 Speaking to 4,000 Air Force Academy Cadets and faculty
- #14 Sharing speaking at Marine Station with Globe Trotter Meadowlark Lemon inventor of Hook Shot

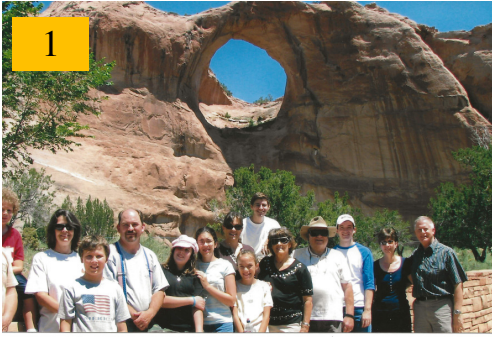


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# "Our Programs Have Taken Us to Many Wonderful Places"



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#1 Navajo Nation at Hole In Wall, NV;  
 #2 Navajo Nation Supreme Court;  
 #3 Meeting two Supreme Court Judges of Navajo Nation Court  
 #4 Dean and translator with Bolivian Ambassadors to the UN;  
 #5 One of several technical schools visited with demos in Bolivia  
 #6 Bozeman, MT  
 #7 Denton Bible in TX  
 #8 Meeting British Ambassador to Bahamas for lunch



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#9 Inviting Amish at local vegetable and flower market.  
 #10 Special invitation from Hershey Corporation's school for demos  
 #11 WOS ministers to eleven prison groups  
 #12 Even skeptics need honest answers  
 #13 Typical multi-generational crowds



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# "More Memories Over The Years"



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- #1 Came in 2nd place in NY Rodeo. Lots of conversations with Real cowboys!
- #2 Dean helping with branding
- #3 Dean with Frank the ranch owner after dawn to dusk branding
- #4 Assisting elementary students between school assembly programs
- #5 Home school family and swim physics during Dad's Triathlon
- #6 Dad, second lane in black is ahead!
- #7 Kids always interested with questions
- #8 AWANA Club Burbank CA
- #9 Public school Zoom sessions
- #10 Granddaughter surprised to see Grandpa in one of his movie roles as space craft Commander
- #11 Pan-American Radio interview reaching 3 million in Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Chile and Argentina
- #12 WOS demos Biola University CA
- #13 German national TV recording my science Class for European broadcast
- #14 Ripley's Believe It or Not premiere featuring Million Volt Demo being edited. It was the highest viewing audience of 100 million in cable television history
- #15 "Stars and Stripes" radio Interview
- #16 Bob, engineer rescuing repairs



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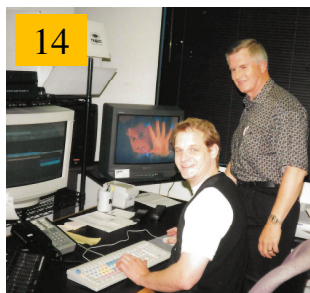
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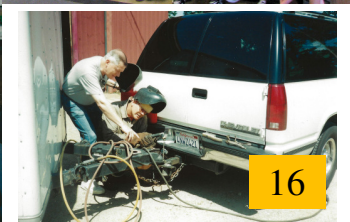
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