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THE INCREDIBLE VALUE OF ONE SOUL

An Amazing Fact: After Captain Scott O’Grady’s F-16 jet was ripped in two by a surface-to-air missile, the 26-year-old pilot ejected and parachuted behind enemy lines into war-torn Bosnia. For six long days and nights—fighting cold, thirst, and hunger—O’Grady hid from the Serbian soldiers searching for him and radioed U.S. forces for help. On the seventh day, two heavily armed Marine helicopters plucked him from the hills where he was hiding. His dramatic rescue was a masterpiece of cooperation between the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, along with multinational support. All these agencies and millions of dollars were invested to save a single soldier from enemy territory.

Dear friend,

You can truly see a picture of just how precious human life is when all the U.S. armed forces mobilize their best resources to save the life of one soldier in danger.

But Jesus goes even further! In Matthew 18:11, He says, “The Son of man is come to save that which was lost”—but that’s not all. He also explains how if only one out of 100 sheep went astray, the Good Shepherd would search diligently until He found that one sheep. The lesson here is clear: “Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep?” (Matthew 12:12 NKJV). Jesus wants you to know how infinitely precious one person is in His sight. That’s why God mobilized all of heaven for the saving of the lost and, together, you and I are to help reach them one at a time.

Here at Amazing Facts, we are committed to reclaiming the lost sheep in the world; it’s our mission to do all we can to ensure they’re found. This month, I’d like to share with you some inspiring stories that demonstrate how the Lord has specifically used our Internet ministry to reach individual souls in need. As you read, remember that you played a pivotal role in each story …

Let me introduce you to Tim. He had been struggling to make sense of the Bible for more than a decade. He was reading it faithfully, yet he figured he must not be understanding it correctly because nearly everything he was hearing in church didn’t match with what the Bible actually says. Just when he was about to “toss in the towel,” he stumbled across some Amazing Facts sermons on the Internet.
Tim wrote that after watching our programs for nearly **four hours straight**, he was “ready to break down and cry.” Until he had watched Amazing Facts on the Internet, Tim felt he “had nowhere to go and no one to be with” that followed the Bible.

But God knew he was seeking and directed Tim to our websites—websites made possible because of you.

**Global Power of the Internet**

I trust that you see just how effective Internet evangelism can be!

We all know that media has significantly changed the world. For example, without the Gutenberg press, Martin Luther’s 95 Theses would have never spread like wildfire across Europe as it did—

Well, today, Amazing Facts websites receive more than 250,000 visitors every month; in fact, in March, **64,000 new** visitors surfed our new amazingfacts.org website … and that’s not counting our other 20 websites, such as sabbathtruth.com and bibleprophecytruth.com. Over the past six months, many of these new visitors have enrolled in our Bible school, watched videos, and read our truth-filled books.

Even though thousands of people are finding the truth through Amazing Facts Internet outreach, we are just as thrilled for each one as if they were the only one. Because this is how God feels about the value of a single soul. He hears every individual prayer just as if that person was the only one on earth praying. In the famous devotional book *Maranatha*, the author writes, “God would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan” (p. 207).

**Meet Priscilla**

Priscilla’s greatest struggle in life was the tragic death of her 21-year-old son; she had nearly lost all hope and even attempted suicide. But God was watching over her and led her to Amazing Facts.

Struggling financially and unable to pay her cable bill, Priscilla began watching programs through the Internet. Soon she discovered our websites and began watching our many sermons for free. After hearing my testimony, Priscilla was able to identify with the rest of our messages, giving her a hope she’d never experienced. She heard promises of a better tomorrow and sensed God leading her to learn more about the Bible. Now, because of your generous giving to this ministry, Priscilla is another dear soul who has been completely transformed. When she eventually learned about God’s true Sabbath, she dusted off her Bible and read for herself about the seventh day. She enthusiastically shares, “Just a few weeks ago was the first time I've ever worshiped God all day long on the day He commanded!”

Please remember, it is faithful friends like you who keep our Internet ministry going, 24 hours a day so that people like Priscilla can meet Jesus and discover the truth!
Global Proclamation

Because of your support, Amazing Facts is now broadcasting the gospel on the Internet in every country on the planet! Many who are chained in darkness now have the opportunity to hear solid biblical truth. And think about it, because Amazing Facts broadcasts my church's services, with just a simple Internet connection, they can attend Sabbath School and worship in their own homes as neighbors, family, and friends join them!

The speed at which the gospel is now spreading around the planet is unprecedented. To put it plainly, we're getting ever closer to Jesus' second coming! He said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14).

Friend, not only is Amazing Facts' Internet ministry one of our most important means to share the gospel, it is the wave of the future in terms of global evangelism—we recognize that! I'm deeply moved when I hear testimonies from precious souls like Tim and Priscilla, knowing that what we're doing online is making such a difference.

But as our Internet viewers increase, so does our financial responsibility …

Big News for Smartphone & Tablet Users!

Amazing Facts will soon release a new app for Android and Apple devices. It will bring our best resources to your fingertips! You'll easily be able to access sermons, daily devotionals, Bible studies, and the latest ministry news. Features include …

• Access to my latest sermons from Sacramento Central
• Watch Central Study Hour in hi-definition—with closed captioning
• Download my pastoral notes for the Central Study Hour broadcast
• Watch Amazing Facts Presents, our flagship program
• Read Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides and Storacles of Bible Prophecy
• Listen to Bible Answers Live
• Explore our many pocket books

It is impossible to estimate the millions of lives being touched at this very moment through our Internet evangelism—but we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is reviving believers and reaching new people of all ages. God is doing it one heart at a time. It would be tragic for us not to continue our Internet outreach efforts, and this is why I need your help today.

Will you join me in this unprecedented mission field and keep all our vital ministries going strong?Amazing Facts must live like a family surviving from month-to-month—

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paying our outreach bills, employing staff, and maintaining our Internet equipment, always depending solely on the support of our friends like you.

Yet, unlike most people, we never know how much income we’ll receive each month. We walk a thin line between confidence and prudence, being responsible with your sacrificial support and continuing to step out in faith. That’s why I deeply appreciate your gifts and prayers today, because it helps us better plan and focus our resources to reach the most people.

Each month, Amazing Facts needs approximately $56,000 to continue bringing the wealth of our biblical resources to people using the Internet. Based on responses we receive, your gift of $50 will bring our evangelism tools to at least 450 people this month alone, and $500 can reach almost 5,000 souls for Christ! No matter what size gift God moves you to send, will you please prayerfully consider reaching more souls with your gift this month?

As always, I would like to thank you for your support this month. For a gift of any size, I want to send you my recent message called *God Chooses Ordinary People*.

I trust you will be encouraged and inspired when you hear about the remarkable ways God can use any willing person to reach others. If you’ve ever wondered if God could use you to save a soul, you need this message! I would love to send it to you, so I hope to hear from you today.

Finally, remember to use the enclosed response card to let me know you support this work—and to include your prayer requests on the back. I can’t wait to share with you more testimonies like Tim’s and Priscilla’s in the near future!

God bless you, friend, and thank you for your partnership,

![Photo of Pastor Doug Batchelor]

Pastor Doug Batchelor
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. If you ever wonder how much God values a single soul, just consider that He emptied the treasury of heaven when He sent His only begotten Son as a ransom for our lost souls. I am convinced that Jesus loves each person so much, He would’ve come to earth and experienced all of His sufferings to redeem a single soul. Let’s do our part in spreading this good news—your gift and prayers today will make an eternal difference.