

At this year's Bible Conference, June 19-23

Erwin Lutzer to speak about *Da Vinci Code*

If someone was publicly spreading lies about your best friend, how would you feel? Sad? Angry? Disappointed? Would you want to run right out and tell the world the real truth?

Well, that's just what I've done. In his book, *The Da Vinci Code*, author Dan Brown has constructed an almost entirely imaginary "alternate" beginning for Christianity. Despite the book's placement on the fiction shelves, there's just enough historical fact mixed in to make millions of peo-

ple think, "there must be something to it—where there's smoke, there's fire."

Our scandal-loving culture is hungry to believe the kind of fiction presented in this book. And now the book has been made into a movie, which opens in theaters in May. Millions more will be exposed to the lie.

Because I'm a public figure, I'll

have the opportunity to appear on talk shows and other venues once the movie opens, showing where the book clearly diverges from history

and wanders into superstition, speculation and myth. Please pray for a faithful witness on

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my part.

But it won't be enough. We need thousands of Christians just like you, armed with the facts, standing ready

to give an answer to coworkers, classmates, online discussion groups and even Sunday School classes.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Gospel. May you be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about Christ.

Erwin Lutzer

To order Dr. Lutzer's book, *The Da Vinci Deception*, write Moody Church Media, 1609 North La Salle Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60614, or phone 800/215-5001.

Morogoro, Tanzania—Aug. 28-Sept. 11

I have committed to go to Africa this summer. Will J. and Marie Roberts, retired missionaries to Tanzania, are helping Music Evangelism Foundation facilitate the mission endeavor to Morogoro, Tanzania. Please pray for our safety and well being as we share Christ through music and the preaching of the Word.

Many college and high school students will for the first time hear the Gospel presented in a clear and understandable manner. Missionaries Ralph and Vivian Boyle will be coordinating the Morogoro part of the trip. Following is an excerpt from a recent letter from them.



Jamall speaks to school children in Africa.

"We greet you in the wonderful Name of our Blessed Risen Savior. For all who know that Christ has risen indeed and know that you died with Him on the Cross and now He who lives in you is Christ Jesus, there is no greater holiday to celebrate. Here in Morogoro, although a very Islamic dominated culture, three days are set aside as this special Easter holiday, Good Friday,

Sunday and Monday. We took advantage of this by having a seminar on 'The stone has been rolled away' for students from both the university and secondary schools. What a wonderful time God has given us in celebrating and worshipping the Lord. We did not have the 100-plus attendees, but had a great group of between 48 and 68 students who came together for these days of learning and celebrating. Two students came forward today to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. We had four M's in the group and one who left from the onset due to the content of our program. A choir from our home church in Mbeya, Tanzania came and blessed us and also sang for the outdoor crusade that went on in the afternoons when the seminar was finished. The crowd was very large, and we had about 10 decisions yesterday. This will be a new storying group starting on a piece of property purchased by the Carver's Church. They also want to see the Jesus Film Sunday night. God is working."

We still need \$2,500 to help with expenses. You may not be able to get on the plane to Tanzania, but you can still be there with your prayers and financial help.

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when a Union Army Captain, Robert Ellicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia.

The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring back the stricken man for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the soldier and began pulling him back toward his own encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, and the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern, suddenly caught his breath, and went numb with shock. In the dim light of the

lantern, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son!

The son was studying music in the South when the war broke out, and without telling his father, had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the heartbroken father asked permission of his

superiors to give his son a full military funeral, despite the young man's enemy

status. Captain Ellicombe's request was partially granted. He had asked the Army if he could have a group of band members play a dirge for his son at his funeral. Out of respect for the Captain, they agreed to loan him one musician. Captain Ellicombe chose the bugler.

The Captain asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes found in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. The wish was granted. That music was the haunting bugle melody we know as "Taps."

~Taps~

Boyd and Winston

One of the best preaching missionaries I've ever heard is Richard Walker, who served in Brazil. His two sons, Boyd and Winston took up the cause a few years ago. Winston died of a heart attack recently, and his brother, Boyd, in one of the best eulogies I've read, made this statement: "For you, there was only black or white. The color gray simply didn't exist. What was wrong was wrong, and what was right was right. I never knew you to deny responsibility for anything that required your accountability.

I trust that MEF is the same. We are what we are with hopefully no

gray areas. The pros would have us prostitute our ministry just for a few more dollars. I will admit it is tempting to go that direction because, at this time of the year, we are in need of funds so ministry can go forward and not backwards.

Music Evangelism is and always will be a faith-based ministry. Basically, we are an untangible entity. We do not have buildings you can look at or touch. We do not charge a fee for any conference lest someone be left out. We do not overcharge for mission trips to make money although that would be OK if those going are told the truth about that financial aspect of the trip.

Music Evangelism relies on friends like you who find strength in conference and Branson ministries to encourage us to stand in the gap for others. Because of your participation financially, we are able to continue presenting ministry that brings souls to Christ and leads Christians deeper into His Word. My prayer is that you'll be led to fill out the envelope included with a generous gift or pledge to Music Evangelism. Thank you for standing with us while the very foundation of our faith is under attack.

Pearl Harbor and volunteers

Late one evening, I was watching the movie "Pearl Harbor" for about the eighth time. Towards the end, Jimmy Doolittle was watching a few of his young flyers ready the planes for the first air strike on Tokyo.

Another officer standing by his side asked, "Do you think we'll win?" Doolittle answered, "We'll win because of those young men. The heart of a volunteer will always win."

And so it is with Music Evangelism. No doubt our staff works hard and long hours, especially at this time of year, but without those who volunteer, those who believe in our mission statement, those who give their time and money, those whose heart would be crushed if we didn't succeed—well, 25 years of ministry would not be a reality.

They not only come to the office, but they work for us at their jobs. They help with Faith Promise Dinners, they fold, stuff, tape and label the Newsletter, they buy articles for our December food project, they write and phone encouragements, they help fund mission projects at home and overseas. And even when tired and weary, they make every effort to attend each conference session, singing in the choir, taking the offering, greeting the people, working at the book and tape tables, loading and unloading trucks, etc. etc. And at the end of the year, they head for Branson to help some more.

MEF may be lacking in the financial arena, but we have something more valuable than gold—volunteers! And as Jimmy Doolittle said, "They will make us a winner!"



Nearly 1,000 people attended Faith Promise Dinners in Lamesa, Texas; the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Oklahoma City and Colorado Springs.

Faith Promise Dinners now mini Branson, Colorado conferences

Inspired by my friend, Jimmy Hodges in Oklahoma City, Music Evangelism began Faith Promise Dinners 14 years ago. Though they are designed to raise much-needed funds to sustain MEF ministries, we wanted the dinners to be more than just about money. And, they certainly have been.

Actually, they are a smaller version of our Branson ministry and Colorado Bible Conference, with a ton of music, great food and fellowship. DVD presentations, gift giving and, of course, an appeal for financial help that is, as far as I'm concerned, guiltless. Ask any of the 956 who attended this year's dinners in Lamesa, Texas; Dallas/Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and Colorado Springs. They will give a good report.

A few years ago, a lady gave testi-

mony that she accepted Christ as Savior at the dinner the year before. That usually doesn't happen unless the Spirit is in the room. To you who attended this year and in years past, Music Evangelism says "thank you" for your financial support. Please keep us in your prayers as we stand in the gap for others.

The Newsletter envelope is simply a reminder of our need for your support as God leads.

We get letters . . .

CORRECTION:

In my article about the movie "The End of the Spear" in the last Newsletter, I mentioned Marj Saint as being in the jungles of Ecuador, when, in fact, it was her sister-in-law, Rachel. You will notice several people corrected the "old singer."

I received the Music Evangelism Newsletter this morning and as always enjoyed reading it. I read the article on "The End of the Spear." I, too, was disappointed that they used Chad Allen. In fact, I have not yet seen the movie but have read all about it. I had the good fortune to spend time on the field in Honduras with Kathy Saint (now Drown). I met her mother, Marj. That is the point of this e-mail. Marj Saint is alive and kicking (*Ed. note: Actually Marj Saint died last year*). Rachel Saint, the sister of Nate, is probably the one who took the stage with Olive Fleming and Elisabeth Elliot. (*Marj Saint, not Rachel, was at the MEF Conference*). I just wanted to make that distinction.

I read your review of the film "The End of the Spear," and I was disappointed in your critique of it. We have lived in Ecuador, enjoyed being with the Saint family, and were touched by the realistic portrayal of the events—very dear to our hearts. Jim Elliot was serious about sharing

Christ. He was the one who convinced Pete Fleming and Ed McCully to join in his endeavor. But he had a refreshing sense of humor which shone through also. The fact that one of the actors turned out to be homosexual was unfortunate, but he was just an actor, not the person of Nate Saint himself, and Nate's testimony stands unblemished. I was in Shell Mera on the 10th anniversary of the slayings, when the little school there was dedicated to and named the Nate Saint Memorial School. Looking forward to the Conference in June.

It's pretty certain someone has mentioned to you that the lady who worked with the Waodani for so many years was Nate's sister, Rachel. Marj was Nate's wife.

I totally agree with you about the movie "The End of the Spear." I also thought it made the missionaries look so foolish. Praying for the conference funds to come in.

I read with interest your article on "The End of the Spear." Some corrections need to be made, however. I know a person involved in the direction of the movie, and it was almost cancelled due to lack of funds. It operated on a very low budget. Marj Saint did not serve in the jungles of Ecuador for many years, and was not

Conference to present workshops

After a one-year absence, this year's Bible Conference will again present two-hour workshops on Thursday, June 22, from 2-4 p.m. at Village Seven Presbyterian Church. The workshops will be as follows:



Marriage Relationships: Led by the Ray Pritchards



Today's Worship Services—The New Vs. the Old: Led by Jamall Badry



Music Reading and Presentations for Worship: Led by Joseph Martin and Paul Ferrin



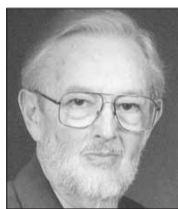
Modest but Modern: The Christian Woman Looking Her Best: Led by Dana Williamson and Carolyn Reed



Estate Planning: Led by Don See



"Just Because You Are a Christian Doesn't Mean Your Brains Fall Out—Witnessing to a Lost World: Led by Ian Leitch



Missions in Africa and India: Led by Will J. and Marie Roberts and Benny Mathews

Somewhere down the road

May 14	Bethel Baptist, Norman, OK
June 12-14	Southern Baptist Convention, Greensboro, NC
June 19-23	25th Annual MEF Bible Conference, Colorado Springs, CO
Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Morogoro, Tanzania mission trip
Oct. 1-4	Revival, Cuba, MO
Oct. 25-28	Down From His Glory, Welk Theatre, Branson, MO

The Da Vinci Code is filled with symbols that supposedly point to startling "facts" about Mary Magdalene. Yet none of the 14 verses from the New Testament that mention Mary Magdalene by name are included in the novel. Not her demons. Not her deliverance. Not her role at the crucifixion. Not her witness of the resurrection. The Mary Magdalene of the Code has little in common with the Mary Magdalene of the Bible—except her name. —Liz Curtis Higgs

buried there. Her husband's sister, Rachel, served with the Waodani, for more than 40 years, and was buried there as she requested. We used to live in Quito, Ecuador, and I knew the widows personally. I spent time in Betty Elliot's jungle home, and also in Macuma and Shell Mera. Many books and videos have been written and are available about Betty (Elisabeth) Elliot, her husband and the other men killed in 1956. The film was to focus on the Waodani. If Steve Saint had pulled Chad Allen from the cast when he discovered he was homosexual, Steve would have been bombarded with strong criticism from all sides and crucified by the press. Steve thought long and hard and prayed about this decision.

I have been looking for a chance to contact you since you came to the Atusha region of Tanzania in order to come at your college to study music for the work of God. I am happy and it is my prayer to ask you to help me come to your college to study music. In my church, I am a praise and worship leader, and I like it very much.

If we had the finances, men like Daniel Sabaya would certainly be at the Bible Conference.

Your incredible leading in inspiring worship at J.T.'s memorial service will never be forgotten. With-

out a doubt, the Roberts family, and Lawana especially, greatly appreciated your being there and your sharing of your wonderful musical gifts. It was good to renew friendships and learn—even though briefly—about your worldwide ministry through Music Evangelism Foundation. I do hope that if and when you come to Nashville, you will allow me to roll out the red carpet for you.

We enjoyed the MEF weekend and are working toward Branson. I have 17 people who have signed a list saying they are interested in putting a group trip together for that weekend in October. I'm hoping to round off the trip with 20-24 people for an easily manageable group to travel with, but yet big enough to mix with several folks to keep the trip interesting.

I continue to "sing along" with you as I play the CDs. Your ministry to me could not have been timed better. Music brings me great joy, and I believe God bestowed the gift of music upon me as you led in the revival. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in sharing. I felt the power of God near. I was stretched to continue to experience a revival of my own heart. To God be all the glory for your ministry. I thank God that now our paths have crossed.

MEF BIBLE CONFERENCE

June 19-23, 2006

Colorado Springs, Colorado at Village 7 Presbyterian Church



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Eric Alexander / Gracia Burnham / Mac Brunson / Jeannette Clift George / Ian Leitch / Erwin Lutzer / Ray Pritchard

MUSICIANS

Paul & Marjorie Ferrin / John Hall / Scot Cameron / Carolyn Reed / Greg Buchanan / Burchfield Brothers / Joseph Martin / Russell Newport / Damaris Carbaugh / Jimell Badry / Linda Skaret / Lori Gasper / Young at Heart / MEF Choir / Entourage

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Jeannette Clift George

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at left)



Erwin Lutzer



Ray Pritchard

Also featuring musicians:

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Young at Heart Choir

Followed by:

An Evening of Music

Village Seven Presbyterian Church

6:45 p.m.

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The Foundation also seeks to minister to the physical needs of people both in the United States and other countries around the world.

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MEF Bible Conference — June 19-23

S.O.S.

Sunday, May 7, I received an e-mail from Benny Mathews telling me that three pastors from Indian have finally obtained visas so they can come to the Bible Conference June 19-23. We have been praying for this, and we praise God for making it all happen.

The cost for the applications and plane tickets will be \$7,000. If we don't raise the money soon, they won't be able to come. Please pray and ask the Lord what you can do to help these most deserving men of God.

Make your check to Music Evangelism Foundation, and mark it "India ministry." God will, no doubt, bless you for your generosity in helping these pastors who share the Gospel in dangerous conditions.

Attention Colorado Churches

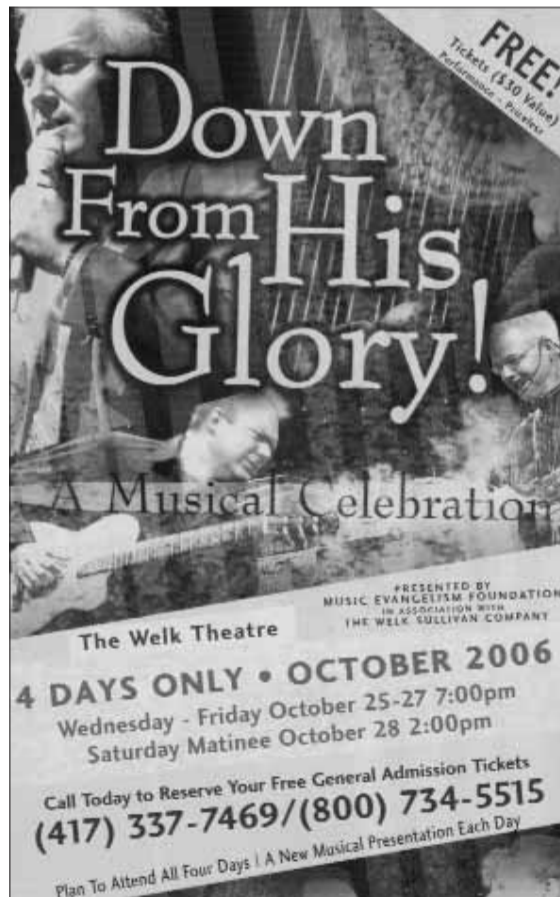
Ray Pritchard, a fantastic preacher, who will speak at the MEF Bible Conference June 19-23, is available to preach in your morning or evening worship services June 18.

All that is required of you is an honorarium or a love offering.

Call Jamall at the MEF office, 719/591-7481, or at 719/648-0612, to schedule him. You won't be sorry.

Branson DVD available

Music Evangelism has a few nine-minute promo DVDs of our "Down From His Glory" presentation. Write or call us if you would like to have one to show to your church, Sunday School class or in your home.



We all need a Savior sooner or later. When you face death, you don't need a teacher—you need Jesus. When you have to cross the river of no return, a myth won't help you—you need a Savior. And we have one. His name is Jesus Christ. —from Credo by Ray Pritchard



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