

## Equipping Believers with Answers - Bob and Lois Gillespie Gillespie Greetings - September 2015



### SPECIAL REPORT - TOGO -

I thank God for the opportunity to minister in Togo, West Africa in August. Having been in

West Africa for a number of years, part of my heart is still there for the African people. This opportunity started when I heard that teachers from Life Matters in Grand Rapids were going to Togo for a parent's conference. Since they teach about the sanctity of life, I asked if a representative from Answers in Genesis would be welcome to teach the foundation for the sanctity of life. One thing led to another and I was on the team.

Arriving in Togo on August 13th, we met the African church leader who was coordinating everything. A pastors' conference was first on the agenda. We traveled a couple of hours north to a small town where a number of pastors gathered to hear the Word. My talks were first; I talked about the 7 C's of History from the History Book of the Universe, followed by *Genesis: Why Does It Matter?*. After this, there were a number of questions: Where did Cain get his wife? What about the Gap Theory? What does 'day' really mean? Attendees seemed to camp down on

'One Blood One Race'. My translator was an older pastor named Pastor Happy who is a respected leader of all the area churches. He approached me after the talks and asked for my talks on a thumb drive. He said that God had been burdening him to bring this type of



message to schools and churches across Togo. We both understood that it was God who had brought us together, much like the true story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

A few days later back in Lomé, the capital, I had an opportunity to present two talks for over 100 university students. I trust that these talks encouraged the faith of these young lives.

Next was the huge parents' conference back up in the town where the pastors' conference had been held. There were about 1900 participants, and I had the opportunity to do four breakout sessions. I again talked about the 7 C's of History from the History Book of the Universe with a bit of the Relevance of Genesis added in. These people have grown up in a French educational system. While

most believed Genesis there are always the nagging questions that create doubts. I took some time at the beginning to explain the difference between observational and historical science to defeat the myth of 'science says'. I also spent time on the genealogies from Adam to Christ. Africans are big on family history. I wanted to give the big picture of scripture and the events recorded in Genesis as real historical events, and our faith is based on these events.



There were some typical questions at the end of each session but they always seemed to be focused on the one race - the race of Adam. They liked the 'One Blood One Race' idea, and that no one is superior to others. Many questions surfaced about the curse of Cain and slavery, that black stands for sin, etc. After explaining the truth, I would always finish with the words, "Don't believe the lies of Satan." Evolutionary ideas have been taught for generations fueling feelings of inferiority and fatalism. The words of Genesis were like a breath of fresh air for these people, and I am privileged to have been a part of it all.

I thank all those who were in prayer for this ministry. As you know, the Evil One will do all he can to keep the truth buried, and in Africa, in general, things often don't go as planned. Here is one example of answered prayer. The Parents' conference was Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. There were large tents holding the 1900 people for the big events. We had some sprinkles, so the tents were necessary.

However, that Sunday afternoon, after the conference was over, a huge storm ripped through the town and collapsed the tents on all the empty chairs. We can't imagine what it would have been like if this had happened a few hours earlier.



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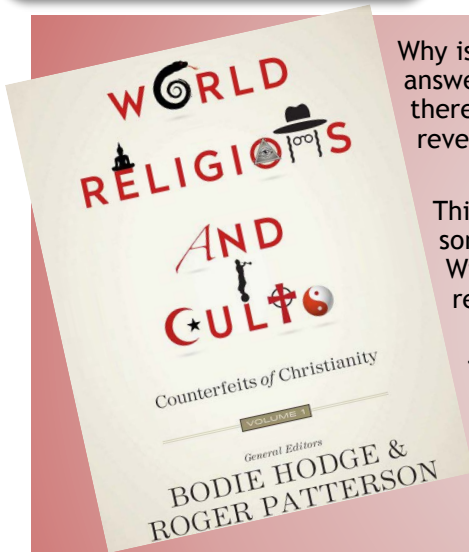
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