

MARCH 2008

Rolling Stone Ministries

WHAT MAKES RSM UNIQUE AMONG MINISTRIES?

John and Laurie Stewart have been serving the Lord with their talents for many years in various ways. For the last couple of years they feel the calling to wind down their law practice and use their gifts of teaching, speaking and writing on a full time basis. Many loving and supportive people in their home church expressed their desire to support them in their vision. In an effort to create a vehicle to drive John and Laurie in this new direction, Rolling Stone Ministries was born.

RSM incorporated in July 2007 and formally applied for tax exempt status in November 2007.

What is the purpose of RSM? John and Laurie Stewart have a vision for presenting an intelligent Christian faith to the world. Through writing, speaking, and visual media, John and Laurie are committed to defending and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to an increasingly-secular world.

- TEACH biblical truths
- DEFEND the Christian Faith intelligently
- SUPPORT churches and Bible Schools
- CONFRONT secular attacks on the Faith
- ADVOCATE for religious freedom
- ENGAGE the culture with biblical answers
- STRENGTHEN the faith of believers

John and Laurie are involved in many various projects with RSM. For example, they return to Kenya this April where John will teach at Manna Bible Institute and both of them will speak at local churches. This will also be a “scouting” mission about how to start construction projects at Manna. Additionally, several RSM supporters have expressed an interest in serving in Kenya with John and Laurie. Therefore, they are looking for a clear plan to take a group back with them summer of 2009 if the Lord wills.

But RSM is not limited to the work in Kenya. John and Laurie are frequent speakers at churches, retreats and other Christian groups. They would like to continue to be available to engage the church body in facing the challenges of an increasingly secularized culture which continues to evolve around us every day. Both have several book ideas they have started that they are hoping the Lord will carve out time for them to work on over the summer.

Currently, John teaches adult Sunday School “The Cutting Edge” at their home church Covenant Presbyterian Church and Laurie leads a small group for teen girls. They both desire to serve their home church more actively. John would like to put together large speaking events on Christian topics that would reach out to the community. Laurie would like the time to become more actively involved with Youth activities, the Youth at CPC, assisting with Bible studies, music concerts and mission trips. Today countless youth have fallen victim to the popular ideas of our modern world. Most have adopted these ideas into their own worldview. They need to be taught a Biblical worldview in order to defend the attacks on their Faith and live the Truth.

RSM is working on developing its website. This tool will be a great source of communication for John and Laurie. They plan to write and publish articles on the RSM website and blog about “cutting edge” issues facing Christians today. Plus it will be an effective way to communicate with RSM supporters via email newsletter and news blasts.

In His infinite wisdom, God continues to grow the possibilities for RSM every day. We desire to bring Him glory.

Kenya—Upcoming mission trip



John and local Masai outside Nairobi, Kenya just a short distance from Manna Bible Institute.

As I write, Africa looms on the horizon. The experiences from last year are still fresh- being in a foreign country, standing out in a crowd, trying to avoid the dangers that lurk in a third-world country.

But what we remember most are the blessings we received from meeting our brothers and sisters in Kenya, and interacting with them.

There is a palpable joy among the African believers, despite impoverished conditions and the lack of comforts we take for granted. The privilege of teaching the current and future leaders of the church in Kenya is both an awesome privilege and responsibility. Last year we didn't know what to expect, but welcomed the challenge of a new adventure in faith. Now we long to see the friends we made last year, with hopes of making new friends.

Laurie and I are deeply grateful for the support we have received from Covenant Pres. Your prayers, your encouragement and your gifts have truly made you partners with us in our mission. You are part of bringing blessings to wonderful fellow-believers in Africa, and you are a blessing to Laurie and me. We look forward to returning to the U.S.A. with more praise reports on what the Lord is doing in Kenya.

Until then, bwana asifiwe ("praise the Lord").

John



Rolling Stone Ministries Special Thanks



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:8

Thanks to all who generously support us, financially and with prayer.

Thank you Walt Posey and Steve Altick for serving on the board of RSM. We appreciate your wisdom, your guidance, your encouragement and your faith in Christ and our vision for defending the faith. Thank you for your lovely wives, Kathy Altick and Jan Posey, who offer their love and encouragement. We treasure our times of fellowship together.

Thank you Covenant Presbyterian Church for the generous donation to the Kenya mission fund.

Thank you to John's adult Sunday School class "The Cutting Edge" for all your support and encouragement.

Thank you for all who contributed to the special Kenya relief fund which went directly and entirely to provide food, water, blankets and medical supplies for the displaced Kenyans during the recent civil unrest.

Thank you CPC prayer team for your faithful prayers weekly, daily and as often as the Lord brings to mind!

Special thanks to Bob Laughery, son of Chet & Ardiss Laughery, who volunteered to design RSM's logo. We value his time and talent.

Thanks be to God for the blessing of our beautiful daughters, Laurie's awesome parents, and to all our siblings and their spouses and kids. They are all precious to us.

JANUARY 24 ~ John spoke at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Washington on "Election 2008 and the New Atheism: Two Great Challenges to Christianity."

JANUARY-MARCH ~ Laurie is leading a teen girls study on *Every Young Woman's Battle* at her home church Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orange, California .

JANUARY-JUNE ~ John teaches "The Cutting Edge" adult class Sunday mornings at 10:30am at his home church Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orange, California.

MARCH 31–APRIL 16 ~ John and Laurie will venture on their 2nd mission trip to Kenya where John will teach courses at Manna Bible Institute and both of them will speak at churches and to Christian groups.



APRIL 6 ~ The Bible Explorer becomes a weekly television program on Family Net on Sunday evenings.

APRIL 18-20 ~ John will speak at the men's annual retreat for Bethany Bible Fellowship in Southern California on "Band of Brothers."

APRIL 30 ~ John and Laurie will be guests at Covenant Presbyterian Church's Kirk Night. Join them for dinner, hear about their trip to Kenya and enjoy powerful worship with live Kenyan musicians Milele.

MAY 9-10 ~ Laurie accompanies SOMA to Acquire the Fire teen conference in San Diego, CA.

JUNE-AUGUST ~ Writing sabbatical.

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER ~ John and Laurie have a variety of fall projects in the works.

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

In a recent study, Barna Research Group revealed a startling statistic that continues to resound throughout the evangelical world. Only 9% of Christians have a biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers.

Is there any universal standard for determining absolute truth?

Postmodern "personal worldview": *the set of individual truth claims which I embrace so deeply that I believe they reflect what is really real—and therefore they drive what I think, how I act, and what I feel.*

"Biblical worldview": *a formal worldview based ultimately upon that nature, character, and being of God as it is expressed in His infallible Word [the Bible] and His creation. It becomes the foundation for a life system that governs every area of existence.*
www.thetruthproject.com

Do you know the Truth?

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciple. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31

