

# Rolling Stone

## ministries

*"An angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it... And the angel...said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who as been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen just as He said.'" Matthew 28:2, 5-6*

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## Shalom from Iowa!

As Laurie and I wind down our ten weeks in Iowa, we return to California on September 6, and then head to Israel on September 9. I will be teaching at a Bible School in Jerusalem for two weeks, after which we have another week of teaching opportunities. We have to be a little vague on our travel plans within Israel due to the ongoing security issues, but will tell as much as we can after our return to the U.S. in early October.

My Bible School class will take place in Jerusalem, in the Old City (not far from the Jaffa Gate). I will have at least 20 students, from all over the U.S., all of whom have already completed at least one year of Bible School. Their previous studies have prepared them for in-depth study of the life of Christ in its historical and geographical setting



My subjects will be Inter-testament History (what happened between the close of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament--the 400 "silent years" that set the stage for Jesus the Messiah) and Early

Church History (what happened after the close of the Book of Acts, including the development of Christian doctrine, church practices, and persecution). Please pray that these students will have a life-changing time learning Scripture and history in the place where many of the key events of the Bible occurred.



Laurie and I will be staying in the Old City, which, according to the common understanding of Bible prophecy, is the epicenter of Israel. Israel, in turn, is the epicenter of end-time events. Within a five-minute walk of where we will be staying is the Temple Mount, which is the epicenter of Jerusalem. The Temple Mount is where Solomon's Temple stood until destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and where the Second Temple, enlarged by Herod the Great, stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

Currently, only the wall that served as the foundation of the Temple still remains (the "Western Wall" or "Wailing Wall" where observant Jews often come to pray). The Temple area is under the control of Jordan and Muslims, who built a large mosque

on the site (it holds 5,000) and the "Dome of the Rock," which is the third-holiest site in Islam (behind Mecca and Medina). Religious Jews long for the day when control of the Temple Mount is returned to them so that sacrifices can continue. According to a commonly-held view of New Testament prophecy, there will be a Third Temple some day, and the Anti-Christ will set up his image in the Temple, and claim to be God (II Thessalonians 2:3-4).



We solicit and appreciate your prayers for effectiveness and safety during our time in Israel. We know that Israel is a nation in conflict, but we also know that God has promised a blessing to those who bless Israel (Genesis 12:3) and that we are admonished to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6). Thank you for your interest in and support for Rolling Stone Ministries.

*John*



Mary before speaking with the teachers.



"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." Psalm 8:9



Laurie & Mary & Denny with the IRTL group in the Panorama Days parade

## Teaching report from Denny & Mary

Once again we traveled to a country dominated by the Muslim belief. However, this time we were surprised to find that we were free to speak about our faith and share with those willing to listen. We traveled through the mountains visiting kindergarten schools and a woman's prison, speaking to impoverished groups and university students, and attending a Christian wedding. I (Mary) spoke for 2 1/2 hours to a group of 35 teachers on the value of showing and receiving respect in the classroom.

There were 7 others who traveled with us. Not only were we blessed by a fantastic team, but also by the local ministries and the local people whom we met. It was a trip totally different than what we expected. We expected to teach English. However, the ministry we were visiting felt the need to use our team to encourage staff who were spread across the country, and to speak to a variety of people in various settings. As always when you visit a country of this sort you marvel at the local ministries who boldly speak about their faith to whoever will listen. In this case the ministry maintains a close relationship with leaders in the country. They use donations to improve prisons, build model kindergarten schools, train teachers, remodel old buildings for school usage, and teach English to college students. They provide homes for orphans, dig wells for those who need water, and provide shoes and clothing to the needy.

While on this trip, we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and were able to speak about the value of a good Christian marriage and the commitment it takes to develop a lasting relationship. We spoke to several groups of women who were either widowed, divorced, or their husbands were working far away in Russia. All of them were required to work – most in the fields for 12 hours a day. They were a blessing to meet. They wore colorful dresses, were friendly and outgoing, not what you would expect from a former Russian satellite country.

We spoke with many Muslims who had listened to the ministries speak numerous times. Each person is impacted, one person at a time in their own way. 30 women knew Christ in the woman's prison. Numerous students at the university and women at the various gatherings have Bibles and they call on the Lord. We were there to help break down the walls or barriers by sharing our joy for the Lord and to encourage those who are on the brink of salvation.

Once again we thank you for your prayers for our safety, good health and team unity.

***"Pray also for me,  
that whenever I open my mouth,  
words may be given me  
so that I will fearlessly make known  
the mystery of the gospel."  
Ephesians 6:19***

## Iowa Right to Life

The abortion issue is a hotly debated topic in Iowa. Various pro-life groups work together for the common cause--protecting life. Although they may differ in approach--some favoring the incremental approach to eliminating abortion, others favoring an outright ban on abortion via passing a fetal personhood law--they come together for strategic meetings and for prayer for life.

This summer John and Laurie had the privilege in joining Mary & Denny in supporting Iowa Right to Life. Mary formed the local chapter and serves on the state board. First, Laurie joined Mary & Denny and others who walked "for life," in the Panorama Days parade, and handed out a variety of gifts while engaging the crowd. They experienced unusually cool weather for the event which made the long walk/run easier to enjoy talking with people along the parade route. Second, John was invited by Mary to speak to a fundraising group just before an IRTL "Stride & Ride" event which she organized in Panora, Iowa. Needless to say, they thoroughly enjoyed his message.

Please pray for the Pro-Life organizations in Iowa. May they be unified and strengthened in their Kingdom call to save lives of the unborn.

***"For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother's womb.  
I will praise You, for I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made; marvelous are Your  
words, and that my soul knows very  
well." (Psalm 139:13-14)***

# Coming Soon...



## John Stewart's teaching DVDs on Apologetics and Church History.



During their Kenya 2010 teaching trip, John and Laurie Stewart were accompanied by Andy Krueger, a videographer from Iowa, who filmed John's two week teaching at Manna Bible Institute (two classes: Apologetics and Church History) and other intriguing events while traveling the country. The highlights video is currently already available on the RSM website. But now, coming soon for the first time, John's teaching on Apologetics and Church History will be available for all on DVD. Gary Crocker, a good friend of the Stewart's, has spent countless hours converting Andy's video into DVDs to make available to the public. Each subject has about 14 hours of class lecture time. A syllabus and final exam for each course will also be made available. The website is currently being modified to add the DVDs to the "Store" section of the RSM website. Details will follow. We look forward to your feedback and comments once you experience the "live" classroom experience with John Stewart!

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Earlier this year the California legislature passed Senate Bill 48, and Governor Jerry Brown signed it into law. What is wrong with this new law if it goes into effect in January 2012 as planned? SB 48 mandates all public schools (K-12), including charter schools, to include positive discussions of the sexual orientations of homosexual, bisexual, and transgender Americans in all social science courses. Parents who oppose this teaching on any grounds, including violation of biblical doctrine and morality, will not be able to opt their children out of this teaching.

However, the people of California can stop this law from going into effect. You can join the "Stop SB 48" campaign to use the CA referendum process to prevent this law from being implemented. "Stop SB 48" seeks to gather 750,000 signatures on petitions before September 30, 2011, to allow the people to vote against it to stop it from becoming law. To find out more information and to download petitions to gather signatures, go to:

<http://stopsb48.com>

Concerned Californians and churches are encouraged to get involved. For information about how to conduct a petition drive at your church, constitutional protections for pastors, and political protections for churches and pastors, go to: <http://stopsb48.com/churches>

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