



PARTNERS IN GRACE

Board Meeting

IRVING, TX | AUGUST 12-13

We set the budget for fiscal 2023, which covers July 2022 through June 2023. Our new budget is \$645,431, a \$20,000 increase over last year. (The budget does not include severance pay for Shawn. The board felt that should come out of reserves.)

Changes include Ken Yates going from three-quarter time to full-time, Kathryn Wright going from half-time to three-quarter time, Bethany Taylor going from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant (with an increase in hours as well), a \$10,000 increase in foreign blog and book translations (from \$30,000 to \$40,000), and hiring a half-time office person to do data entry (taking that load off of Bethany) and general office (answering phones, order fulfillment, errands).

Ken will become my regular cohost on the podcast.

We discussed the progress on the OT commentary. We have the first drafts of six books and commentary on 96 chapters. We need to pick up the

pace; but we are off to a good start.

GES Partner Scott Sayre has taken on the task of supervising the entire project. He's doing a great job. We hope to have it in print by the end of 2026.



Top: GES Board, along with the digital version of Tony Taffer, gathers to meet. Bottom Left: Board member, Bernie, and his wife, Julie, ready to cruise in their rental car. Bottom Right: GES Board in action.



Tallahassee Regional Conference

AUGUST 26-27

Ken and Bob spoke to a large crowd of over a hundred. Pastor Marino Martinez translated all their messages into Spanish (and gave one of his own) as there were many who spoke little or no English.

Kathryn was able to come and run the GES book table. We offered a number of GES books at half price or less. It was a very effective ministry.

Thanks to Marino and Alva for their hospitality to Ken, Kathryn, and Bob.

Pastor Marino Martinez (left) and Ken Yates (right) speak at the Tallahassee Regional Conference.

Update on May GES Annual Conference

Everyone loved Camp Copass in Denton and we will be there again, Lord willing. It seems like a long way off,

but Bethany is already hard at work on it. She should have registration ready to go in October. Plans for VBS are under way. A tentative schedule already exists. We are planning to offer a free continental breakfast for those who don't feel they need

the full breakfast at the dining hall. Also, all **paid** conference registrations will include lunch on site Monday through Thursday. There will be more fellowship opportunities and longer breaks. Great messages are planned.

Ken and Kathryn's Kenya Teaching Ministry

(JULY 30 TO AUGUST 8)

Kathryn was not allowed to board the flight to NY and then Nairobi

because she was not vaccinated for Covid. That had never been an issue before. It became one this time. She stayed home and helped remotely.

This meant Ken not only taught over 150 pastors and their wives for a week, but he also took many of Kathryn's speaking engagements.

Ken spoke on the Gospel of John to the pastors and their wives. Though some were offended at the faith-alone message, many came to believe it as a result of Ken's teaching!

They want Ken and Kathryn to come back. Maybe next time they will teach on the Book of Hebrews.



Top Left: Pastors and their wives attend teaching from Ken. Top Right: Ken is either teaching or DJ-ing a lit rave. Bottom Left: Church building in Nairobi. Bottom Right: Ken hails a Nairobi taxi.

Notes and Letters

Hello Ken! I trust you are good relaxing after a heavy week of speaking to us God's word. I sincerely thank God for you, for allowing God to use you to unfold mysteries hidden in the book of John. One key thing that stood out for me is that eternal life cannot be lost once one believes in Christ Jesus. That one can lose the inheritance but not salvation.

Your bro in the vineyard.
—Pastor FW, Kenya

Bob, outstanding job in graciously and biblically arguing for ECT in your Aug 25 blog.

—Pastor DW, email

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Shawn, Bob, Bethany, Mark, the GES board, and for all the people impacted by Shawn's departure from GES. We would also appreciate prayers for all our publications: blogs (English and foreign language), magazine, journal, podcasts, and books. Board member Letitia Lii has been

battling severe vertigo, which causes dizziness and nausea.

Ken's new book, *Elizabeth*, has been edited and is about to be typeset. Please pray for all the details and for its distribution. We believe this book could have a major impact for the cause of Christ. We hope to have it in print before Thanksgiving.