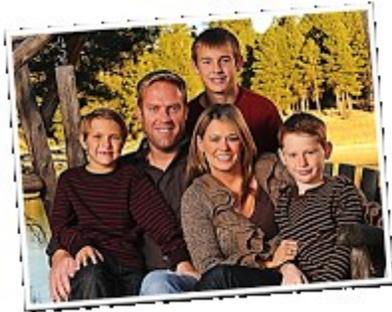


# IOM TESTIMONIES

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The testimonies stated below are just a few of the most recent remarks received over the past several years of ministry.

*True ministry is tested by, or should we say, through the lives of those who are on the receiving end of the ministry.* – Stephen Phinney



**JEFF BRUGMAN, AZ, BUSINESSMAN:** *I knew my wife and I were having marital issues. I just didn't realize how serious they had become. She had packed her bags several times and threatened to leave, but I wasn't too concerned. Fortunately, she had caught the attention of a very Godly woman in her bible study. This lady somehow arranged to have Steve Phinney personally lead a bible-study for my wife and me, along with several other couples. I am so grateful that God used Steve and Jane to speak so much truth into my life. I was failing as a husband and as the leader of my house. Through Steve, God showed me that I must always take the first step in reconciliation. That is so difficult for us men. The Bible points out over and over that we must seek God. We must take that first step toward God. The same holds true in our marriages. We, as men, must take that first step towards our wives in reconciliation. If we are not willing to do this we are in for a lot of heartache.*

*The other big issue in our marriage was what IOM calls "godship" (playing God). As couples, we often get caught in the trap of expecting certain results from our spouse. I want it done this way and at this time. We all have different ideas of how others should perform. Do you get frustrated when your mate does not live up to your standards? Do you harbor hard-feelings or resentment? Do you sub-consciously try to "even things up". That is you exercising your right as a "god". It is not you displaying the characteristics of the true God to your mate. Oh, and watch how fast your children pick up on this!*

*So, after my wife and I completed our couple's bible-study, I was able to attend numerous other studies and seminars hosted by IOM America. Myself, and my family, have been blessed in many ways by the Phinneys. I still go back to one of the first things I learned in that first bible study - YOU must take the first step in order for God can direct you with your wife, family and others into victory.*

**BRAD GHAFTER, AZ** *I have had the privilege by God's grand design to get to know the Phinney's and the IOM ministry for many years. I am always joyfully surprised to see how and where God is working, going before Steve and IOM leading and educating The Body, for a God honoring life now and for the future.*

*The faithfulness of God and the giftedness of Steve and staff provides for many exciting opportunities to join God in the work He has laid out before time began. And IOM is diligent in seeking God's direction to provide the vision and tool's necessary to assist with the challenges of ministry in today's fast changing world.*

*I personally believe in the direct correlation of a person's integrity and their success. I know Mr. Phinney is not only a man of integrity but a humble man which is rare commodity today and I know and have seen the Grace God has given Steve.*

*When I originally went into business it was with the desire to use the resources from the business to do the ministry God may lead or call me in too. I obviously thought it would be mission's trips to Africa or wishfully Hawaii. But over the past 35 years God has used this business in many different ways and in many different ministries, from College Campus's to disaster relief. All with the hope to ultimately Glorify God. As an Advisory Board Member representing the Business Community I am proud to continue in the support and process of allowing God to use us as He desires to be a blessing to others and Glorifying Him and His work in IOM and ministries around the world.*

**PASTOR EMMANUEL ZGAMBO, MALAWI AFRICA:** *I would like to thank you for your work on the exchanged life. These materials bless me a lot and they have helped me understand better who I am in Christ. And also these materials form a springboard for the lessons on Christianity that I teach to both new and old Christians here in Malawi, Africa.*

*May God continue to bless your work. I was introduced to your materials by Hans and Elly Timmermans in Canada.*

**REENA, INDIA:** *Thank you very much for your mail. I have read many of your ' exchanged Life' communications which P.P.Thomas sir used to forward. They are inspiring, I must say. thank you for including me in your mailing list.*

**PASTOR OUNDO B. SYLVESTER, UGANDA :** *Thank you for sending me the article called the Rapture - Then Now. It is very good and building in the faith. Your communication is helping me a lot in making me strong in the Lord. And you may continue writing and sending me more please. I hope one day and one time, we shall meet together in Uganda or USA. I would like you to encourage me so much in the service am rendering to God as a Christian leader in His body of believers.*

*Please, i love to have christian friends like you who may uplift me in the things of God, living a Christian life. Despite of the problems and hardships i and my fellow co-workers we go through, God is on our side and we shall persist doing His will according to His provision.*

**ROBERT, FLORIDA, USA:** *Amen! Great Truths Dad! It is so easy to trick ourselves into believing that we "deserve" success and blessings when they come. Then, when we are in a dry period, we search for a different way to convince our "cracker jack box*

god" that we truly are deserving of greatness! I pray that he keeps me humble through his blessings and that I am able to see that it is all for His Glory. Thank you!

**DEBBIE CHILDERS, FLORIDA, USA:** *That is the absolute BEST word I've ever heard on the subject of the Rapture. And it cannot be denied. The more I study Jewish custom the more I am convinced that there is a parallel in our inheritance as Christians for almost all of them! Thank you for beginning my year with such an amazing thought. We are coming to Pigeon Forge for me to lead a Women's Retreat with a church there the last weekend in February. I hope we can come earlier in the week to meet you.*

**PASTOR DAN NGAGE, KENYA:** *Praise the most wonderful name of our Lord Christ Jesus. My heart rejoice as I reflect the fact that all of us share the abundance grace of Christ. I am sincerely grateful unto God for the wonderful work I believe you are doing and involved in during these last days, as you continually sharing the love of Christ with broken world and in the midst of the poorest community. (Isaiah 61:1) - a world which is desperately in need of the saving grace and power of our Lord Christ Jesus. It is with this in mind that I have always been in earnest prayers and in seeking the divine will of God to introduce me with you.*

*I got saved in 1999, and God called me into this great work of the kingdom in the year 2001 and since then I have witnessed the mighty move of God as souls are saved. I appreciated and thank God for calling me among the poor, as poor man to serve the community. On behalf of the servants of God and believers here, most humbly request and appeal to you to allow us to partner together and build up the Lord's Ministry here in Kenya, so that all of us may be joined with bond of Christ Jesus in the fulfillment of the Great Commission according to the word of Jesus in the book of (Mathew 28:18 – 20) We are therefore more ready to work with you and be directly connected with you in the promoting of the gospel of Christ in Africa. We are bears of the good tidings of great joy.*

**DEB LARITZ, ILLINOIS, USA:** *I listened to the sermon which you asked prayer for-- good stuff. Especially liked the points about the evidence of a faithful servant being that they find pleasure in supplying the wants of their guest (like Jesus caring about the wine)... and that, rather than doing everything possible to avoid pain: embrace it and let it beat on us to be able to be broken and become humble and there will be transformation in our lives, guaranteed! ... Being servants is the best fulfillment of our journey. Think this is great about the Living Water to keep it flowing: "when water is not flowing from the Faucet it will rust on the inside". And this is awesome about the true test being how one behaves under rejection...if returning love & life, turning the other cheek, then there is a Love and Life inside! Proof of the real relationship with Jesus Christ.*

**WENDELL D'SOUZA, CANADA:** *Thank you so much for this timely email. It's a great and timely reminder of what the real work is and Who does it, both in the counselor (discipler) and the counselee (disciplee). I recently was feeling overwhelmed and discouraged in the process of counseling fellow Christians to embrace the life of Christ as a grace given exchanged life on God's terms not our own, and to serve Him in His*

*power, His way rather than in our own wisdom (which is really the flesh) doing what's right in our own eyes. It reminded me about the importance of being used by God to confront the lies, admitting my powerlessness to change anyone, while depending on Him alone Who can, does, and continues to transform the minds of those who allow Him to be Lord, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. I also was reminded to depend on the true Comforter to be sovereign in knowing who He needs to comfort (the hurting) and who He seeks to make uncomfortable (those comfortable in their sin). As a former psychologist, I understand now more why God called me out of that profession, which made me feel forced to teach people how to be happy their own way, manage stress, depression, conflicted relationships without Christ, and without a process of being reconciled to God through the finished work of the cross, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit for the perfecting (maturing) of the saints. I am thankful that God's grace has provided ministries like this both for the helpers like me and those who seek help and need help (though they don't necessarily think they need it, or want it on their own terms). It's amazing how the flesh in the unbeliever (or unbelieving Christian) seeks to deceive us into feeling sorry for the person, when in fact it is the flesh in the person acting as if it is the person themselves. Emails like yours are also a reminder how much we need the Lord continually, and His sovereign grace through the Holy Spirit, the Word, and the encouragement of fellow believers like you in His body.*

*I wanted to give this feedback, because I realize the cost involved in letting God use one to be a messenger of His, shedding His light and love, grace and truth through Jesus Christ. Sometimes you need the positive feedback and encouragement from those of us who receive. Your labor, indeed, is not in vain in the Lord. John, I look forward to discovering how Dominique and I we may partner with you in the upcoming seminar (s) in Montreal. We will be communicating with you shortly, on the progress, next steps, and needs as we continue to wait upon and depend on Him and His grace for instructions, empowerment and provisions for both us and those we reach out to, "to be strong in the Lord, and the power of His might". I welcome the background role I may play, and any assistance I may provide to you, Dominique and any GFI-trained Francophone that may be involved.*

**P.P. THOMAS, INDIA:** *Dr. Phinney, thank you very much for the WORLD VIEW. . . It reminded me of the discussions that I used to initiate with my professor while I was a student at St. John's College, Agra. He was a very intelligent teacher. But he was sold to all sorts of negative philosophies. God gave me courage to face him with biblical thoughts. Finally, a time came when he stopped imposing his views on the class, as the discussion took so much of time. I read: Suffering in God's Sovereignty, Trust Nobody: The Trilogy of the Great Exchange and Establishing Church Leadership: Doctrinal Standards. All of them are very helpful - more so the last one. It helps healthy introspection.*

*I still continue to read and grow and share with people. Your article is such a helpful review that I was thrilled reading it through.*

**GODSON MASHANA, TANZANIA:** *It was so good to hear again from you and Dr. Solomon. I have read the value of GFI & IOM and I promise to pray for you. As you*

*know that I have use many of your materials in my ministry and have been a blessed to my church. I have read your focus, they will be blessing to the church community and bring new believers to Christ. However Tanzania is left back, because none of the conferences and seminars has been done for the purpose. I have invited you to come to Tanzania, but you have been so busy that you could not make it. In regard to your focus, kindly think this time for Tanzania as the need is great. It is my hope that your schedule for next year wills Tanzania will be amongst. Thank you again for taking time to read my e mail. I remain Faithful in Christ.*

**MIKE GREER, MISSISSIPPI, USA:** *My beginnings with IOM started with a needed transition from my For Men Only group to something else. I needed the next step of accountability for my addiction, which is why I was in FMO to begin with. The Lord led me to a small group that met every Thursday. It was a decent group of men, who all had struggles with all kinds of sins. There was a man, Dr. Stephen Phinney, who was leading this group through a study on Hebrew Word Pictures which focused on the different Hebrew words for a sluggard. This was exactly the type of study I needed, a place of teaching, sharing and accountability.*

*There is this draw that I usually would explain, through using the J.R. Tolkien series “The Lord of The Rings”, where Bilbo and Frodo where together and Bilbo would undergo this incredible urge to get the ring back when Frodo showed it to him. The distorted and evil transformation Bilbo went through while he was being tempted and drawn closer to the ring, it was almost irresistible. That thirst...that perceived need to have it...that fleshly desire, it’s so powerful and the enemy uses it all the time. Many men can relate to this and Steve understood this too, with his illustrations being unique, extremely easy to understand and easy to remember, Steve would draw us into a new thirst...a thirst for truth...a thirst for God’s word, a power that is unequaled in the entire Universe. What I remember thinking the most about Steve was his ability to take what the Holy Spirit was sharing with him and put it in illustrations that would help other people understand God’s message. It had been amazing what I had witnessed as I continued studying under him in Men Mapping. Well, you can understand, it has been a major blessing to have studied under his guidance for several years.*

*The thirst for living water has been getting stronger while the thirst for fleshly desires has been getting weaker. I wish the fleshly desires would just go away, but with any good thing, the journey is what makes us stronger, even when it takes you through the desert where there will be a little struggle and maybe some pain. God does not want us to be in pain or to struggle, but He is not going to stop pain or struggling when it means we will draw closer to Him. God’s wisdom is unfathomable and mostly incomprehensible, we just need to trust in Him and allow Him to have His way, the best way.*

*I appreciate the work IOM is doing through groups like Men Mapping and through people like Dr. Stephen Phinney. My spiritual growth and relationship with Jesus has grown in maturity because of the lessons I have been able to learn. Thank you Heavenly Father and my Lord, husband and friend Jesus for such a blessing through these vessels, Amen.*

**KATHY HILL, COLORADO, USA:** *I have spent the majority of my life dealing with anxiety, inadequacy, shame, and emptiness, due to family dynamics and being raped by a neighbor at age ten. These manifested in trying to be “perfect” and “making others happy.” At 13, I was suicidal; I didn’t necessarily want to die, I just didn’t want to live! My parents sent me to Aunt Beth’s for several weeks. She loved me enough to tell me I was treating my salvation as “fire insurance” and I wasn’t living a Christ-centered life. I confessed and repented to what I had done with God’s precious gift of salvation. Life itself didn’t get much better, but at least I had Christ as a friend.*

*I pursued my lifelong dream of college and becoming a registered nurse. One summer break, I worked as a housekeeper at a nearby Christian retreat center. That’s where I first met Steve and Jane Phinney, also on staff there. I had several meetings with “counselor Steve,” sharing my struggles and disappointments with God and life. He introduced me to the Exchanged Life. I confessed and repented I hadn’t let Christ be the Lord of my life, just a “friend.” Steve and I have always thought we would someday be in ministry together.*

*Phinneys and I have been in contact off and on through the years. Last summer, I located them during a web search. I began faithfully following the IOM America blog. In August, I e-mailed Steve, asking if he needed someone objective, from “the outside,” to review his material. I’m currently volunteer editing the Revelation blog/book, his articles for “Permissible Suffocation” blogs/book, and the Financial series. With the inventions of e-mail and computers, everything I’ve studied in the Bible these last few years, and both of our “permissible suffocation” illnesses, God -- in His sovereignty -- placed us in ministry together! Read Full Testimony: [click here](#)*

**WENDELL SMOCK, ARIZONA, USA:** *I support IOM because of Steve's dramatic effect on my life, as the Lord used him to convict me to set aside the weight and sin that doth so easily beset me, and run the race with patience that is set before me. I never really grasped sanctification by faith, the exchanged life, or co-crucifixion in Jesus until after a few years with Steve and then finally getting a copy of Dr. Solomon's *Handbook to Happiness*. I definitely get it, in my head. My heart's desire, every day I wake up, is to live the crucified life and take up my cross daily.*

*I support IOM because it answers a deep need in our culture and in our churches. In our day of increasing apostasy and falling away from the Truth, Stephen Phinney teaches the opposite: embracing and loving pure Truth. In our western culture, which is fast approaching a Sodom and Gomorrah likeness, we need courageous, Holy Spirit filled leaders and pastors willing to stand for the Truth with no compromise. IOM provides the wonderful, powerful tools: books, DVD'S, e-mails, preaching, etc. to help teach the crucified life - the genuine happy and abundant life. **"Wherefore take unto you the whole***

*armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:13-14, KJV).*

*I am honored to be considered as a ministry adviser, for which I feel very unworthy. If selected, I will take it very seriously as a direct assignment from the Captain of my salvation.*

*Read Full Testimony [click here](#)*

**DEAN / JULIE LETO, ARIZONA, USA:** *It has been about a year and a half since we have had fellowship in person and we are feeling the void of not having you strong brothers and sisters in Christ close by. Although technology allows for easy contact (we are not e-mailers) it can't cover some of what is lost in the blessing of being face to face. Before Julie and I ever received any e-mail from IOM we had the pleasure of getting to meet and know you and your bride through local church fellowship. We thank the Lord for the time we did have together as it came when we were starting to think we were crazy or ignorant as Christians. Before moving to Phoenix we had been members of a church for 6 years in Chicago. We see that church rise in God's grace and crumble under His mercy (as it was starting to stray from truth). At that time it was very disheartening and we could not really comprehend why that church fell, but it was part of our decision to move to Phoenix as we would need to find a new church anyway. After church shopping for about a year we felt led to get involved and become members of a startup church plant. About a year into it we were starting to question what we were seeing and more importantly "not seeing" there. Then one night after Julie had been to a new Bible study for women that your bride was hosting, she came home all excited about this new family at church. After each women's study night she was eager to share the love and wisdom that was being conveyed. She was "anxious for the time" that you and I would get to meet as she knew we would bond as brothers in Christ due to common ground (and what should be common sense) in Truth. Through a few conversations with you and your bride God started confirming some strong convictions we held regarding the state of the church (at least in America), our position in this world as believers and the Holy written Word of the one True God. To steal a phrase from John MacArthur "Truth Matters," is one thing God used to draw us together as you and your family live it out and share it with others, whether in person or via your ministry.. Read Full Testimony. [click here](#)*

**RICK KRATZ, CPA, ARIZONA, USA:** *On Mother's Day 2002, after one final and grand gesture of idiocy, God delivered me from the grip that alcohol had had on my life for more than 20 years. (Looking back, my wife still claims it's the best Mother's Day gift she's ever received.) While God had miraculously healed me from that addiction, there was still a lot of work left to do to repair the damage I had done in my marriage and as a father. To get started on this new journey, my wife and I began receiving counseling from an experienced husband and wife counseling team from our church. During the course of the counseling process, I was introduced to a new ministry that was just getting started. It was called Men Mapping – a teaching ministry aimed explicitly at men.*

*The founder and leader of the Men Mapping group was a man by the name of Steve*

*Phinney. The objective of the group was to teach men their biblical roles as leaders of their family, church, and community. I had been a regular church, bible study, and men's retreat attendee for many years, but I had never heard anything like what Steve was teaching. The message struck a chord in me and Steve's teaching style was perfect – no sugar coating, just the straight-on truth in a way that was clear and understandable. And in God's perfect timing, this message was reaching me when I was best prepared to receive it*

*My wife and I became fervent supporters of IOM America, AND now GFI, and we both grew in extraordinary ways due to Steve's ability to communicate God's word. We were continually amazed by his insights, and even more amazed by his humility. He always attributed those insights to God and not to himself. In fact, Steve regularly warned that if people tried to put him on a pedestal he would eventually fall off, just as all humans do. But we should put God on that pedestal because He would never disappoint us.*

*As the years passed, and I continued to work closely with Steve as my friend and mentor, we established a very successful Men Mapping group at my church, as well as a monthly breakfast fellowship and teaching events for men in my church. It was during this time that Steve launched his writing career with his first book *Men & Warfare*. Following that book were many other successful books, as well as numerous CDs containing his teaching on a wide variety of subjects.*

*Steve's books and CDs were received in very much the same way as his live teachings. Many loved them because they clearly spoke the truth, were based strictly on the bible, and touched on many subjects that were not taught elsewhere.*

**TONYA ROBERTSON, KS, HOMEMAKER:** *I had battled discontentment and anxiety for years and reached a point where my life seemed hopeless. My marriage was failing, my children were constantly restless and disobedient, and our finances were a mess. And to top it off, we had just moved to a new town. I was experiencing loneliness like I had never felt.*

*Since I was new in town and had no friends available, I began to cry out to God during those times of loneliness. I realized that my past tendency had been to go to friends first instead of God. When I felt myself battling feelings of anger, frustration, and hopelessness, I started going to God first. As a result, God began revealing His power and faithfulness in a way I had never experienced. I began to understand more deeply my need for Him and the blessing of being in His presence. God revealed to me that despite my circumstances, I could trust Him.*

*Meeting with Dr. Phinney has truly been a blessing to me. I had been treating God like a drive thru window - screeching up to the window, spouting out my order, tossing a little bit of me back as payment, and then speeding away without a second thought. I did not know how spiritually starved I was until I began meeting with Steve. He teaches God's Word with belief and passion. His approach in counsel and teaching is straight-forward and challenging, a style that I greatly appreciate in a world of circular talk where no one reaches the heart of the matter. IOM's materials are designed to do just that, reach the hearts of people through God's Word.*

*I hope to continue meeting with Dr. Phinney so that I may learn and grow in God's word and share the changes God has made in me through IOM. I hope to take hold of every opportunity God provides to speak boldly and passionately the truth of God's Word so that others can experience His changing power.*

**JAMIE MAJCHRZAK, ARIZONA, USA:** *So after just four years we desperately searched for help and made an appointment with a Christian marriage counselor. Before we reached our appointment date, a friend that knew our story told us about Dr. Phinney. So impressed of how she spoke of him and his style of Biblical counseling, we cancelled our appointment and made one with him. The first appointment, I went alone. Dr. Phinney sat quietly, took notes and listened as I vomited all of my issues, gripes and complaints about my wife and how she handles the situation. I told him how she was on the brink of leaving and he simply stated, "of course she is". Hearing from our friend of how tough he is and his style of counseling, I left thinking to myself that I got him on my side and my wife is really going to get it when she comes next week. Little did I know that I was the one that was going to get it, and I did. The next week he explained to me that it was not my wife causing all of the problems; it was that I was not the leader of my household. As he unpeeled the layers of my upbringing, my wife's upbringing and our marriage, he explained to us what our picture looked like to God using Scriptures from the bible to reinforce his teaching. He explained how God does not recognize divorce and how I am now responsible for the emotional and financial well-being of my wife and ex-wife. He gave me homework assignments that taught me how to be the leader of my family especially with a strong willed wife. I have left counseling sessions broken and crying, knowing all the while that Dr. Phinney loves me and is rebuilding me through God.*

*The Bible says that God will be the Father to the fatherless and my dad is a dad, but not a father in my spiritual walk. Dr. Phinney has become my Father and for that I call him Father. I wish I could say that everything is perfect now, but I can't. My marriage with my wife is very strong, but we still have big bumps in the road, especially with my oldest daughter. My leadership is better, but still not where it needs to be. Dr. Phinney stills tears me up in our counseling sessions, but I know that the words he speaks comes from God and both God and Dr. Phinney love me. Dr. Phinney is not in the business of counseling, he is in the business of saving people and because of him, I am Saved! Read Full Testimony: [click here](#)*

**CHARLES AMBAKA, KENYA, PASTOR:** *Thank you for your ministry which continues to be a blessing to many world over. Meanwhile allow me to introduce you to a very close family friend and a co-minister whom I have shared about you non compromising message . He is a former Moderator at a Baptist Church ( under Southern Baptist Convention ) . He has spent time since 2005 reaching out to Men. I have told him that you are the ideal person that the Lord is ministering through you and as a result multiplied testimonies testify of the transformation that many are experiencing through your ministry.*

*Beloved though we have not met physically your mails have been and continue to be very instrumental in my personal life. I do believe it is God's will to have vessels like you are by the grace of God to sound a call for uncompromised return to Biblical truth. The Lord shall jealousy protect you in every way because your heart before Him is sincere. Love to your family & Praying for you. Read Full Testimony: [click here](#)*

**ROB CORNILIUS, FLORIDA, USA:** *I finally contacted Dr. Phinney out of desperation, because I needed God's way of living a pure, Godly life. His response took me by surprise; he told me that my addiction to pornography was not the issue. The underlying issue was my identity, which was based on my performance and not on Christ. He called me a spoiled man who had never been taught discipline in my life (which is true by the way). He told me that God wanted me completely for Himself, and if I didn't start doing something about it—it would cost me my marriage and family. He talked about Christ living through me, although I had no idea what that meant at the time. He accepted my plea to disciple/mentor me, but told me it was contingent on my effort on his assignments. He sent me his copy of Dr. Solomon's book Handbook to Happiness that afternoon with instructions to summarize the first chapter.*

*Dr. Phinney and I have been going over this book for approximately the past 2 months, and it has been difficult. It has also been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. My whole life has been centered on strengthening my flesh, hiding my weaknesses and depending on myself for what I have, want and deserve. The exchanged life is pretty much the polar opposite of how I have lived thus far. The principals of Spirituotherapy are so simple and basic, but at the same time go against everything which is held up as strong in today's culture.*

*I have learned that my flesh is, and always will be sin that lives within me. Victory over sin cannot be achieved through strengthening my flesh. I have come to the understanding that my flesh can never be improved, and that I am sinning and going against God when I try to resist temptations with my own strength. Christ was victorious on the cross, and I must acknowledge that my flesh was crucified with him if I am to live in his victory. Read Full Testimony: [click here](#)*

**EUGENE SCOTT, ARIZONA, USA:** *I support IOM America primarily for one reason more than any other - IOM America supports Biblical truth. The honor that the Word of God is given in society as a whole is low, which is to be expected. But I repeatedly find that some of the lowest views of scripture are found in people who self-identify as Christian and their churches. The team at IOM America is adamant about helping people increasingly develop Biblical worldviews opposed to allowing the Word of God to be manipulated with the ever-changing transformation of culture. As someone who regularly sees the devastating harm that having a perspective inconsistent with God's can cause - especially for those who actually think they do, I choose to regularly align myself with ministries that aim to bring freedom in an area where literally billions of people are bound. And IOM America is one of those ministries.*

*Secondly, I believe Steve Phinney to be a man of integrity. Financially, it is clear that IOM America's resources are being used honorably and are not being spent on lavish and/or insignificant things that would distract people from seeing Christ. Relationally, Steve has no interest in compromising Biblical truth to preserve our personal relationship, which is not the norm regarding the relationship between Christian leaders and their financial supporters. That kind of commitment to God and His word - even when it may leave you alone and living minimally - is one that I believe the Holy Spirit has lead me to support.*

**JOHN MUGABI, UGANDA, PASTOR:** *I want to personally thank you for this topic it has brought healing to my life because of the things I have been going through I want to thank God for the way he is using you in our lives. Thank you for the opportunity you have always given me to share the precious word of truth I really enjoy all information I receive from you do not give up lets always stay standing on the truth.*

**DR. GLENN WAGNER, CHANCELLOR – OXFORD GRADUATE SCHOOL:** *Dr. Phinney and The Institute of Ministry is providing a much-needed service. Steve is committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, has a strong Biblical Worldview and a solid approach to counseling and training. He is creative in meeting the needs of his clients/students and takes seriously the opportunities to minister to them in a way that honors God. I am confident that God will continue to work through the ministry of IOM in significant ways.*

**DR. BILL GALLAGHER, AZ:** *Faith is a powerful tool and clearly it is working for you. I suspect now even more than before you appreciate every day as an extra day. Put the two together and there is no telling how far you can go with it or as I tell patients all the time, Peter walked on water too.*

**SKY PARKER, ARIZONA, USA:** *Since Dr. Phinney's congestive heart failure, I've been very blessed by his ministry at IOM. At his bed side in the hospital shortly after the tragic event, I was able to visit him and his wife, Jane, with both of my father-in-laws. What a pleasure to have three of my dad's, including the non-believing, visiting and praying together in the same room! I've had the opportunity to visit face to face with Steve three times and witness his spiritual and physical growth. In addition, he's painted some powerful illustrations in my mind (especially the hour glass example). We've exchanged numerous updates via email and texting. I've really enjoyed his current study on Revelations and all of the research he's done. I've never seen someone go back and research the actual history and gather the factual data, then bring it back to the present and apply it to current times. Steve has continued to give me valuable counsel and continues his role as my spiritual father. He is the most important influence on my personal faith from the role he played in my conversion to the example he sets today.*

**DR. JOSEPH KEZELE, PROFESSOR, AZ:** *Dr. Phinney does a thorough research on his studies, which goes back to the roots of Zionism, Socialism and one-world thinkers of the past. These historical threads are woven together to bring the reader along those*

*paths in order to give us an understanding as to where we are headed in these increasingly turbulent times. It is much easier to understand the future when a person comprehends the past. This study is the only one I have seen which makes this connection.*

*I first came to the Lord through eschatology, the study of the end times. Although many people in various eras have thought that they lived in the end times, there is no doubt in my mind that we are now at the threshold or have crossed over it into them.*

*Understanding what we are about to live through, if the Lord tarries, will help prepared us to be equipped, fully functional and active in being used to bring people to salvation through the saving grace of Jesus Christ and to enter into eternity. His studies cannot help but motivate us to focus on this most important task.*

*His work has blessed me through valued re-emphasis on the teaching and practice of Creation Evangelism, for the beginning and the end are intimately connected.*