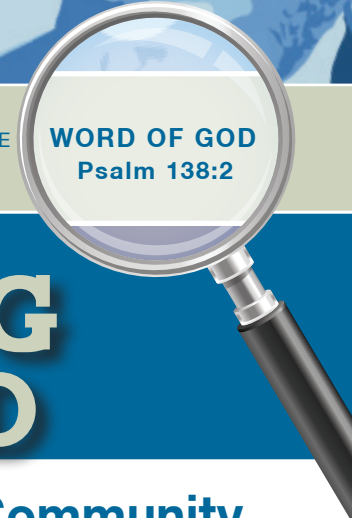




Faith's CHECKBOOK

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO MAGNIFYING THE
"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2



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MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

Sharing Free Study Resources with the Spanish Community

Many of us who grew up in Christian households often find later in life that our walk with the Lord was not as strong as we first thought. While we were saved and believed in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we coasted off the coattails of our parents. Jason Sena, a long-time user of Blue Letter Bible, had this realization in his late twenties. He recognized there was a lack of surrender in his life. For years, he had professed Jesus to be the center of his life. However, school and sports reigned supreme as his primary focus. Now, he looks back and can clearly see the night-and-day difference after he refocused his life.

That is not to say his early life was without fruit. Jason always had a distinct love for missions, especially for the Baja California area in Mexico that he visited as a young boy. He threw himself into ministry in his twenties, becoming an ordained



pastor and teaching regularly at his church's youth ministry. But Jason always realized God had a specific plan for him. His Spanish had always been exemplary, causing the Hispanic community around him to take notice and contact him in regards to speaking at Spanish services. After opportunities continued to arise, he left his church and prepared himself for the next chapter in God's calling. And this call was soon realized when Jason's family visited Baja once more. A missionary couple in their 70s was looking for people

to take over their ministry and approached Jason. After much prayerful consideration, he and his wife, Gina, accepted the position.

God's timing in their acceptance was truly amazing. As they were preparing to move in early 2020, COVID-19 broke out across North America. Borders were locked down, mandates were put in place, and it seemed that the Senas would no longer be able to take over the ministry in Baja. But Jason knew that God makes the seemingly impossible

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STAFF TIP: *Linking and Sharing*

In today's world of technology, most people expect to have information available at their fingertips. And not only that, but they want that information to be short and to the point. URL shorteners have become a popular tool for this reason, providing easy-to-read, quick links. However, some may not want to click on these due to security concerns. To alleviate such an issue, BLB has its own URL shortener, providing unique short links to each page on our website. The short link always begins with *blb.sc*, which are the initials for Blue Letter Bible and Sowing Circle. At the top of any page, clicking "Link" in the app bar will automatically convert that page's URL to a *blb.sc* link. This shortened link can then be easily and safely shared through text, email, or social media.

On that topic of social media, right below the "Link" button, you will find the "Share" button. Clicking this button will display two sections. The first is "Share This Page," which has social media links to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Tumblr. These facilitate quick and easy sharing of the page you are currently on. The second is "Email This Page." If you have made a free BLB account and are logged in, you can email the link directly to a family member or friend. Just enter their email in the "To:" box, include a short description in the "Comments" section, and click "Send Email". This is a simple and fantastic way to spread God's Word, encourage someone with a daily devotional, or share a resource that was a blessing to you with others. 

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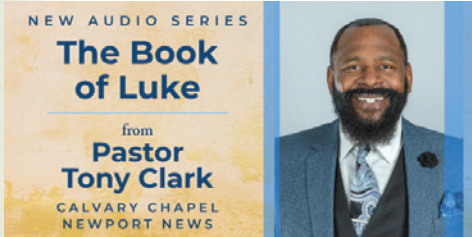
possible. And He did, opening an opportunity for the Sena family to safely move to Baja. After a smooth trip across the border, Jason and his family took over for the retiring couple and settled into their new life.

Jason had always been an avid user of Blue Letter Bible, but amidst his new ministry opportunity,

he was even more excited. With our new Spanish resources, he is able to recommend BLB to those he ministers to. He gave us some insight into BLB's recent growth in the Spanish community: "When I can, I share it every opportunity I get. Most men make about six to ten thousand dollars a year... they aren't going to buy expensive software for Bible study. That's why Blue Letter Bible is so popular; it is completely free for the user, but has so many valuable resources and tools available."

Jason is overjoyed at where God has taken his family in the last two years. While he continues to be an ambassador for Blue Letter Bible, he ultimately continues to grow through his ministry, 99plus1 Ministries. They focus on serving the community through several different avenues such as senior care, men's rehabilitation, church planting, and construction projects. Their mission is "to take advantage of every opportunity to share the Word of God and prepare Christian workers to do their part to fulfill the Great Commission." What a blessing it is to see such devotion to the lost and such care for the church! We pray God will continue to abundantly bless both 99plus1 and

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Luke Audio Teaching Series from Pastor Tony Clark

We are privileged to introduce our newest speaker on the BLB site: Pastor Tony Clark from Calvary Chapel Newport News. He has graciously offered us his audio commentary on the Gospel of Luke. Pastor Tony, who teaches Scripture in a verse by verse

manner, desires that BLB listeners would “fall more in love with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke and how it applies to us today.”

The Gospel of Luke was written to Theophilus after careful investigation that he “may know the exact truth about the things [he had] been taught” (Luke 1:4 NASB95). In a similar manner, we trust that a careful study of this Gospel will build you up in your faith today. [QR](#)



Helps and Explanations for Hebrew Parts of Speech

Our Interlinear tool matches the original Greek and Hebrew text with the English and provides critical information that helps you to understand each word. It is our most-extensively used resource. But one of the most complicated aspects of the tool

is understanding the parsing (parts of speech) of each word. Very few of us understand what a Genitive case is in the Greek or a what a Qal stem is in the Hebrew, after all.

That is why we are excited to announce our new parsing definitions and explanations for the Hebrew language tools. We have offered these helps for quite some time in the Greek, so we are eager to include the same tools for the Old Testament Hebrew as well.

When you click on the parsing button for any Greek or Hebrew word, you will be greeted with a brand-new popup window. At the top, we show the data that you are used to, such as the Strong's number, inflected and root forms, and the parsing code. Right below that, you will see each part of the word's grammar, such as stem, type, and person. [QR](#)



“Faith’s Checkbook” from Charles Spurgeon

“God has given no promise that He will not redeem. He does not offer hope that He will not fulfill. To help my brethren believe this, I have prepared this little volume.” That is the introduction given by Charles Spurgeon for this one-year devotional, which was

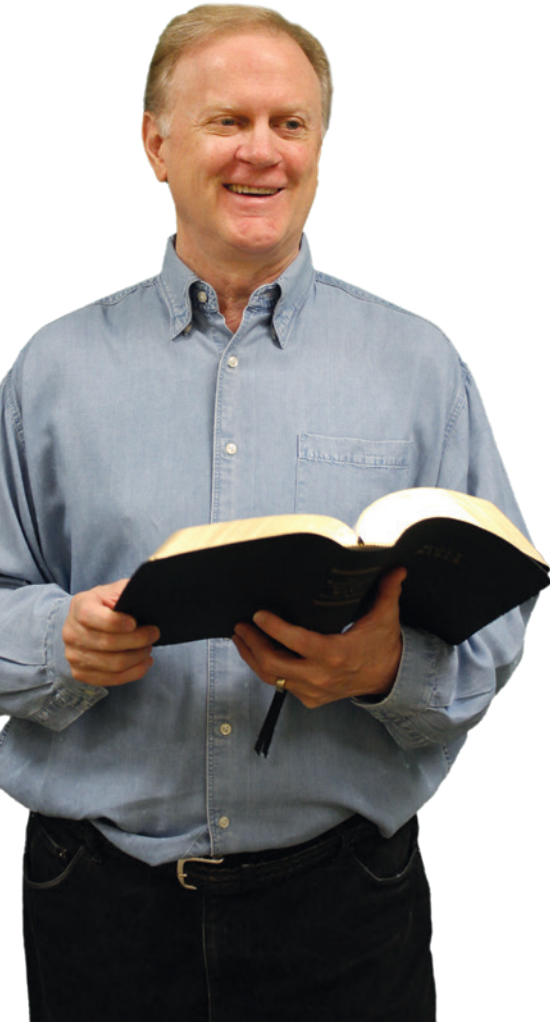
published post-mortem in 1987. He likened the provision of God to a bank that has an unlimited flow of grace, love, mercy, and provision for all those who are a member.

Each day, you will find a verse followed by a brief rumination by Charles, who is often affectionately referred to as the “Prince of Preachers.” We at BLB truly believe that you will be blessed immensely through these devotionals, and we pray that you will soon learn that God’s heavenly bank is truly infinite and cannot be overdrawn. [QR](#)



GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**

The Kingdom of God Continues to Grow Quickly and Mightily



Twenty-six years ago, no one could have predicted the reach and level of impact Blue Letter Bible has today. God has abundantly blessed our desire to provide His Word and in-depth study tools online for free. Stories like Jason's continue to remind me of the power of Scripture and the effect of BLB on His people.

We are not the only website to provide the Holy Bible online. However, BLB stands apart in that no other resource offers such a wide array of in-depth study tools for free. It warms our hearts to see His saints being blessed. The number of international BLB users has grown dramatically. And so, to meet this growing demand, we have been diligently working

to provide study tools in other languages, such as Chuck Smith's audio messages. All of this is possible through people like you who partner with us by the Lord's leading. The support shown to this ministry has been nothing short of amazing. And we take no credit for it—all glory belongs to God. And so, we lift up the cry of Paul the apostle: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4 NASB95)

Until the whole world hears,

Jim Milligan
C.E.O. and Co-Founder

User Testimony

As far as an online, free resource goes, Blue Letter Bible has helped me understand the Word of God. I get to be a Bible scholar on my own time, and am never NOT grateful for all the work that has been poured into developing and collecting these resources! This information is vital for studying the text, and I am so thankful to be a student of the Living Word of God. — *Kaylee S. (Saint Johnsbury, VT)*

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