Jacob's Story, From NO CHRIST, to MAKING HIM KNOWN



Jacob was 8 years old when he joined the Grace Martial Arts (GMA) After-School Bible Club being held at the Palma Sola Community Church. Jacob never had any Bible instruction before joining GMA. He memorized many Scriptures while he was in the process of earning

his first Black Belt. He heard hundreds of Life-Changing, Gracecentered Gospel messages. He became an excellent Black Belt Student Instructor. As Jacob gained confidence in his abilities to instruct physical skills, he also became confident teaching Biblical applications taken from self-defense skills. Some examples: The FOUNDATION of ALL self-defense is a person's <u>STANCE</u>! The CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION of a person's <u>STANCE</u> and <u>FAITH</u> is: <u>THE GOSPEL OF THE</u> <u>GRACE OF GOD</u>. Specifically, God's Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, sacrificed Himself and shed His Blood on the Cross, was buried and rose from the dead to overcome sin and death for ALL those who believe.

Students learn many different Christian family values from Biblical illustrations taken from self-defense skills, such as, "When you are pushed, pull that person to you with Christ's love, and send him away with forgiveness." *"Gentle words turn away wrath; harsh words stir up anger."*

Jacob continued his training until he acquired an Associates Degree in college. He then served in the Air Force for six years. After being discharged, he began an apprenticeship as a electrician, became a certified journeyman, was married and now is personally home-schooling his five-year-old son. Jacob, also has a part-time position locally as the music director of the Calvary Baptist Church. This is just one of many, many stories which the Lord has blessed Grace Martial Arts Bible Clubs with since 1980.

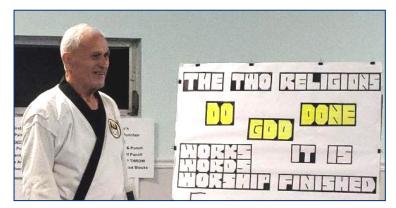
JOSHUA'S STORY MAKING A DIFFERENCE, DESPITE LIFE CHALLENGES



Just one more short story about our grandson Joshua, age sixteen. He began his GMA training at age four. As a baby he began developing serious scoliosis. As an infant, he had two vertebrae removed and replaced with titanium rods. He wore a full body-brace for ten years. He seldom ever

complained. He has become a very accomplished student instructor and recently has been promoted to a Second Degree Black Belt. He exemplifies godly humility for other students to follow and continuously helps students to reach their full potential. He is the oldest of eight siblings and is kept very busy with household chores, while setting a leadership example.

FROM GRACE MARTIAL ARTS EVANGELISM TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT HOME, IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



Utilizing visual illustrations to teach the Bible to children and teens is a very powerful ministry resource. Most of our GMA Black Belt student leaders begin their Grace Martial Arts selfdefense training while they still are in elementary school.

FAMILY NEWS Wells Family Is Not Moving To Utah.



We are overjoyed by their decision not to move to Utah. Together, we have graduated two GMA after-school clubs this month.

BEN AND CRYSTAL NIELSON MISSIONARIES



Ben and Crystal have 3 children and have served with Ethnos 360, in Roach, Missouri, since 2020. Crystal began her GMA training at age ten. She is a 3rd Degree Black Belt and has

won the trust and respect of all of her students and fellow instructors.

TAMPA GRACE MARTIAL ARTS



The Tampa GMA club continues to attract new family members. We all love helping this club.

Family & Ministry Prayer Requests

† How To best begin an Overcomers In Christ Support Group Ministry.

† That we all will grow in our desire to Know Christ and to Make Him Known.



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HE WHO WINS A SOUL IS WISE. HE WHO TRAINS UP A SOUL WINNER DIGS A WELL FROM WHICH MANY OTHERS MAY DRINK.

My wife Beth and I began serving as TCM missionaries in 1980. Martial Arts has been an effective ministry tool for evangelism and training grace-centered leadership. I instruct students of all ages, from 5 years old and up. They all exhibit many wonderful character qualities and abilities: Respect, dependability, integrity, perseverance, the ability to listen, to follow instruction, to memorize Scriptures, and to assist others to reach their full potential.

FROM YOUTH TO ADULT LEADERSHIP



We are forever thankful to the Lord for your ministry partnership and your faithful financial support that continues, by God's grace, to be multiplied in the lives of youth and families.

We sincerely pray that your Christmas will be blessed with the love of family and friends.

In Christ's Redemptive Love & Grace, Bob Beth & Family

Bob, Beth and Xavier Family