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Any Church, Any Sunday . . .

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## **July Notes**

July was a busy month, beginning in a gentle rain on the way to preach in Woodson, Texas. First Christian in Woodson, pastored by dear friend Rev. Michael Patrick, continues a historic Disciples presence in North Central Texas.



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Oaks' fellowship hall.

The following week, I taught at Northway Christian in Dallas, saying hello as I did so to Rev. Barry Preston, Northway's minister of Adult Education. Dr. Doug Skinner and Rev. Jennie Churchman led worship that morning. Doug meditated on where to turn in the Bible

when we're overcome by guilt. That evening I attended Rev. Eddie Hill's installation as Senior Minister, Monica Park Christian Church, Garland, Texas.

The 26<sup>th</sup> the family joined me again for Sunday School at First Christian, Carrollton, Texas. Rev. Harold Elias-Perciful preached an excellent sermon on Gideon, from the Book of Judges.

## **Travelogue**

### **July 2009**

5<sup>th</sup> – First Christian Church, Woodson, Texas  
12<sup>th</sup> – Oaks Christian, Houston.  
19<sup>th</sup> – Northway Christian, Dallas.  
26<sup>th</sup> – First Christian, Carrollton, Texas.  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Central Christian, Dallas.

### **August 2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Central Christian, Dallas.  
9<sup>th</sup> – First Christian, Rockdale, Texas.  
16<sup>th</sup> – Central Christian, Weatherford, Texas.  
23<sup>rd</sup> – First United Methodist, Dallas.  
30<sup>th</sup> – First Christian, Tyler, Texas.



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### Reviewers' Comments

“I welcome the translation of the Vulgate . . . The Latin language and particularly the Vulgate have had an enormous impact on

the Christian Church and our liturgical and theological formation.”

– **Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston**

### Current Needs

This ministry is sponsored by Central Christian Church of Dallas. My mission is to go to “Any Church, Any Sunday,” regardless of the congregation’s size or ability to pay.

I never quite know how God is going to get us through each month. Some months there is plenty and some months lack. Somehow, though, God provides the manna. We keep going.

I receive a stipend of \$300 every two weeks from Central. That money runs out this month. I welcome your help in raising funds for the rest of the year.

To support this work, please make a check payable to “Central Christian Church, Ministry at large,” and send it to:

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### So Far, from Searchlight

**The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.** English and Latin-English Editions. Published Fall 2008.

**The Audacity of Prayer: A Fresh Translation of the Book of Psalms.** English and Latin-English Editions. Published Spring 2009.

**The Jagged Edge of Forever: Deuteronomy, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets.** English only Edition. Scheduled for publication, Fall of 2009.

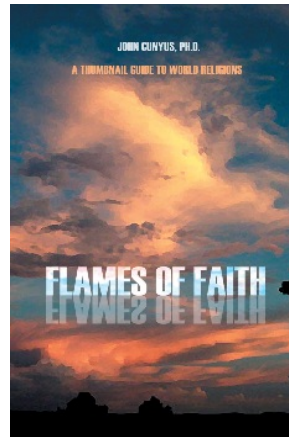
**Beginnings: A Fresh Translation of Genesis,** Latin-English Edition. Scheduled for Advent 2009.

### Currently Translating Exodus

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**Flames of Faith: A Thumbnail Guide to World Religions**

### John’s Ministry

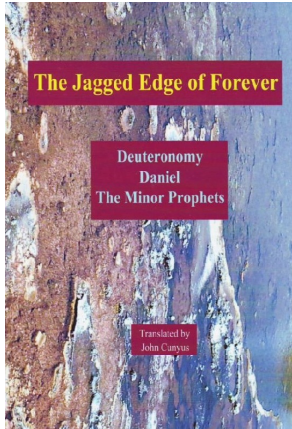
Since the day he first darkened a seminary door in Chicago in 1984, John Cunyus has had a passion for studying the Bible and the world’s great religions. His first book, Is It True: Examining the Core of Christian Faith, explored the

topic of Christ’s resurrection head-on. Published by

Searchlight Press in 1994, Is It True lays out reasons for believing what the New Testament says about the Resurrection.

Answering this question in book form grew

out of answering it in his own life. Yes, John concluded, Christ did rise from the dead. That event makes Him unique among all the humans who have ever lived. A reasoning person, then, can honestly live by Christ's standards, as the Bible teaches them. The evidence will never be so overwhelming as to extinguish doubt. Yet the evidence is not so shallow that we must avoid asking serious questions about it.



**The Jagged Edge of Forever:  
Deuteronomy, Daniel, The  
Minor Prophets**

Cunyus brings the same sort of “eyes wide open” approach to documents in the world religions. His most recent books on that score include Flames of Faith: A Thumbnail Guide to World Religions, and A Path Beyond

Suffering: Working the Buddhist Method. The point is to find common ground, where possible, and mutual understanding, in a world full of hatred and suspicion. His study in world religions helps him understand more clearly what makes the Christian revelation distinctive.

Since early 2008, he has been translating the Latin Old Testament into contemporary English. So far, three volumes have appeared: The Way of Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon; The Audacity of Prayer: A Fresh Translation of the Book of Psalms; and The Jagged Edge of Forever: Deuteronomy, Daniel, The Minor Prophets. Both Way of Wisdom and Audacity of Prayer are available in both English and Latin-English editions. With Jagged Edge of Forever, Cunyus will go to an English only

issue.

All books are available through online booksellers like [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).

## **Creation,** from Beginnings: A Fresh Translation of Genesis

**Genesis 1:1** *in principio creavit Deus caelum et terram*

In beginning  
God created sky and land.

**1:2** *terra autem erat inanis et vacua et tenebrae super faciem abyssi et spiritus Dei ferebatur super aquas*

But land was  
empty and vacant,  
and shadows *were*  
over abyss's face.  
And God's Spirit considered,  
above waters.

**1:3** *dixitque Deus fiat lux et facta est lux*

And God said,  
“Let light be!”  
And light came to be.

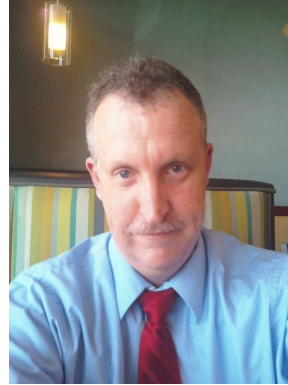
**1:4** *et vidit Deus lucem quod esset bona et divisit lucem ac tenebras*

And God saw light,  
that it was good,  
and divided light  
from shadows.

**1:5** *appellavitque lucem diem et tenebras noctem factumque est vespere et mane dies*

*unus*

And He called light “Day,”  
and shadows “Night.”  
And evening came,  
and morning,  
day one.



**John Cunyus**  
Summer 2009

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Please help keep this ministry going.  
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