

Facebook Game Helps Fight Hunger

World Vision is partnering with a Facebook app called “Grumpy Goats” to help fight hunger.

The new online game involves competing with virtual goats while simultaneously providing players an opportunity to donate a real goat to impoverished families through World Vision’s online gift catalog.

“Social networking games like ‘Grumpy Goats’ are effectively revolutionizing the way next generations give,” says Jackie Ostlie, World Vision senior social media specialist. “The goat connection makes perfect sense for appealing to Facebook users.”

For just \$75, “Grumpy Goat” players can purchase real goats that help nourish hungry children and families in impoverished communities worldwide with healthy milk, cheese and yogurt.

“‘Grumpy Goats’ is not only fun to play, but through World Vision’s help players get a chance to literally change the world one goat at a time!” says Ostlie.

Unglued

Lysa TerKeurst (Zondervan)

There’s no escaping life’s tough moments, which often occur unexpectedly. Though these can be devastating events or situations, often it’s an accumulation of life’s routine irritations that become “the straw that breaks the camel’s

back.”

Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotion is a product of Lysa TerKeurst’s personal reactions in moments of raw emotion—a work she acknowledges has just begun in her life. With refreshing self-effacing humor and honest confessions, TerKeurst encourages women to cooperate with God, who sanctifies us even if we make—as she puts it—“imperfect progress.”

She notes that when women are faced with stress they often times fall into two categories: either “exploders” or “stuffers.” She advises some healthy ways to handle emotions to avoid being overwhelmed by demanding situations. Every Christian woman wants to walk in the Spirit and avoid ungodly outbursts. TerKeurst amusingly shares how.

The Days of His Presence

Francis Frangipane (Charisma House)

At times popular books about Bible prophecy can be sensationalistic and unbalanced. Francis Frangipane’s work is neither. Instead of evoking fear, the author—also founder of River of Life Ministries—instills hope amid tumult.

Frangipane discusses the movement of the Holy Spirit in the 21st century, citing the explosive growth of Pentecostal Christianity in China, Latin America and nations in Africa. He explains that the final work of the Holy Spirit is to disseminate the message of the gospel worldwide and notes that approximately 2.3 billion Christians now inhabit the globe.

Though this work is indeed about eschatology (or “last

things”), it refrains from being unduly speculative. Frangipane provides an overview of biblical prophecy that he contends has been fulfilled in modern times: the restoration of Israel in 1948, as well as the proliferation of knowledge (think Information Age) and travel as cited in the Old Testament book of Daniel.

Frangipane educates readers about signs, visions and dreams, documenting his personal experiences, while grounding these phenomena in scriptural reality. He notes that signs are pointers to something bigger—namely, Christ.

The author writes in anticipation of what the Puritans referred to as the “manifest presence of Christ” and a Third Great Awakening at this point in history. This intriguing work will appeal to those interested in not only Bible prophecy, but also spiritual growth.

Word Explosion 2012

Aug. 11-19

Hosted by Sharon Daugherty’s Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, Okla., Word Explosion 2012 has a power-packed lineup of speakers including: Robert Morris, Jentezen Franklin, Larry Stockstill, John Bevere and Bill Winston. By the event’s end, attendees will undoubtedly experience the power that arises when faith aligns with the Word of God.

Dr. Dobson's Handbook of Family Advice

James Dobson (Harvest House Publishers)

Families worldwide seek the godly guidance of respected counselor and internationally recognized radio host Dr. James Dobson. Now in this helpful collection, families young and old have quick access to Dr. Dobson's advice and wisdom to nurture their marriages and children with love, grace, and biblical preparedness.

Through engaging stories and relatable examples, Dr. Dobson helps readers:

- make family time a priority
- deal with job and financial pressures
- forgive and love unconditionally
- successfully maneuver the tween and teen years
- share God's love and truths by example

This collection of Dr. Dobson's sought-after expertise and encouraging insights will be referred to many times as families seek leading in vital topics including adolescence, money, marriage, discipline, and much more.

The Struggle

Tenth Avenue North (Provident)

The group's third studio project celebrates the grace of God as we stand between His promise of freedom and our struggle to be free.

The Oak Initiative Summit

Aug. 16-18

Based on the theme of “A New Day Is Dawning,” the latest Oak Initiative conference aims to unite, mobilize, equip and activate Christians to engage in the pressing issues of our culture. Speakers include Rick Joyner, Mark Nuttle and retired Lt. Gen. W.G. Boykin.

Vertical Church

James MacDonald (David C. Cook)

The stats are bleak: 3,500 Americans leave church every day, and only 15 percent of churches grow every year. MacDonald says that churches must stop making horizontal church-related activities priority and start making a vertical relationship with Christ the main concern.

The Spiritual Warfare Bible

(Charisma House)

Using the New King James translation, this Bible equips readers to access the power of the Holy Spirit against demonic

strongholds and activity. Also included are teaching articles from best-selling authors, practical training tools for spiritual warfare, prayers and declarations.

Raising Financially Confident Kids

Mary Hunt (Revell)

Most parents want their kids to have a secure future. But many parents are failing when it comes to teaching the next generation how to handle finances. Finance expert Mary Hunt shows you how to teach your children to be fiscally responsible—even if you haven't been.