Living Dinosaurs

While the side of evolution has a multitude of issues that are at the very least questionable, with many of those issues being out and out lies (e.g. "Piltdown Man" and "Nebraska Man"), one of the most notable and fantastical assertions by evolutionists is that modern birds are indeed "living dinosaurs." In other words, reptiles and birds have a common ancestor just as (in the minds of evolutionists) humans and apes have a common ancestor...thereby asserting that humans are just another "animal." In fact, notable evolutionary scientist Jack Horner, who is the main consultant behind the Jurassic movies, literally thinks he can genetically reverse engineer a chicken into a dinosaur...because they (chickens) carry their (dinosaurs) "ancestral DNA"! I have his statements in a video of the entire 60 Minutes program which showcased his dialogue with Dianne Sawyer, of which I often use a clip in my presentations.

While we might regularly hear or use the saying, "live and learn" in response to some trying situation, I would like to also say that we "serve and learn." Over the years as we have traveled and ministered in church meetings or at fairs, meeting many religious and non-religious people, on occasion we have had opportunities to meet people from other countries. One such notable occasion was in our home state of North Carolina during a weekend creation conference in Swannanoa at Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, during which we met a man from Africa.

That year we were using our Jungle Tales theme and the meeting was the weekend of Halloween. The church wanted to do something special for the kids, and we had a busy schedule with a session Friday evening, a men's breakfast Saturday morning, a 3-hour rally for children Saturday afternoon, and 4 sessions on Sunday. During the breakfast, I met Kam Badibu who is from the Congo!

Sunday evening, having saved the "best for last" presentation so to speak, I was sharing my "Dinosaurs Alive?" message that I had for each VBS closing program that previous summer, which was a session geared more for adults. In preparation for that previous summer, I had read the book by Roy Mackal, entitled <u>A</u> <u>Living Dinosaur? In Search of Mokele-Mbembe</u>. In short, he is an evolutionist who'd done extensive research into a creature that, along with other unusual animals in the Congo, at the very least resemble what we commonly call "dinosaurs." Mackal even says in his book (I share the quote in my presentation) that he thinks it's possible that a dinosaur is alive in the Congo, but he bases that on a fish called the Coelacanth which supposedly lived "millions of years" ago but was found to be very much alive! Fishermen had been catching them for years. As I was sharing information and pictures from his book, acknowledging my limitation of getting such knowledge from only one source (not too many people to my knowledge had actually gone TO the deep jungles of the Congo!), I noticed Kam sitting in the congregation! It was at that moment that I "connected the dots" of my subject matter involving a book ABOUT alleged creatures of the Congo, and there sat **in front of me** someone who was **from there!** So, in the middle of speaking, I asked: "Kam, are these things true?" To which question he nodded and/or said "yes."

That experience, being very near to our home in Hickory, NC, led to us having Kam come to some of our meetings over the years. We have interviewed him several times on camera, and each time we have found out more intriguing details about life in the Congolese jungles and the unusual creatures that live there where there isn't much population as in the cities, where there are fearsome animals that are not sought out because of their danger!

Other creationists such as Dave Woetzel, Carl Baugh, Garth Guessman, and Kent Hovind believe through their research that dinosaurs are indeed alive. While I do not endorse all that these men teach, there are

several creationists who speak about such phenomena, an issue that goes directly against the idea that they (dinosaurs) lived "millions of years ago." Another friend and resource was Matt Speights, who at one time was with Guessman's Genesis Park team and who now is no longer in creation ministry. Garth, through his extensive research (<u>http://GenesisPark.com</u>), has a great deal of evidence that the "flying" dinosaurs (pterosaurs) are alive today. Every time we interview him, we learn more intriguing information about living dinosaurs. He has traveled to New Guinea several occasions and has even been in a documentary about the pterosaurs, detailing what he and his team saw. Speights traveled with Guessman to New Guinea and saw/heard pterosaurs himself and we have his testimony in a video interview.

Most important of all, of course, is what the Scriptures have to say about dinosaurs. Since the word didn't exist until the 1800s, prior to that the word "dragon" was used. The Bible uses terms such as "leviathan," "behemoth," "serpent," and "dragon." God speaking to Job (chapters 40-41) went to great lengths to describe behemoth and leviathan. So, at the very least, the Biblical truth is that dinosaurs and man have co-existed at some point in world history. "Two of every creature" as God instructed Noah would have included dinosaurs on the ark, after having been created during the first Week (with land ones on Day 6).

So, while evolutionists assert birds to be living dinosaurs, there is growing interest in, and evidence of, the "REAL dinosaur" creatures of the Congo and other places around the world. The LORD clearly has brought into our lives these various resources, notably Garth Guessman and "Congo Kam" (as I like to call him). From the very beginning of our work, we have regularly referred to living dinosaurs, beginning with our first VBS "DinoTales" (now "DinoMight") theme in 2000. Over the years as the LORD has brought both individuals and circumstances into our lives, we have loved sharing what we're learning...using everything to point folk to the Creator. "Using creation to turn hearts to the Creator!"