

ROMANIA

I have attached a separate report on Romania

South Wales Postal Bible School.

The South Wales Postal Bible School continues to send out around 350 lessons each month. We use Bible Time, Manna, NewLife and Gleaners plus a small number of Emmaus courses.

Our scope is worldwide and, at present, we send to all five continents. There are significant numbers of students in Nigeria, India, Malaysia and Jamaica with smaller groups in a number of other countries. The website has been redesigned (www.southwalespbs.co.uk) and we have been very encouraged by a number of new contacts joining us through our online enrolment form.

INDIA

Dear Brother Sam,

Warm greetings from South India in the most blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are happy to inform you that by God's grace, Bible Time ministry is progressing and going on well. God has enabled us to print the starter lessons and A1 to A6 of each level in our language Malayalam. The remaining lessons (A7-A12) are translated and ready for printing. More than 2000 students are already reached with these lessons. We are in touch with 500 children clubs, each club has average 25 to 30 students. The response to the lessons are very encouraging and all of them are being blessed. Many non Christian children are being reached. All the teachers and leaders are very happy to use these lessons. They said, 'we have been praying for such teaching material for a long time and God answered our prayer'. Praise the Lord. We need to reprint the starter lessons again. We are really encouraged and happy to see the increasing demand for the Bible Time lessons.

We conducted twenty training programs for Sunday school teachers last three months. It really helped them to use these lessons more effectively in their clubs and Sunday schools.

Thank you for sending the English lessons, more than 50 students joined the programme, and learning the lessons with very interest. Even our Bible school students are benefitted by these lessons.

We praise God for HIS wonderful provision to print these lessons so far. We trust and pray that God will provide all our needs in the future also. We want to thank you for the prayers for the Bible Time ministries in India.

Let's work together with our Master for HIS kingdom and glory. God is faithful.

Yours in HIS glorious services,

Rejoy Thudian, Babu Thomas, Joseph.T.Poulose, Biju Kannan, Charly Mathew.

SPANISH

Greetings in Jesus' Name from Spain.

I am in Huesca with Susan Bramley who has begun the translation of the Spanish BES material as she does the lessons with her son Jaime. She is slooowly working through the translation. She does a fine job. Gil

KENYA

Dear Brother Samuel,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, it was nice talking to you today. We are delighted to say the container is nearly here, we have many people waiting on the material.

We have experienced difficult trials in our family but we continue to put our faith steadfastly on the Lord.

Our younger daughter Natalie was admitted in the hospital suffering from bacterial infection, she was throwing and had grown very weak. We thank God that she is recovering from bacterial infection and now needs to have surgery in her umbilical cord, we are in prayer for God's provision as this process is expensive.

More prayers are needed on behalf of my family, I was involved in a serious accident on my way to the missions in Kisumu, though I was unhurt. The accident took place 200 miles away from Nairobi, I had to call my fellow brothers from Nairobi for help. The car has been towed back to a garage in Nairobi awaiting repairs.

At the moment I am a little bit confused but I have been encouraged by David in the book of Psalm chapter 27, 31 and 40.

Please remember us in prayers, I look unto the Lord for His guidance and provision in all these challenges.

In His service Moses Omondi Odhiambo

BRIEF REPORT ON THE WORK OF POSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND - By Noel McMeekin

Liza and I continue with the work here in Cootehill. We are now well into our nineteenth year since we took the work over from Bert and Wendy Gray in 1992.

Some highlights from our year to date:

* We had 49 Prizegivings in different venues all over the Republic of Ireland during February to April. Over 4000 people attended and we presented the gospel to many who are not accustomed to hearing the good news of salvation. We were thankful to God for stamina and for safe travel over around 9000 miles.

* We are thankful for many new students, particularly from a foreign national background. There are regular phone calls from parents wanting to order studies for their children so that they might learn from the Word of God.

* The School's work continues to give us encouragement. During Prizegiving time we visited two new schools in Dundalk and Dublin that have started using the lessons during the year. We are thankful for opportunities to visit schools and to share the word of God in the classroom. As the new term starts in September, please pray that the 56 schools presently using the lessons will re-order for the new academic year and that others might be interested in starting Bibletime studies.

* Summer Camp was a happy and encouraging time. Our speaker this year was John Hewitt. He spoke to the young Christians from the "Upper Room Ministry" of Christ, and presented the gospel from the "I AM's" of John's Gospel. Many bore testimony of how they had been encouraged and challenged in their Christian lives and one young girl (Jordan) told us she had trusted the Lord. She will have little encouragement at home. Please pray that she will grow in her faith.

GERMANY - Dear Sam,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the BES conference.

I have finished the translation of Level 1 and now I am in the middle of Year A of Level 2. My husband looked over my shoulders and he really likes these lessons of Bibletime and now he encourages me to continue the translation in order to be able to use these materials soon. Abraham, my son would like to begin the graphic design work.

Oh, nearly I forgot to tell you an important thing and a topic to thank the Lord. I found two friends who are interested to co-work in the translation – after their holidays. Daniela, a very old friend of mine, and one of my best. She is an English teacher at a school nearby my house and Nathalie, she works here in Bonn in a big company, but even though she has a lot to do she likes to help me. I am very happy about this.

Thank you very much for your prayer. And God bless your ministry and through this ministry many, many children.

In Jesus - Andrea

SOUTH AFRICA

From Marlon Govender – Johannesburg

While we have not given a huge amount of focus and energy on PBS at this point of time, we are grateful to the Lord for the limited effort we have put in we have already met our target of 250 students in the 1st year. We now have a total of 344 children.

We are in great need of courses from A5 to A12, in all levels, currently. we have never received the courses that the trust was meant to have sent a while back. I do believe that the new year ahead will see us going over the 1000 mark with students.

REPORT FROM OSLO BEACH, PORT SHEPSTONE, SOUTH AFRICA - August 2010

We continue to be a source of Bibletime support to our regular students. Naturally, the majority of these are of school-going age, however, we have been encouraged to share the older material (Newlife) for older, newer Christians. In particular, there is one soul who was saved 3 years ago at the age of 70, and this material was quite appropriate and well received by him.

Presently, we have 30 regulars, and some 'one-off' candidates who receive the material now and again. Thank the Lord that for every copy given out, the Word is being sown.

Regarding Simone and myself, the addition of Joseph into the family fold (born 4 weeks ago) and me working longer hours, results in us facing a huge challenge in time management! We continue to look to the Lord for wisdom and timing, and trust that by remaining faithful by His grace, He will open further doors through which to share the material.

Yours in Christ - Chris and Sim Wilkins

BES ZAMBIA REPORT - JUNE 2010 to AUGUST 2010

We had a Sunday school teacher's seminar on 8th and 9th June 2010. A total of 144 participants from 48 local churches attended the seminar. The delegates from 5 towns: Chililabombwe, Chingola, Kitwe, Luanshya and Solwezi. Mr Samuel Balmer the BES International Coordinator taught for the two days of the seminar.

Kelvin and Joyce Samwata the Coordinators for the Zambian office have since established a BES Zambia Committee to oversee the whole work. The members of this Committee are: Kelvin and Joyce Samwata, Willie and Astridah Bunda, Geshom and Maude Chioni. An office has since been rented at Chingola Bible Centre from where Brother Willie Bunda is operating from. Willie is the link person with the local Sunday schools.

A week after the BES seminar we received a further request from 10 churches who missed the seminar that was held the previous week and wanted to be trained in how to use the BES lessons. In July a seminar was arranged and Willie Bunda trained their Sunday school teachers.

We have since registered and trained Sunday school teachers from 48 churches on the Copperbelt and Solwezi. We intend, God willing, to roll out the BES Sunday School in September.

Sunday school teachers from 30 churches in Chingola were given the Starter Lessons for September. Completed start lessons have since been brought back for marking. The marked lessons will now be used as marking keys in their Sunday schools. The response has been overwhelming. All the Sunday school teachers who got the starter lessons brought them back for marking and are all geared to start in September. Requests to use BES lessons are pouring in from churches in other Provinces as well (10 churches around Nyangombe CMML Mission and in Mwinilunga in the North Western Province of Zambia and 15 churches from Luapula province in Kashikishi and Lupiya).

We have decided that we will first start with the Copperbelt Province and later on once we have gained the necessary experience, will consider spreading to other provinces of Zambia.

Chingola churches will start the program in September this year with the 4start up lessons: start-up Unit 1, Unit 2 and Unit 3. We plan to get to Kitwe and Ndola next year. We are waiting for a shipment with starter lessons to arrive in Zambia in good time.

TANZANIA BIBLETIME LESSONS REPORT:

Translation: For two weeks from 28th June – 12th July 2010 in Moshi a team of 9 people translated 35 lessons, they encountered graphics challenges but later they were able to solve by contact with Tamas and Steve. The team was so helpful as it was the way to get easy access of work to be done. I also thank Evangelist Ombeni and his wife Beatrice for taking care of the team.

After the team left, Erick Estomihi remain with me, we started doing graphics and proof reading. Until now we have done in all level 1 starter, and all Level 1 Year A.

The speed was slow, and we were each time struggle to try our level best to match the format in which they are in English. The future plan is to make sure all the lessons are available in Kiswahili and the website has been translated, we are still working on that. Please pray for this work.

Bibletime Lessons: We have office and big store at Uchira – Moshi, Other places in Arusha – people had a big interest but it need follow up. In the seminar run by Samuel Balmer – in Tanzania, we had agreed to have small centre’s for distribution to reduce distributions costs. Four small centre’s are needed for two regions we are starting with i.e Kilimanjaro and Arusha. I ask for your prayers that we may have these centers and people with heart to serve that material can be easily accessed whenever they are needed. I will appreciate if I could get updates on how other countries run the distribution centers.

With sincerely love from David Ombeni.

HUNGARY - Report from Hungary

Lessons series A are designed in the new form, series B is ongoing monthly. Translation of series C is ready, the design work will start end of this year. The besweb site is working fully in Hungarian. Starter lessons and the whole series A can be downloaded from the website. The rest will be uploaded continually. Over 30 children gets the lessons regularly through e-mail, some of them in printed form too.

I’ve contacted three organization who are involved in Prison mission. The leaders of the Prison Fellowship Hungary and the Prison Chaplains Association of Hungary are open to use Level 4 in the prisons. They have personal contact with more then 1.500 prisoner.

The new young leader of CEF Hungary is a very good friend of mine - member of our assembly. They plan to do a Weekly or Monthly Club for children from September at their home, and would like to use Bibletime as homework.

As I have still one son in primary school, and a quite good contact with the leading of the school, I plan to introduce the lessons at the school. Also I have a possibility to enter into a local catholic church at Dunakeszi with a leaflet of Bibletime.

In Hungary we use this year series A. I continually review and correct the lessons monthly. Because the lessons are printed by the users, I’ve created a “printer-friendly” version – front and end page are a little different, do not need so much inks.

We will have a street-party in Budapest district 13. at 29th of August, where my local assembly will have a stand, and as our main target are the children, I will be there with a Bibletime leaflet created by me and with Starter lessons.

Bozsóki Tamás

PRISON – HUNGARY

I wrote to you earlier about the Prison Fellowship Hungary. Today were a leader meeting and on the 16th of October will be the general meeting where I will introduce Bibletime for the fellow-workers (usually 100-120 members take part).

I have to create a slideshow and print some lessons.

I would appreciate your prayer for this too, as it is a very big possibility to reach people in the prison with the gospel and their children too.

Love Tamas

FRENCH

We are commencing the graphic design in French for the starter lessons. There is great interest in French speaking Africa

CZECH REPUBLIC - Dear brother Sam,

The situation in the Czech Republic is that we started to print lessons in January and made them available on Internet site. Now we try to advertise them and we would be happy if some more people would be interested. There is still need for more translators and hopefully those who have done some work so far will continue in help. Our goal is to get prepared lessons earlier, but it is quite hard as all of us have some work or study. I hope to have some more free time to work after I pass exam in the beginning of September. We also hope that people will advertise lessons as they use them in about 20 places.

Lord with you.

RUSSIA - Dear Sam,

We are in California for 2 months (July – August). Kolya works here and we with children accompany him. My mother helps me a lot with Bibletime ministry now. She coordinates instructors and students in the PBS center. I started to translate starter lessons (when I have time). We still pray for babysitter so that I could have more time for Bibletime ministry. My mother sent me a brief report about Bibletime ministry in Russia.

Bibletime ministry continues in Russia for 5th year now. Every month we print on 750 courses on risograph and send them to children and markers around the Russia. As of August 2010, 630 children send courses to markers on regular basis. For the period of January-August 2010, we got 50 new students in SPb PBS center. All courses are translated except starter lessons. We need starter lessons very much. Children, who have parents-unbelievers and never read Bible before, stop sending us courses because it's hard for them to start education from a course currently being sent, without preliminary education on the basics of the Bible. Katy and Nikolay started to translate starter lessons, but for now translation goes slowly because they should take care of 2 children under 3 year old and still look for baby sitter.

Children get to know about Bibletime courses through their friends-students, through web site Bibletime.narod.ru, through distribution of invitations via post boxes and thru evangelistic outreaches. Our students actively invite to join courses their friends, brothers and sisters. Adults that study Emmaus courses invite children to join Bibletime courses. We get addresses of children through emails from Instructors of Emmaus bible school and from different churches familiar with our ministry. Every Christmas time we send our children a list of prizes, so that they would choose gifts for their points. Some years ago we sent them as prizes toys and stationery. Last year we sent them Christian literature, Bibles, cartoons, souvenirs. Children were exited about these prizes and some parents thanked us a lot. They wrote that they didn't have such a Christian literature when they were children. They read these books with a whole family. Some children spent their points to get gifts for their friends, brothers and sisters. So we try to send them prizes in time for Christmas time. Prizes encourage friends of students to join Bibletime courses.

We still don't have enough markers for all areas of Russia. For now there are 21 markers around the Russia. A lot of children send courses to Saint Petersburg and Moscow PBS centers from different areas of Russia, because they don't have markers in their areas or they do have them but they want to study in capital cities of Russia. There are many churches that print courses from web site. They don't send us annual reports but thankful for using courses. We have markers who have 4-6 students, some

markers have around 100 students from orphanages. One marker from Novokuzneck uses courses for orphans, she wrote us: "What is impossible for men, possible for God. The Lord uses our Bibletime ministry so much. For a few years we continue to do Bible lessons with Bibletime courses in 3 orphanages and 2 shelters. There are 3 sisters and a lot of helpers that are involved in orphanages ministry. All of them like to use Bibletime courses. There are children who are older then 16 years, they study in colleges and live in hostel. We visit them and teach with Emmaus courses. The ministry is going very well now. The Lord leads us and opens new horizons!" We send Bibletime markers and Emmaus instructors a prayer newsletter where we reprint their testimonies, answer the questions and tell about Bibletime and Emmaus ministry in other countries. It encourages the markers and some of them restarted their ministry. All markers are thankful for that we send them courses. Most of them are Sunday school workers. Many markers ask to pray for children to be more active and for their ministry to become a part of church ministry because it is often times that pastors are not interested in this ministry. But there are some pastors who are interested in Bibletime ministry and they use courses a lot in summer camps and in orphanages.

We also would like to share experience of Bibletime and Emmaus ministry in Saint Petersburg's PBS office and our local Petergof's church. Our church adults members and regular visitors study Emmaus bible courses. Info about Emmaus and Bibletime courses is available and guests take it and hand out in churches and to the friends. Almost all children in our church study Bibletime courses at home. Once a year we give them prizes for their points. This motivates them and their friends to study courses. So that children ask over and over their markers for new courses. Often students that finished level 4 join Emmaus bible school. Some parents of our students join Emmaus Bible school. It is an encouragement for us and gives us joy, to know that God uses our ministry for children and adults and they read the Bible and know more about God.

[UKRAINE](#)- Hi Sam!

In September 2010 in Ukraine under "Bible Hour" studying 8300 children. (In August 2008 Ukraine had learned to 7120 children.) Instructor - 85, assistant instructors - 146. Of the 25 regions there are instructors in 22, although children write from all over Ukraine.

God bless you, Luba, Kiev

FROM A TINY STREAM...

«And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal: that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together» (John 4:36)

The name CHERNOBYL is literally translated from Ukrainian as “wormwood” (the bitterest herb).

I remember the trip in late April 2006. A group of some Christians from Kyiv City and the area had gathered to visit schools of both Polissia and Ivankiv regions to tell children about the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the year of a sad anniversary - 20 years after the Chernobyl accident. The Polissia region is adjacent to the Chernobyl zone, close to Belarus. And Ivankiv region is next to it. Much has changed over the years. There is no longer the Soviet Union, but there are new boundaries, new views, and new people. A lot of things are sad in this story. Many people ask, "Why did this happen to us?" But the Lord has got the answer to this question. Life without God leads to tragedy.

We visited schools, handing out gifts and Christian literature to children, and invited them to study the Bible systematically with the help of Bible lessons. After this trip only three children responded who filled in the coupons and sent them to our address. It seems a small number, only three. Just too few compared to hundreds or thousands of invitations which were given. But the Lord was testing our faithfulness, even in this little thing.

Often you see how someone refuses such a small result, despising such an insignificant thing, not seeing that behind this number there may exist great opportunities. So it was in this case. 3-15-46-75-180-450. This has been an approximate increase in the number of children who wrote back. Currently, nearly 560 children and several dozens of adults are enrolled in the Emmaus Correspondence School at the Awakening Church in Kyiv.

In the list of places that we were supposed to visit, was the village Shevchenkovo, or rather, what was left of it - 7 people, and also our sister in the Lord - Lyudmila. Within a perimeter of 50 miles there were no churches, not to speak even of believers. But with God, no one is forgotten, not a single soul. His eyes watch over the whole earth. If people were not able to come to this wilderness, it made the Trans World Radio, the transmissions of which sister Lyudmila listened. Sermons directed her heart to the Lord, and she received salvation from His hands. But, it is really difficult for a person to do without having fellowship. This sister found the address of the correspondence school, and brother Victor Krynychko from Motovilovka (more than 100 km from this place) began sending Emmaus courses to her. He had a desire to see this sister, who lived so far away and whom no one had ever visited. He managed to convince some Christian brothers to visit that place too.

The Lord has opened wide the door for work in this region where there were so few believers. This is the land, which is almost forgotten by people, from where multitudes fled after the nuclear accident. But some people are still living there, there are children and adolescents. Life, though hard, still continues. Wish they live with the Lord. Without Him, many ruin themselves by drinking; they lose all human appearance, and they are lost. Life without God has no meaning.

The Awakening Church from Kyiv saw God's action in that area. And it is very important to be in the place where the Lord acts, and to be where His hand sends out. During the past 4 years a lot of work has been done -- constant mission trips to the area, correspondence with children, classes on the Children's School Program of Emmaus, tying friendship bonds, and the summer camps, to which the best students were being invited. One can't but agree that to have a Sunday school of 560 children at a distance is a very responsible, yet also a joyful ministry. 11 sisters watch over these children. They know most of the children personally. And the whole church is living this ministry.

I was very lucky to visit the children several times. In winter, we were distributing Christmas gifts. It was the bitter cold of -25C. The wind, deep snow drifts. My travel mates constantly had to push the car out of the snow. Once we even jumped from a small snow mound. But, praise God, all were safe and healthy.

We visited the village Zhmievka twice, with about 30 children enrolled there in the learning. For the second time it was for the Easter holidays. There isn't a church yet. But we want very much one to be there. Children welcomed us very warmly; they followed us in their bicycles to the edge of the village.

And I always wanted to know why all these things happened. Who started this? We were not the first. Several people told us that before the World War II there were German colonies (settlements) in the area. Many of the farmers were believers. But now all are gone. All you can see are some occasional remains of farmsteads of that time. But one can say with confidence that they prayed for the area. And after many years the Lord has made a miracle of awakening.

Atheism tried to strangle every manifestation of faith. But the last word stays with the Lord. In the late 90's a few girls studied with us from Ivankiv region, villages Potalievka and Musiiky. Unfortunately, we never met them. The work was plentiful, but the workers were few. It was even hard to imagine that we visit students. It was only in 2006, that we first visited those villages. And the mother of one of the girls, the school director, testified how her daughter changed. By that time she was studying at university.

In this area there are several rural churches. Of course, they pray for the salvation of souls. But often they are not strong enough for anything more, because many of them are already elderly people. So, Victor Krynychko picked up the baton of this ministry, and then the Awakening Church came... God has united us all. It is difficult even though to see the whole picture in realistic terms. It is with the Lord.

At the end of May, in the village Mlachivka there was organized a one-day Christian camp for the children of Polissia region (Awakening Church works with two regions of Kyiv Oblast, Poliss'ki and Ivankivski). 230 children arrived to an excellent event with open-air games, quizzes, fellowship and tasty dinner. Several churches and missions have worked to make this holiday come true for children. And they will remember it long. At the same time a summer camp was prepared for children. It was held in Ternopil Oblast. And in June, in the village Mlachivka there was the baptismal service. 7 souls went down into the water to testify about their faith. Two of them were those girls who began taking the Bible lessons back in 2006.

In this whole story several key points can be noted:

- 1) Do not neglect even small opportunities, for a great blessing may be hidden behind them.

2) Keep the faith, and God will reward. Brother Victor Krynychko had several students, one of them an old woman. But now, this soul is with the Lord, and in her place there are children and youths. Awakening Church took the baton, and it has been faithfully toiling in this field for more than 4 years now. A tree does not grow overnight (miracle in the Book of Jonah). This is an entire process. We want it soon, but it takes a lot of hard and painstaking work which the Lord rewards.

3) Now we see the fruit. Those saved are being baptized. The church is planted in Mlachivka. We believe that there will be more new saved believers and more new churches in the area.

4) Many churches and missions have been involved in this work. And it went on like in a large anthill. There were things to do for everyone. The work for the Lord has united many. And it strengthened the results. This is important -- look for points of interaction, and help each other.

5) It's an example. A good one. In many areas there are similar opportunities that one can use today. You can begin. The Lord will multiply! And, He will give joy in the labor.

Yuri Yur, coordinator of EMMAUS School in Ukraine, Kyiv