

We are delighted to be able to share “small items” that are **BIG** as far as God is concerned in what is happening around the world.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE !

ALBANIA

We have an interest on BES materials in Albanian and we are wondering if it is possible to have all lessons (hard copy or electronic format) in order to consider translating them in to Albanian.

CANADA

Pray for extra teachers for the centre as they take on the USA new life lessons from Ireland, and also as they open a PO box in the US.

CONGO & IVORY COAST

There is a need via Emmaus for French lessons, we have just received the first French lessons from the graphic designer – Praise the Lord

CZECH REPUBLIC

Sam and Stephen Gillham had two meetings with the PBS team in Czech, where we encouraged them from the word of God and talked about Recruitment, Editing, marking, graphics and development. This all opened plenty of questions and the feedback was very encouraging. Pray as they seek to recruit students.

EMMAUS

In association with Emmaus the lessons continue to be used widely in **MOLDOVA, UKRAINE, BELARUS, RUSSIA**. Translation has commenced in **ARMENIA** and discussions about **GEORGIA**. Pray for ZAM and Andreas Reh

ETHIOPIA

I have been working as a children ministry coordinator, organizer, teacher and curriculum provider since 1994. As I serve, the most difficult challenge that I am facing is getting relevant teaching materials for children. Sami that is why I said it is a good news and answer of my prayer to be able to attend the International Conference.

FAR EAST

Translation has commenced pray for translators and graphical layout issues

FRENCH

For a year now I have been involved with a small team in the translation of Bibletime lessons from English to French, to be used by children and young people in the French-speaking world. We have reached a first milestone now, in that the very first lessons in French have now been produced by a graphic designer and will soon be ready for use. Do pray with us that this new tool for evangelism will indeed prove to be useful whether here or in the many French-speaking countries in Africa. Pray too for our team of translators and proof readers, as we are all doing this work in our ‘spare’ time ... and you can imagine the difficulties of fitting it in! - Dorothy Seed

GERMAN

Stephen and I met with Andrea and her family. She has been translating into German now for over a year. Andrea introduced us to a young lady who is now helping with the translation called Natalie. Another lady called Daniella is helping as well. Pray for them as they carry out such a valuable task. Dear Sam, Again thank you for your visit here in Germany. It was a big encouragement not only for me. Natali just wrote an e-mail to me expressing that our evening gave her many important things to think over. Andrea.

GHANA – From Charles Addocca

By the grace of God the first shippment of materials have safely arrived in Ghana.

Many thanks to the International Director and his team for all their encouragement and support.

Pastor Israel Gyaba who leads the Ghana team at the moment, have got 23 people expressed interest to help distribute and run centres in Ghana.

I have also got an NGO who is looking to operate the PBS in Junior Secondary schools in parts of the Western Region of Ghana.

Please pray for:

- 1.The team in Ghana: pastor Israel Gyaba,Pastor J K Arhin,Pastor Robert Sangmortey,Betty Nyinaku.
- 2.Wisdom to manage the resources effectively.
- 3.That churches who use these materials will see change in the students as they systematically engage with God's word.

4. That God will bless my visit to Ghana to train the national leaders and support them to effectively operate PBS centres in Ghana.

HUNGARY

We had Contact with Prison Fellowship, introduction on the General Meeting, printing 100 of Level 4 Starter & A11 Lessons

We were Distributing leaflets on the Christian Christmas Book Fair (2 days)

We were directly introducing lessons to a children mission called Palánta Mission

<http://www2.palantamisszio.info/palanta-mission-the-rescue-for-childrens-souls-%C2%AE> We are searching the possibilities how can they use the lessons.

INDIA

Hi Brother, If we get the visas for the International Conference we should travel within 90 days. so we are planning to apply on the 1st week of Feb, Please pray that all three visas will be granted.

with love Bejoy

JAPAN

An idea which I am thinking about is to have a select committee of four Japanese Christians and two native English speakers. The idea behind the 'four Japanese' is to have each one translate one lesson, thus sharing the workload. As for the native English speakers, we can help and advise with the meaning of the English text. Once the four lessons are completed we will check each lesson together.

I pray that our hopes may come to fruition, in Him Jim

KENYA

Brother we are having staff meeting at TFC office today, which is going on right now and we do plan to start using the materials in Nairobi schools next week. Nyanza region is waiting for these lessons and the transportation is a very urgent need. Please pray for Goods provision. In Nairobi....the container is not brought yet at Emmaus and we will have difficulty sorting out the lessons as we need to arrange them as per the levels.

MOLDOVA

Gabi met us in Galati and took us to his home in Moldova. On the Saturday we went to see his office and met his co worker Andrea. They share an office for the PBS work and literature outreach. I was in Moldova before with the Emmaus workers who use the lessons. It is an extremely poor country and the children need our prayers... Bert Gray

NIGERIA

We're very happy to assist with the BES correspondence program for students in Nigeria. We have two staff members of our ministry that will be helping to coordinate this - Jimmy Anietie and Friday Ujah. These men are passionate about Christ and very interested in working with young people around Nigeria

Please do let us know how to get started. All vital information in this regard would be welcomed.

PHILIPINES

Right now we have about 350 students in four schools using the materials every week. The teachers are happy about the content and find it relatively easy to prepare. So on behalf of all of our students, Thank You!

POLAND

I have finished creating and publishing BES lessons in PDF format (old graphic design, BTW) on the website

<http://www.bytom.kwch.org/wydarzenia/aktualnosci/lekcje-pocztowej-szkoly-biblijnej-dostepne-online.html>

It had taken several months. There are 108 files that contain whole set of 432 BES lessons (LEVEL 2-3-4).

Marek Nalewajka

PORTUGUESSE

There is a very positive interest in translation commencing soon.

ROMANIA – CLUJ

We continue to print **4300 courses** used for the **33 centers** in Romania and Moldova and for our own needs.

In our own centre we have a total of **3300 students** and, unfortunately, an increasing number of "lazy" students, who don't send their courses in time, but once every second or third month. Pray for dedication in completing the bibletime.

ROMANIA – ORADEA

Yesterday, today and tomorrow is the time for prizegivings. Yesterday with Anita, Eniko, Zsofi, and my Wife - the children came to our home, and today we visited other children in other villages, and give some gift for christmas. In 5-6 places the children completed the courses while we are at their house. Csaba Kabai

RUSSIA

We have commenced to design one course for phone/web, please pray for wisdom and help for this project.
Katy

SOUTH AFRICA

Hi Marlon and Judy,
Hope this finds you and your family well. I have just realized too that I have not given you Berario Chapel's order list for the Bibletime lessons. Could I please place an order for 26 lessons

SPANISH

There is a sister in Huesca, Spain who has begun the translation of the BES material. She has a young child so she is doing it with him on a monthly basis. Please pray for Susan as she carries out this work for the lord. Pray for more people to help with the Spanish work.

TANZANIA

Before -There are 8 Centres in Arusha, waiting for Bibletime lessons and gospel tracts. They need to be transported, Please pray for this as the centres are bit scattered. I do expect another distribution will be done in March 2011. I will be facing the challenge of packaging for the coming orders. For these to be sent the coming week I had 100 A3 envelopes. In which one can carry up to 130 lessons of 8 pages each.

After - I managed to transport the Lessons and tracts to the intended eight centres in Arusha. Thank you very much for your prayers

UKRAINE

The BES ministry in pre-Chernobyl area, There is a Revival Baptist church that has 560 children as BES students there and dozens of Emmaus adult students. Pray and praise.

USA

Continue to Pray for Mary as she co-ordinates the centre in Wichita

ZAMBIA

In November we had a follow up seminar to the training you did and that I did for the other churches that came later. We had about 20 Churches represented.

The Topics we had were 1. The importance of children's ministry. 2 Recruiting Sunday School teachers and training. 3. BES-ZAMBIA sustainability, 4 Group discussions (a) What benefits have we got from BES? (b) What problems have we encountered? (c) What are the solutions to these problems?

We really had a good time. The overall response was good and that churches, children, teachers and parents have appreciated the Bible time lessons.

We had a seminar at Kitwe Chapel. for the 5 chapels in Kitwe. They hope to start in January. Please continue to pray for us as many churches want to start the program from other provinces.

UK & IRELAND

Remember the various centres and bibletime users here that they would be encouraged in more children from their locality enrolling as students.

NEW CENTRE London PBS. -By the Grace of God I managed to introduce the PBS to six churches and a number of individual families. Three of these churches are operating at the moment with over 150 children and 7 volunteers based in the churches. In the summer months I organized an introductory training for the markers in one of the churches and a briefing in another meeting where over 4 churches had met. Last year was to initiate the programme in the London Area especially to churches that are predominantly situated in the migrant communities. I am glad that slowly it is being received positively.

I have introduced PBS to one Ghanaian church which has branches all over UK. I am yet to receive a feedback from them. Please pray for the following items:

1. Need 2 more people to join me in managing the growth and development of the centres.
2. That the churches that have shown interest will move a step further.
3. For families that have started to continue and that others families will join.
4. The need of office space to operate efficiently.

BES TRUSTEES

Please pray for all the trustees as we meet in two weeks time to discuss various issues. Especially remember Bert, David and Glyn who have all been unwell and are still recovering.

We trust this is a good insight and brief overview of things that are happening around the world. In the past three years translation in various languages has gone from 8 to 16, and country presence from 12 to 25.

Love and prayers

Sam

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