

## From the Editor's Desk

The last edition of BES News was published in Spring 2013 and later in December 2013 we published the BES Prayer Diary so we haven't given a full update of BES news for over a year.

## Personnel

During this time, the work has continued to grow and we have much to be thankful for. However, it has not been an easy year. In October 2013 Sam Balmer, our International Secretary, was diagnosed with potential burn-out and for six months had very limited involvement in BES work. Stephen Gillham, the BES Trust Secretary, was also advised by doctors to take things more easily.

The Trustees therefore felt that we should make 2014 a time of consolidation rather than a period of growth and decided that we would try and strengthen, wherever we could, the work that has already commenced.

After much prayer, the decision was made to appoint a BES Administrator to relieve Sam and Stephen of some of their workload. This job was advertised, interviews were undertaken and we are delighted to announce that Sam's daughter, Vicky Balmer, has been appointed as our Administrator. Vicky has been our Treasurer for the last 18 months, and comes with accountancy and office experience. She commenced working in the BES Office in Enniskillen on June 2nd 2014. This is a major step forward and obviously adds to the financial commitments that we already have, but we feel that it is the Lord's will and is absolutely vital for the progress of the BES Work around the world. Please pray for Vicky as she commences this

work and pray that the Lord will provide all the necessary resources.

Tamas Bozsóki in Hungary continues as a full time designer for BES International materials and, Steve McDonald has worked increasing hours working on the basic designing of lessons and developing the Web site.

Many volunteers work with BES around the world forming a vast team but with the united aim of helping boys and girls study God's Word which we know "is able to make them wise unto salvation."

The BES Trustees are very grateful for so many who give their time and energy in a variety of ways to help forward this vital work. They would especially value prayer as they consider appointing additional Trustees to strengthen the BES Board.

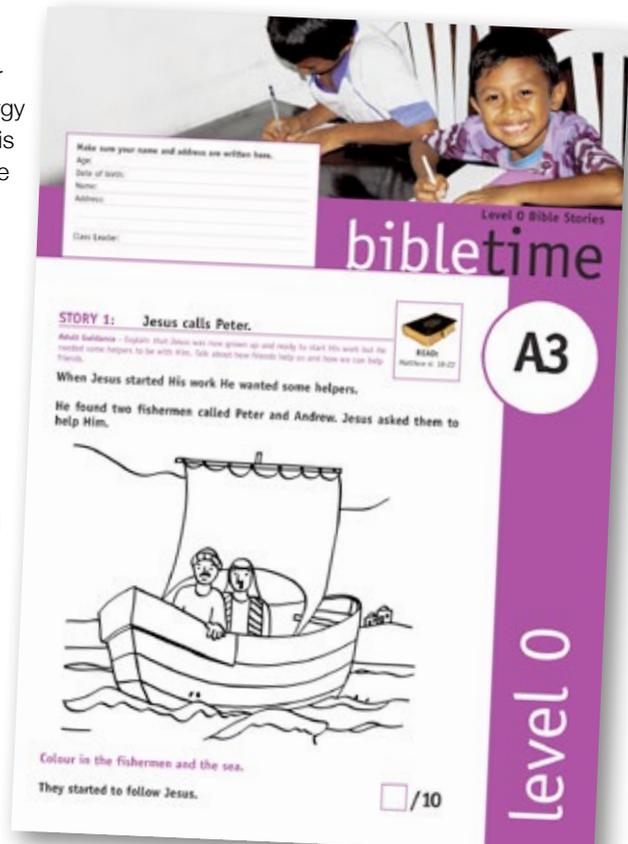
Every Quarter we publish a BES Prayer and Praise Sheet with up to date news from different countries and from the PBS Centres in UK and Ireland. Anyone who would like to be added to the E-mail Distribution List for the regular Prayer Updates should contact Ang Johnston at the BES Enniskillen Office ([angelaredford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelaredford@hotmail.co.uk))

## Projects

As reported before, we are involved now in two publishing projects which have made good progress during the past year. After much discussion, in January 2013 we commenced the production of Level 0 Pre-School Lessons which were written and designed from scratch

for younger children. The whole of the A Series has been written and is now available and we are now two thirds of the way through the Level 0 - B Series. These can be obtained either from a local PBS Centre or from Enniskillen. We are considering producing a 12 months Level 0 pamphlet for distribution overseas. It is likely that the B Series would be the first one that Revival Movement will print for overseas use.

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Our new Level 0 lessons.

## From the Editor's Desk cont.

Most will be aware that the BES work has changed from being entirely a postal work, especially in English speaking countries, to an International Work operating in some countries where the postal system is not reliable. Here the lessons are being used widely in Churches and Schools where a volunteer presents the lesson and then the Bibletime lessons are used as follow-up work sheets. We have felt for some

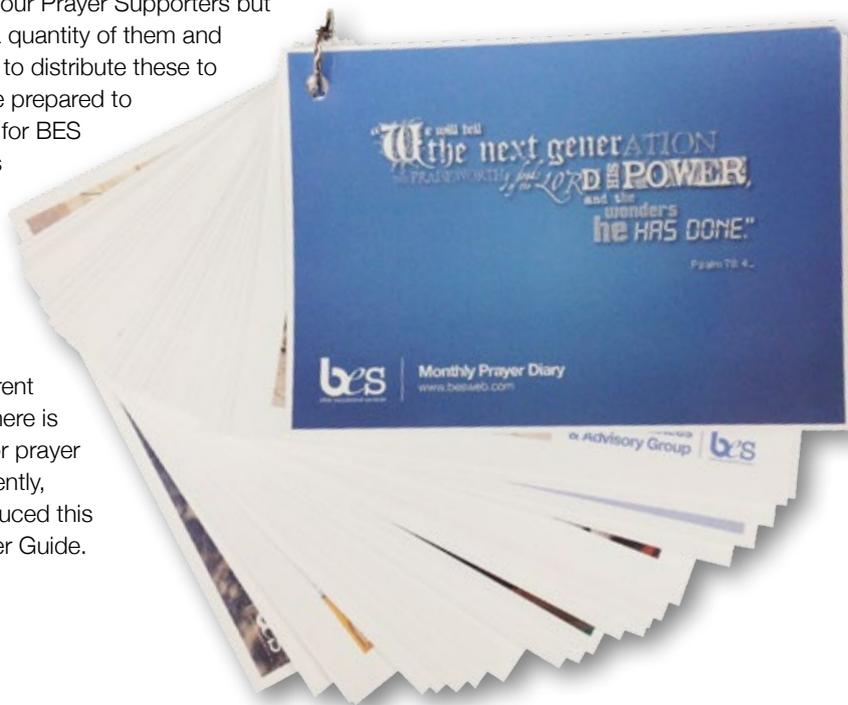
time that those who present the lessons need some guidance. A small team have worked very hard to produce a set of Teaching Guidelines for a whole year for Levels 1 and 2 for the A Series with 48 detailed lesson plans. Teaching Guidelines for Levels 3 and 4 for the A Series are being completed and will also be printed shortly. Initially these are in English but there are teams particularly interested in translating the Teaching Guidelines into French, Portuguese and other languages.

Please pray for those who are writing the Teaching Guidelines. We are trying to produce the B Series as soon as possible so that when the B Series lessons are dispatched overseas from Revival Movement; it will also be possible to send the relevant Teaching Guidelines for these lessons.

**Stephen Gillham** (Secretary)

## BES Monthly Prayer Diary

In December 2013 we published the BES Monthly Prayer Diary with a single page for each day of the month with a specific country or prayer needs. Many of these have been distributed to our Prayer Supporters but we still have a quantity of them and we would like to distribute these to those who are prepared to pray regularly for BES needs. BES is now working in nearly 40 countries and translation teams are working on up to 30 different languages. There is a vital need for prayer and consequently, we have produced this Monthly Prayer Guide.



If you would like a Prayer Diary then please either contact Stephen Gillham ([stephen@sgillham.co.uk](mailto:stephen@sgillham.co.uk)) or Sam Balmer ([samuelbalmer@btinternet.com](mailto:samuelbalmer@btinternet.com)) and we will send to you a copy immediately.

## Deputation

BES Trustees are able to share what God has done, is doing and what we believe He is going to do in the work of BES around the world. Sam Balmer would be very happy to go to any Fellowship in Northern Ireland/Scotland to give a report. Stephen Gillham would be happy to go to any Fellowship in the South of England and will be in the North of England in February and November when Deputation meetings could be arranged. Bert Gray and other Trustees are also available to give report to any Fellowship that is interested. **Please contact us for a full report on Bible Educational Services and Ministry**

## Finance

Once again we can praise the Lord for His goodness in meeting the increasing financial needs of BES. We have changed our accounting system from April to March to January to December for 2014. Copies of the agreed accounts for April to December 2013 will shortly be available from the BES Office. 2014 will be a challenge to us as we anticipated increasing costs for those who do work for BES, the help we try to give to particular needs overseas, and as we prepare for the large expenditure anticipated for the 2015 Conference.

## Meet and Pray for the Team



BES Trustees



New BES Administrator – Vicky Balmer



Steve McDonald – Graphic & Web Design



BES Editorial Group



Ang Johnston – Volunteer



Tamas Bozsóki – Graphic & Web Design

## Kenya

So far, we have distributed 18,350 copies of BES material to schools in Nairobi, Kisumu, Mwingi and Kisii regions. This has been done in the following order: - Level 1 – 700, Level 2 – 1,400, Level 3 - 5,600, Level 4 -10,650. Quite a number of churches have promised to partner with us to help in the distribution of lessons in other parts of Kenya as they have also been supplied with materials. We also thank God for the provision of a vehicle which has so far helped us in distributing the materials and making contacts with churches especially in Nairobi. God bless the people who gave towards its purchase.

### Moses Omondi (Teens for Christ)

I was greatly encouraged on a recent re-visit to North Kenya (Kindfund) when I had the opportunity to see firsthand, how the work of BES is progressing in that vast country. I had

specific interest in the operation, which is a subsidiary to the work of Kindfund children's homes, based in Ngaremarara.

Martin, a young man converted only a few years ago, has enthusiastically taken on the responsibility for the work in Central/Northern Kenya, literally putting me to shame; I was astonished by his commitment and especially in such difficult circumstances. Here in the West, we have all the necessary resources at our disposal to make life easy but in his region of Kenya no such luxuries exist.

He has established himself in a small, well organised office, in which he takes great pride and meticulously carries out the work, visiting over 12 schools/homes to supervise the work of BES personally. Travelling between 3 centres, Ngaremarara to Wamba (86km) and Ngaremarara to Rendille region (160km) by bus!!! Taxi or lift,

he continues by foot to the outlying villages, where he serves over 600 pupils with Bibletime lessons. (All without complaint) It was so encouraging to watch some of these children so enthusiastically complete the lessons. Their desire to learn the Word of God and how they retain it is an example to be followed.

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- Stephen Scott

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Please pray for Martin for wisdom, a desire to continue the work and protection from the enemy both against him and the work. Pray also for the work of BES that it may expand (more workers) and have the desired effect in the lives of children worldwide.

**Stephen Scott (Enniskillen)**



BES Office and students in Kenya.

## Canada- New Centre

Just to bring you up-to-date. We are using the name Digital Bible Studies International. Our model is to email the lessons to the students. The student emails or better still takes a photo on their mobile device and returns the lessons back to us. The lesson is marked and returned the same way. We have become International as there are students now from four countries. This model is working well. Digital Bible Studies International is a full time endeavour for us. We can be anywhere and correspond with the students. We now have a website: [www.digitalbiblestudies.com](http://www.digitalbiblestudies.com)

We try to encourage each student to return their lesson weekly so we can get it marked and back to them within 2-3 days. My iphone is my main promotional tool. Whenever I meet someone with a smart phone whether 11 or 75 years of age I take them right to the webpage while I am talking to them. They then have everything they need on their mobile device. I have seen kids who are 5 years old with tablets so they are good candidates too.

**Ron and Ruth Zager**



Lessons from Revival Movement being delivered and unloaded at the Emmaus Office in Congo

### Congo

(During the winter, Revival Movement shipped three containers to Congo with level 2 lessons in French for schools in Lubumbashi, Kinshasa and Goma)

I send you this message from Lubumbashi in DR Congo where I am responsible of BES. I inform you that the work of BES in the churches, schools or at home everything is very well, and we already have more demand for the training of teachers. I am pleased with the evolution of the Ministry, and already I'm going to ask you to think about how to send us the level 3 and 4 manuals at the end of this year 2014, because we have received the first two levels.

My send warm greetings to your family and BES members.

**Emmanuel Ngoy Kakudji**  
Regional Coordinator

### Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia

We are concluding Series A soon and will be starting Series B middle of May. We have 5 children who are doing Level 1, 22 children doing Level 2, and 2 children doing Level 3. For Series A, we photocopied the materials but we feel that the black and white copies are not as attractive

as the coloured ones, and are not as clear. We at Jalan Imbi Chapel really appreciate all the hard work that has gone into producing the lessons.

**Michele Lam**

### India

I have made two visits to India in the past year. In October I attended four States for Workers Conferences to promote BES and to help BES INDIA become indigenous. We established a Translation Committee for each of seven

languages and met with IBL to discuss the increasing costs of translation and graphics. Bejoy Thudian and his Board have taken over that responsibility and will continue to coordinate with Sam Balmer. My second visit in January was to follow these arrangements up and to take Wendy to meet some of our friends and especially to visit the Hope Foundation in Calcutta where we have a very personal interest. Contact Bert at [bert@besweb.org](mailto:bert@besweb.org) for more information.

**Bert Gray**



Bert & Wendy with Beju & Bejoy in India

## Postal Bible School Conference

A Postal Bible School Conference was held in Stoke-on-Trent on June 7th 2014. Five PBS Centres were represented. It was encouraging to know that a new PBS Centre had developed in the Wigan area with Annette Dickinson where 37 children have started PBS lessons and Greg Hanley in the Manchester area is beginning to make contacts with children in street outreaches. We are grateful to the friends at Trent Vale Gospel Hall who helped us with the Conference. We were encouraged by the reports and discussions that were had during the course of the day.

## Conference 2015

The BES Trustees have decided to hold another International Conference in Enniskillen in April 2015. The Conference in 2011 was such a blessing to so many delegates and became the springboard for development of BES work in several new countries. We felt that the time has come once again to bring as many delegates as possible together. It is likely that there will be double the number of countries represented in 2015. It will be a major task of Administration in booking flights, arranging Visa's, planning the programme, providing accommodation and hospitality for all the delegates.

Please pray for all the arrangements that have to be made and for guidance for this time together and that it might prove to be a real blessing to all who are able to attend. Part of the week's programme will be a major BES Conference probably in the Civic Centre in Craigavon on Friday April 10th.

Full details will be available as soon as possible so we are hoping that many of our supporters throughout Northern Ireland will plan to be with us for that very special occasion.

## Living Word Postal Bible School

Stoke on Trent, UK

On Saturday 17 March we held our annual PBS Awards Day. We had 32 students attending together with their parents and friends, coming from many parts of the Country, including Nottingham, Manchester and Coventry. The message was heard by a total of 103 gathered for the occasion. 28th and 29th May - we held a stall at the Staffordshire County Agricultural Show with a display explaining PBS and also showing Gospel texts. 70 children completed the Quiz - the answers being found on the display boards. They all took away Gospel texts and application Forms - some took sample lessons. 1 student signed up on the day - another took the application home for the parent to sign. We pray that fruit will be seen in due season.

Prayer would be appreciated for the BBQ proposed for 12 July at Tittesworth Reservoir, to which all students and families are invited.



The Living Word PBS stand at the Staffordshire County Agricultural Show



BES Board in Zambia

## Recent Travels

In March, Stephen Gillham was able to go to South Africa and spend a short time with Marlon and Judy Govender who are responsible for sending out Bibletime lessons to individuals and schools and churches from Johannesburg. They are particularly linked with Emmaus Prison Ministry and all the prisoners who are doing Emmaus Courses are encouraged to let their families at home complete Bibletime lessons. Your prayers are asked for the 50 different schools that

are being visited with the possibility of using Bibletime lessons on a regular basis.

He then went to Zambia and spent a week with Kelvin and Joyce Samwata. The BES work in Zambia is growing. A special BES Board Meeting was held. BES material is reaching a large area and the work is slowly growing in Chingola, Kitwe, Ndola and other parts of the Copper belt. They also hope to commence work in Lusanshya. Please pray for Willie and Astridah Bunda who lead the work and all who work with them.

**Stephen Gillham**

# BES needs and prayer points

## Prayer Points

- Praise God for Sam Balmer's much improved health and for the measure of recovery his father has made after a major road accident.
- Praise God for the appointment of a BES Administrator, and pray for Vicky Balmer as she settles into her new job.
- Praise God for the continued help given by the Revival Movement in printing thousands of booklets for Africa and elsewhere.
- Pray for the Editorial team and those writing the new Teacher's Guidelines.
- Pray for the BES Trustees as they seek the Lord's Mind for the future particularly in the development of a 5 Year Plan, and consider the appointment of new Trustees.
- Pray for God's Provision financially with all the increased responsibilities.
- Pray for all the arrangements being made for the Conference 2015.
- Pray for those involved in BES work day by day including Steve McDonald in Cardiff, Tamas Bozsóki in Hungary, Bert Gray (our BES Ambassador ) in all his travels.
- Pray for Nathan Roger who is travelling to Uganda in June and is planning to use BES material in Children's Clubs and Schools.
- BES and PBS Centres around the world, and especially those mentioned in this edition of BES News.

## Prayer requests from Bejoy Thudian in India

- Nepal trip: On 18th of this month, Samuel, Biju & myself went to Nepal to teach a group of teenagers there. We used the lessons from New Life. Please do pray that God will work in their hearts.
- Translation works: Pray for the translation & DTP works in progress in Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, Oriya, Kannada & Bengali. The translation in Hindi has been put on hold due to not finding committed people who have a command over the language. Please do pray that we can find people with a vision for the Ministry.
- Storage place: Pray for a safe and affordable storage place to store the huge consignment of materials that would be arriving.
- Bible Time students: pray for all the children who are studying the lessons. Also do pray for the lessons distributed to many more over the last few months. Pray that these lessons will be a blessing to them and their families.
- Indian Government: A new government has formed after over a decade. They are known to be heavy on any form of religious work. Please pray that God will keep all the mission workers safe.

## Final Thought

The Challenge of the Word of God

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

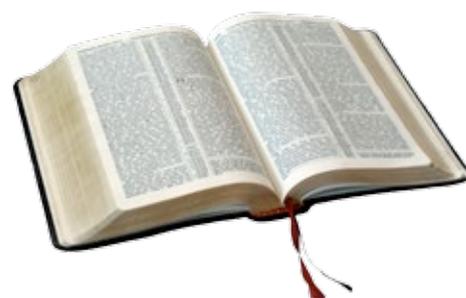
Proverbs 22: 6

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Ecclesiastes 12: 1

"From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3: 15



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