



“Go into all the world, and PREACH THE gospel to every CREATURE.”
Mark 16: 15

From the Editor's Desk

In this Edition we are focusing on matters of prayer and praise from around the world. We estimate that Bibletime lessons are being used in up to 30 languages in 50 different countries with contacts on every continent. We cannot report on every country but have chosen a number of countries where we can praise God. Much of the material has been collected from recent Skype conversations with the BES Co-ordinators in each country.

Also we value prayer for the Postal Bible School Centres in the UK and Ireland. We are encouraged that the print run, which for some years has been around 10,000 copies per month, has now increased to 12,000. Many Postal Bible School Centres are seeing increasing interest among home students but there has been a particular increase in the use of Bibletime lessons in schools in Ireland. This puts on a considerable strain in terms of finance and the marking of the lessons but it is such an encouragement to see the work increasing.

Pray for all the Postal Bible School Centres that God will provide their financial needs and sufficient markers.

For those who wish to pray regularly for BES, we still have copies of the BES Prayer and Praise Diary. We can also email every Quarter up to date News Sheets. If you would like to receive any of these updates, then please contact Vicky Gawn at vicky@besweb.com.

Stephen Gillham (Secretary)

AROUND THE WORLD

Europe

Romania (Cluj) - Mihaela Vlas

Mihaela has been using the lessons since 2004. The number of students has grown so much that there is now a print run of 40,000 lessons per month being distributed throughout Romania. There are also the postal lessons which Mihaela sends out to individuals, totalling 4,400 active students of which 2,000 are students solely on Level 4. Michaela reports that they recently advertised in a few churches who are now using the

lessons which is very encouraging. The PBS Camp went well this summer. It was quite small but the team of leaders were able to have a more personal approach to each child, some of whom had no Christian background.

Please continue to pray for the campsite development and for the building authorisations to be issued – at the moment they are being held back by bureaucracy. Please pray that all of the paperwork will be finished and authorised during the winter months. Pray for all of the workers who use the courses throughout Romania, and for the 28 markers who volunteer at the centre in Cluj. Pray also that the need for more markers will be met.



Mihaela (third from right) with a few Romanian students

Romania (Oradea) – Csaba Kabai

This summer, they had a challenging week at PBS camp with lots of work but a very blessed time with the children. They used the lessons from Eikon Bible Art on the life of Joseph for their times of teaching, which were very useful. They also had their children prizegivings over the summer in 16 different locations, where at times there were only 5-10 children in homes in comparison to 50 or more when they visited schools or churches.

Praise God for the seed that is being planted in Romania with Bibletime lessons. Please pray for protection for Csaba and his family as they carry out this work in Oradea.

Czech Republic - Karel Ouzky

Karel had been to Slovakia recently and had mentioned about Bibletime lessons as there is not much difference in language between Slovakian and Czech. In Prague, André & Julie have 125 students and are posting lessons to 50 addresses. They also provide lessons for nearby Sunday Schools. The first year of New Life has also now been translated.

Praise God for the translators who are working hard to get the lessons completed and please pray that the Bibletime lessons will begin to be used in Slovakia.

Moldova – Hariuc Gabriel



Gabriel and his family, who started using Bibletime in his area of Moldova, have now passed the work to three Brothers in the flesh and in the Lord. They currently have 2,500 postal students, of which 100 study New Life. There are also some other groups using the lessons, totalling 500 students. Gabriel still helps with the New Life students. They plan to advertise more in schools to see what interest they can create.

Thank God for the provision of the Bibletime lessons and pray that from September they will have a great impact in public schools in



Camp in Romania (Oradea).

Moldova, especially in the Cahul area. Pray that the New Life Bible study course will be a great help for new adult believers. Pray that volunteers will be committed to the work and will use the Bibletime lessons wisely for His Glory, that schools will realise the good resources and that the lessons sent will arrive across the border from Romania with few problems.

Russia, Ukraine and Armenia

–Andreas Reh & Emmaus

There are approximately 12,000 students in total in Russia and Ukraine:

Russia - A teacher training meeting was held recently in Bryansk where the Bibletime ministry was presented to them. Pray for the hearts of these newly trained teachers as they prepare to deliver this material to others. Pray for the growth of the Bibletime ministry in Surgut City, and the whole of the Tyumen region, as a result of the Emmaus conference there in June. Please pray for the completion of the translation and printing of the Bibletime lessons into Armenian. Please pray that more churches in Russia and Armenia would use these lessons. Please also pray for the possibility of translating into Mongolian.

Ukraine – The new design for 3 levels is completed but support and prayer is needed to provide a manager for the project. Thank God for the Bibletime programme. Pray also for a manager and a new co-ordinator for the Bibletime lessons, and for the health of one of our assistants – Lisa. Please pray for teachers and counsellors. Due to the war in Ukraine, many people have lost their trust in God and the Christian ministry.

France - Dorothy Seed

Dorothy and her team have been working very hard on the translation of the lessons, which have now been produced in both the A4 version and the booklets. The A and B series have virtually been completed and they are now working on the translation of the C series and the Teaching Guidelines. The French booklets are being especially used in the Congo (see separate report) but at present there is little use in France.

Praise God for the hard work of the French team and pray for openings to use the lessons in France and other French-speaking countries.

Germany - Andrea Przewodnik

Andrea has nearly completed the translation and her husband, Andreas is helping Tamas Boszoki with the Graphic Design. The A series design is nearly completed for all levels and children are now starting to use it. There is also a group of 20 young Christians in Austria and Germany who are involved in completing the lessons, checking for corrections. This will encourage them in their faith as well as being of valuable help in the development of the lessons.

Praise God for the hard work which Andrea and Andreas have done in translation and design. Pray for openings to use the lessons in Germany and other German-speaking countries.

Croatia - Damir Strbad

All the lessons are translated and proof-read so now they are moving on to translate the booklets. Damir is working hard developing new possible contacts and also dealing with

the many people reached via the Croatian BES Website. He is in need of more help in producing the lessons and developing their greater use. He asks for prayer for someone with vision and experience with young people to help.

Spain - Gil Vargas

Translation and design for the A series is now complete and 1000 of each level of Bibletime has been printed. They have two churches currently using the material with about 70 students in total. The work is slow but they find that word of mouth is the way forward for promotion. In the south of Spain, there is an older couple who have 40 children completing the lessons in their Sunday school program. There are also some South American countries that are downloading the Spanish lessons for use in churches and schools e.g. Mexico.

Praise God that the translation is coming along well and pray that this progress will continue and that the interest in Bibletime in Spain will increase.

Asia

Philippines – David Harvey

Bibletime lessons are being used in 2 schools with 350 children who are enjoying it. They would be interested in using the USA version of the lessons, as this would be more suitable than the English versions.

Praise God for the opening in this country to spread the Word of God. Pray that more doors would be opened for the work to grow and for ease at customs to get the literature into the country.

India - Bejoy Thudian

Translation work

Lessons – Hindi is finished with Oriya and Bengali almost completed. The Karnala translation is in progress, corrections are being made in Tamal, and Telegu and Malayalam are in the process of being retranslated.

Booklets - Malayalam A series is finished and they are currently working on B series. Bengali is also in progress.

Teachers Guidelines - Malayalam is being translated. They are also translating New Life

Bible Study Course “The Life of Christ” into Malayalam and Bejoy is using this lesson in many places.



Child in India

Praise God for all that is going on in translation of BES Resources into many of the key languages in India. Pray for all the translators and designers. Pray for Bejoy and his wife Lily as they lead this tremendous work with the potential of touching thousands of lives in India. Pray for finance for all the work involved in translation, design and printing.

Turkey - Ibrahim Deveci

Translation is going well with 31 lessons translated so far. Soon they will begin advertising and explaining the lessons to people. They want to complete the entire program before promoting it so that they are not still translating when people ask for more.

A Bibletime training session for Sunday school teachers at the beginning of November was held on how to use the curriculum. The response from this was very positive and the 22 teachers that attended were keen to get the translation completed so that they can begin using it!

Please pray that the goal of having the material accessible to the churches and children of Turkey by early 2015 will be met. They are also planning to develop a Turkish BES website.

Pray for the completion of the translation work and all those involved in translation and design.



Training week in Turkey.

Africa

Kenya - Emmaus, Lazarus Kisau

Distribution of lessons has increased significantly in the past year with 19,487 lessons being distributed so far this year to 80 different schools and churches. The hope is that even more interest will be seen next year. Many children are being changed by using the BES lessons, and are achieving excellent grades in Christian Religious Education (RE) in their schools.

Praise God for the churches who have been very faithful and consistent in using the BES lessons every month. Thank God for more and more churches who are enrolling for BES lessons for their children each day through our Emmaus students. Please pray for the church leaders and teachers to be able to bring in reports on time when they are needed.



Teens For Christ in Kenya

Zambia

- Willie Bunda and Kelvin Samwata

There are 10,400 children that are actively completing the lessons every month. This covers 130 churches and that is just on the Copper Belt. They have 1,040 Sunday school teachers who are fully trained and capable of training others. Willie Bunda was at a meeting recently and was able to involve teachers from 41 churches. When the work begins in all these areas, there will be a major problem of funding. They also had a Bible quiz day in November, where 400 children attended with 35 teachers helping. Praise God for the great number who attended, but please pray for help in controlling such numbers and for decisions for the future as numbers continue to increase.

We praise God for the growth of the BES work in Zambia and pray for God's provision for funds to help with all the costs associated with continued growth.



Some of the winners at the Bible Quiz day in Zambia

Tanzania - David Ombeni

English lessons are still being used in some English medium schools but there have been problems with supplies. There is a need to have the lessons in the booklet format as this would solve some of the distribution issues. There is a tremendous need for Swahili lessons, and when available at least 10,000 could be used in the booklet format.

Pray for the translation team and the design of the lessons, and for funding to help pay for good and reliable translators. Praise God for the enthusiasm for reaching children and pray for David with all the responsibility he has to see BES work develop in this needy country.

South Africa

- Marlon and Judy Govender

There are currently 14,000 students completing Emmaus courses in South Africa. The big problem at the moment with BES work is the shortage of lessons and there is a problem tracing a shipment of lessons recently sent to South Africa. Verlin, their son, will be helping a lot more with Bibletime alongside Marlon and Judy. He will be helping with the administration, distribution and promotion of the BES material in schools.

Praise God for the tremendous opportunities in South Africa and the enthusiastic team of helpers. Pray that they will receive adequate supplies and that many new contacts in schools and churches will use them effectively.

Ghana - Afia Darkwa

Praise God for the 2,436 children who are using the Bibletime materials. Pray for resources to support field staff and provide enough logistics for movement around the country to enable children to continue and progress in their Bibletime lessons. Pray for more volunteers in the marking of such an enormous amount of lessons. Pray for more open doors for ministry with schools, community children's clubs and church ministry groups.

Cote D'Ivoire - Pastor Sinza

Thank God for the work being done among the young people, especially the impact of the Jeunesse Conference, during which time BES was presented to the youth workers. Pray for the French materials to arrive soon, which the Ivorian pastors are waiting for to be able to move forward.

Congo

- Emmanuel Ngoy Kadudji wa Kita

The following extract is from a parent from Arche d'Alliance church, situated in Goma town, where the Bibletime literature is used in Sunday school. Attendance at this church varies from 5-6000 adults, with 1-5,000 children attending Sunday school:

"My 7 year old child, Adam, studied with me the lesson relating to creation in the level 2

Bibletime booklet. I was astonished during our evening home service of how he was able to share what he had learnt about creation with all our family members. He said, 'I discovered that it is only God who creates, because everything man claims to create comes from the Almighty God's creation.' He took the example of houses, cars, planes, computers, none of these things came from nothing. He added that humans cannot provide life. Life is only from God. My son is already capable of citing Bible passages by heart, whereas I, along with his father, are not able. Thanks to Bibletime, all of my children are already able to conduct their own quiet times by themselves!"

Praise God for the spiritual level of children, like Adam, being reached by Bibletime. Praise God for the people who initiated this project and may God bless them with financial resources to continue this project worldwide.



Child receiving a lesson in Congo

BES Conference 2015

We are looking forward to the 2015 BES Conference which will be held from Tuesday 7th April to Monday 13th April. Already 71 delegates plan to attend from 29 countries. Vicky Gawn, our BES Administrator, is working extremely hard on arranging flights, visas, accommodation, etc. to ensure that the Conference will run smoothly.

Pray for all these arrangements that are being made and pray that the Conference will prove to be a time of blessing to everybody who attends. Pray for all delegates that they will be able to obtain visas particularly where authorities are not very helpful. We are so grateful for the provision that has already been made towards the expenses of the Conference but please pray that the Lord will provide all the necessary funding to meet the financial needs.



Date for your Diary - BES International Report Evening, Friday 10th April 2015

During the Conference we are planning again to hold a BES International Report Evening on Friday 10th April at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre, Craigavon, Northern Ireland, BT64 1AL. Full details to be announced later.

Can you help?

We have explained before that because the lessons are being used more and more in churches and schools especially overseas, we felt the need to produce Teaching Guidelines to help those presenting the lessons to do so in the best possible way. We have nearly completed a joint Level 1 and Level 2 Teaching Guidelines for the A and B Series. We are looking for writers who have current Infant School experience to help us to write the final year of the C Series and also to help in the writing of the final year of Level 0. Please contact Stephen at stephen@sgjillham.co.uk.

We are also struggling to find writers for the combined Level 3 and Level 4 Teaching Guidelines and we have yet to finish the A Series. There is an urgent need for the B Series to be produced as soon as possible so that these can be printed and despatched with the lessons sent from Revival Movement particularly to Africa. We require teachers who have current RE experience to help in the writing of these lessons.

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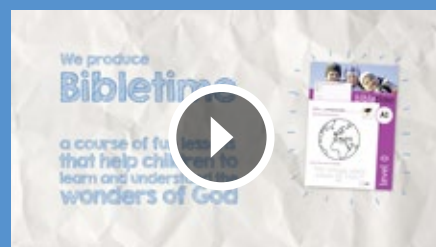
We welcome to the BES Trustees, Allison Hill. Allison grew up in Aberdeen and taught there for eight years before coming to Motherwell to study at Tilsley College. She went on to be the College administrator there for a number of years and presently works at the GLO Centre as PA to the General Director, Stephen McQuoid. Allison is passionate about reaching out to children with the gospel and teaches Sunday School, runs Holiday Bible Clubs and camps in the UK and overseas. She is a schools' worker one day a week and also lectures in Children's Ministry to the Tilsley College students. We are delighted to have Allison as one of the Trustees and look forward to her insight and experience helping to further the work of BES.



BES Promotional Video

We have produced a short 2 minute promotional video that gives an overview of our work. It is intended to be shown at exhibitions, churches, PBS events, or anywhere where it would be useful for people to quickly understand what it is that we at BES do. The video can be viewed by following this link...

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Final Thought

Partnership is a biblical term. Paul used it in Philippians 1: 3-6 - "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

BES are blessed to have many partners who sacrifice time, energy and finance in order that our vision can be fulfilled in reaching and teaching the next generation with the living Word of God all over the world. Revival Movement are one such partner and have printed millions of lessons for distribution in Romania, Moldova, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Ghana, Congo, with other countries and languages planned. We praise God.

You are also partnering with us as you read over this newsletter, praise God, give of your resources and petition the Lord on behalf of workers and children! We at BES praise God for valuable and invaluable partners.

- Sam Balmer



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