



“They reported all that God had done through them and how He had opened the door of faith ...”

Acts 14: 27

From the Editor's Desk

Earlier in the year the Trustees finalised a Five Year Strategy Plan for BES (if you would like a copy please contact us). The main item for 2015 was the organising of the International BES Conference. This was our third BES International Conference but we realised that it would be a much greater undertaking than the two previous ones. We knew that there would be a sizable budget to bring delegates from so many countries around the world and we would also be dependent upon Christians in Enniskillen helping us with accommodation, provision of food, local transport, etc. The Trustees agreed that arranging the Conference was an essential part of the BES Work so they took the step of faith to proceed with the arrangements. Sadly

because of hospitalisation, I wasn't personally able to attend.

In this BES News Vicky Gawn, our Administrator, has written a Conference Report. Everyone acknowledged that the Conference would not have taken place but for the tremendous work that Vicky and Sam did. We also recognise the Lord's provision through various donors, so that all expenses were completely covered for the Conference. We are grateful for the kindness of all the people from various Churches who helped in many different ways to make the Conference the great success that it was. It truly was a display of the "body of Christ" working together.

The Editorial work continues to keep us extremely busy. We are in the process of

producing 300 lesson plans to use with the Bibletime lesson Worksheets. Levels 1 and 2 are being combined in the Junior Teaching Guidelines and Levels 3 and 4 in the Senior Teaching Guidelines. Currently, we have produced about half of these plans. Revival Movement would like us to produce the remainder fairly quickly. We would value prayer for guidance in producing the Teaching Guidelines and for help for all of those who are writing and editing this work. There are several countries who want to translate these into their own language and so this places further pressure to ensure their quality.

As always, we want to say how much we appreciate the prayerful and practical support of so many around the world.

- **Stephen Gillham** (Secretary)

THE BES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2015

“There's no-one like Jesus”

Some will remember these words being sung at the 2011 BES Conference when delegates from 18 countries gathered together for the 2nd BES International Conference. This past April, 75 delegates from over 30 countries spent a week together for a time of Building, Encouraging and Sharing in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. Once again, these words were sung in many languages as we recognised that without Jesus, there would be no hope of salvation and therefore no need of Bibletime. We had the incredible privilege of praising God together for what He has been doing, is doing, and

we believe will do in the days ahead through BES. How humbling it was to see believers from a range of backgrounds and cultures unite in prayer and praise with a passion to reach children and young people with Bibletime. We believe this was a truly valuable week where God was glorified, Christ exalted and the delegates inspired to continue, or begin, the work of translating or using Bibletime in their own country.

One of the highlights from the week was the visit to Revival Movement printing factory, where many of the BES resources are printed free of charge. Following the visit, a request has been sent to Revival Movement for the printing of 3,500,000 Bibletime booklets in 6 languages for use in 25 countries. We cannot thank Revival Movement enough for their

help, making it possible to reach thousands of children all over the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We also had an encouraging evening at Craigavon Civic Centre when over 300 Christians from Northern Ireland gathered together to support the work of BES and to hear what God has been doing through these believers in their countries. Jim Crooks from Echoes of Service also left us with a challenging closing message.

In this edition of the BES News, you will find reports from the countries that were represented at the Conference. We hope you will be encouraged, as much as we have been, as you hear of how God is blessing. Please pray for these believers that God would continue to bless them in their work for Him.

- **Vicky Gawn** (BES Administrator)

Albania

Lorenc has commenced the work of translation with another couple on the team, and Tamás in Hungary is assisting with the graphic design. Please pray for this project and the immense work involved. God willing, they plan to use the materials in Churches and Sunday Schools.

Pray for young men and women to be engaged in evangelism.



Lorenc from Albania and Tadesse from Ethiopia

Brazil - Portuguese

In Brazil, Alexandre is coordinating the translation. This is another massive task and over half has already been completed. Aramis is working on the design and they are nearly ready to go to print with the first year's booklets. Sueli will help to promote the lessons and booklets throughout Brazil. We have also recently had enquiries about using this material in Angola.

Pray for the translators and for teachers who will use the booklets.



Gil from Spain (left) with Pete and Elaine from Canada

Canada

Pete & Elaine operate a PBS centre in Canada. Pete was very involved in the editorial committee when they lived in Harrogate some years back. They now have a large PBS centre (with over 2,000 students) mainly derived of children doing the lessons at home.

Prayer - "There is a need for more teachers and more opportunities for the lessons to be used."

Congo

Unfortunately Emmanuel received his visa too late and was unable to be with us, but Hartmut from Germany who assists in the coordination of Emmaus in Congo was in attendance. Emmaus (ZAM) have already received French booklets for Congo but now they have reordered approximately 390,000 booklets for use in Schools and Churches not only in Congo but also Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Niger, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Mali and Ivory Coast.

Pray for the resources to print the next set of French booklets and Teaching Guidelines.

Croatia

Damir and Dragutin report that many priests are teaching young people the truth of God's Word using the A4 lessons. They are going to enquire about the lessons in booklet format for use in many Churches.

Please pray for wisdom and direction through this amazing opportunity, and for more willing workers.

Czech Republic

Karel told us about the challenges the team face in a very atheistic and increasingly secular society. They have a good number of regular students and a dedicated team. They were delighted to hear that Revival Movement can now print smaller quantities of A4 lessons.



Karel with Aminadab from Rwanda

England - Norfolk PBS

Colin represented the Norfolk PBS and found the time enlightening and encouraging. The centre in Norfolk asks that you...

"pray for younger teachers to implement up to date ideas on how to connect with the young people."

Dorset PBS

We were saddened that Stephen Gillham, the BES Secretary and Editor, was unable to attend due to health reasons. We are delighted that he is improving slowly. Grace, his secretary, came and reported that in Dorset they have the highest number of students they have ever had, approaching 300.

Pray that the students studying the Bibletime lessons will be "made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

London PBS

Charles and Adams have a great challenge in getting markers to assist in grading the lessons for the children they have enrolled in London PBS. Most of these children are from African Churches.

Pray for Churches to sign up to use Bibletime and help with the marking.



Charles based in London

Ethiopia

Mulugeta is going to help with the translation of the Bibletime into Amharic with the potential of a further translation project into Oromo. Robert Revie has been very helpful in sorting out a programme for these languages. Tadesse will be making contacts for the distribution and storage of the booklets once they are printed and shipped from Revival Movement.

Pray for "the printing of Amharic booklets ASAP, training of workers and the translation to start in Oromo."

France – French

Gerry and Dorothy were very helpful in explaining the process they use in the translation of the French booklets and Teaching Guidelines. Dorothy continues with her team the process of translation, editing and proofing the lessons. They are looking forward to promoting the A4 lessons in France as Revival Movement will be able to print these for them.

Prayer - They long for God to open doors for networking and promotion so that the lessons could be used in France, as well as in other French speaking countries.

Germany

Andrea and her husband Andreas have been working hard on the German material. The translation is complete and now the challenge is to complete the graphic design. Andreas Reh is using the German lessons as a pilot project in Austria. They plan to show these to others in Germany to expand their use.

Prayer - They would like the lessons to be promoted in Churches and distributed throughout Germany.

Ghana

Although Afia Darkwa was unable to be at the Conference, Charles who is originally from Ghana was present and reported that they have 19 schools and 14 churches using the material with over 6,000 students.

Hungary

Tamás in Hungary is our international Graphic Designer now working in approximately 14 languages. He also has a small number of regular students completing Bibletime which they receive in PDF format, and then print it, complete it, scan it and email it back for marking.

Tamás requests "prayer, prayer and prayer as it has been a very tough year for our family."



Pratibha (right) from Nepal with Gerald and Dorothy Seed from France

India

Bert Gray has been to India a number of times recently and met with Bejoy and Biju. This has resulted in huge growth in all areas of BES India. They now have translation teams in six languages and are using thousands of lessons throughout the country, with the potential for ten's of thousands. The needs are vast in this populous country.

Bejoy says "we need prayer support, especially for the translations."



Bejoy and Biju from India

Ivory Coast

Sinza has patiently waited for three years and is now able to print the Bibletime booklets as BES received a designated gift for printing. These will be used in Churches and Schools but will only meet part of the demand.

Kenya

The delegates from Kenya are directly involved or associated with the following ministries; Emmaus, Kindfund, Echoes of Mercy and Teens for Christ. The use of English booklets over these past few years has greatly expanded and this year they have requested a total of 1,500,000 booklets to use in Churches and Schools.

Pray for security in the country and unity amongst the believers. Pray also for the provision of a container for storage.

Liberia

Edward was delighted to be in Enniskillen at the Conference. He was only introduced to Bibletime materials recently and was very excited at the potential to have some in Liberia. He has contact with over 280 churches and sees this resource as a means of contacting the next generation.

"Pray for the supply of materials as we need them urgently!"

Malaysia

Our comedian for the week was Titus, whom Sam had met in Nigeria two years previously. As they discussed how they met and the obstacles they both overcame, without the other knowing, they realized this was a divine appointment. Titus is using some English booklets, plans to translate in Malay and is also enquiring about Chinese translation.

"Pray for partners who will be committed and passionate about the translation and distribution of the BES materials."

Moldova

Paul and Andrei work with CMI in Moldova and have a good number of students using the lessons. We are delighted that Simply Serving Ministries, who have been sending containers to Moldova, have agreed to take the Romanian lessons, printed at Revival Movement, to Moldova to be used by CMI. Gabriel was also with us and is now mainly using New Life lessons in various ways. He also plans to reach out to schools with Bibletime. The New Life lessons come from Mihaela in Romania. Anatoli from Emmaus was unable to be with us. He is using both Russian and Romanian courses in the country.

“Pray for gifted and devoted workers.”



The containers being used as offices in Moldova

Nepal

Fonic Trust Work in Nepal has started translation into Nepalese. Bert Gray was in Nepal earlier in the year and as a result, Pratibha came to the Conference and now goes home to work on this project along with many others.

Pray for the people of Nepal and for the right team members to begin the work in Nepal. (They need special prayer as they seek to assist with aid following the earthquakes)

Northern Ireland – PBS Armagh, Fermanagh & Tyrone

Louise is organizing over 20 prize distributions in Schools during May and June to reward over 3,000 students that complete the lessons every week in RE classes. Stevie, Claire and Reuben were with us from Belfast. Stevie is one of the Trustees and was able to meet with many delegates to hear what the Lord is doing and offer prayer and help where applicable.

Ireland – PBS Ireland

Noel and Lisa have just finished their prize distributions for their students. The attendances were very encouraging with 4415 people attending at 44 different locations.

Ireland – BES Ireland

Ross and Joy represented BES Ireland who supports BES UK as able. Donations to BES in Euros can be Gift Aided where applicable. For further contact details, please see the back page of BES News.

Romania – Romanian

Mihaela from Cluj and Marioara from Brasov shared how they are using the lessons printed by Revival Movement. Mihaela has over 4000 regular students, while Marioara is using Bibletime in many Churches in the Brasov region. Some supporters of this work are in the process of arranging shipment of lessons and prizes for the children in this needy country.

Pray for dedicated workers!

Romanian – Hungarian

Csaba has been involved with Bibletime for nearly ten years and is using the lessons mainly with Gypsy children who speak Hungarian. They face many challenges as they seek to do this alongside regular employment.

Russia (Armenia, Belarus & Ukraine)

It was great to have Natalia and Svetlana with us. They work with Emmaus in Russia and, alongside the Emmaus courses, use Bibletime to reach the rising generation. Andreas Reh coordinates these countries with ZAM. Luba from Ukraine was unable to come as her visa was delayed. They

are having difficulties in distribution of lessons due to the ongoing unrest.

Prayer - They are in need of more graders in all of these countries.

Rwanda

Aminadab from Rwanda works for Teens for Christ and was trained in Nairobi last year. He is eagerly awaiting thousands of booklets for use in Schools to teach children and teens the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These will be very useful as the teaching medium is English.

Prayer - “The need is vast for BES booklets in my country.”

Scotland

Allison Hill was with us for the first time in her role as a Trustee. Her input was invaluable and her ongoing advice in relation to Teaching Guidelines and Safeguarding Children will be quite a work load.

South Africa

Verlin from Johannesburg reported a massive demand for Bibletime lessons. His parents run an Emmaus centre with over 15,000 students. Because of some designated funding, BES has been able to print booklets for use here. We await the auction of four pallets of booklets held in customs at present. It would be a massive help to get these released or bought cheaply.

Prayer - “We are in desperate need of courses and booklets.”



Left to right - Verlin from South Africa, Lorenc from Albania, Adams from London and Titus from Malaysia

Spain – Spanish

Gil, along with a very dedicated team based in Spain and the Americas, has been toiling away on the Spanish translation. These are being used in some South American countries and there is a growing interest in the Spanish speaking world.

“Pray for strength to complete the task.”

Tanzania

David and Elizabeth were only married three weeks when they arrived in Ireland; what a way to spend a honeymoon! Their main challenge is the distribution and grading of English lessons and also the ongoing Swahili translation project. Elizabeth is now becoming more involved in the translation of the Swahili material; [please pray for her](#).



David and Elizabeth from Tanzania

Turkey

Ibrahim, Safak, Ken and Ozlem have commenced the translation into Turkish and Tamás is helping them with the design work. In many of these languages the puzzles, crosswords and word searches are very complicated to translate. The completion can seem a long way off when you have just started the first of 720 stories.

Prayer – Religious freedom and easy access.



Ibrahim, Ozlem and Safak from Turkey

USA – Jim Fleming (Emmaus)

Jim, in his role of International Coordinator with the Emmaus Correspondence School, seeks to promote and inform people worldwide about BES and children’s Bibletime lessons. He is constantly travelling and encouraging users worldwide.

He asks prayer for more effort to promote BES and ECS continuity.

Wales

Steve, our Graphic Designer and Web Manager from Wales, was able to interact with many of the delegates and answer their questions about various aspects of Design and Website issues. David, Glyn and his wife Pam, were also there from South Wales. David and Glyn, two of the BES Trustees, met with many of the translators and users of Bibletime offering counsel, advice and prayer. Bert and Wendy

are so encouraged as they see what God has done since 1958 when the first lesson was sent out in the South of Ireland. The work continues teaching the next generation the Word of God to His glory and honour.

Zambia

In Zambia, Willie, Geshom, Maud, Kelvin and Joyce do a tremendous work as the BES board in promoting and using the lessons, mainly in Sunday Schools and Churches. Thousands of children now complete the lessons every month. Recently they had a Bible quiz for the Churches with hundreds of children attending and teams from various Churches competing for trophies. Willie praises God for the provision of a photocopier and overhead projector.

Pray for their safe arrival and pray for the training of teachers and transporting of the lessons.



The full delegation at the Conference

Other Centres and Countries

Although not with us at the Conference, there are other centres and countries that use Bibletime and need your prayer and support; Scottish PBS, Ultimate Bible Club, North East PBS (NI), Belfast PBS, UBM PBS, Kingfisher PBS, South Wales PBS, Words of Life PBS, Stoke on Trent PBS, Manchester PBS, Ukraine, Congo, Houston PBS, St Vincent, Nigeria, Philippines, etc... There are also over 80 countries that download and use the material from our website.

CEF Britain

In 2014, Rosalind Brown sent 120 starter packs to children interested in completing the Bibletime lessons, half of which are connected to the Overseas Fellowship of Nigerian Christians. They have now formed their own separate branch of Bibletime and CEF Britain have 21 children regularly returning lessons for marking.

The BES Shop

Many of our delegates were able to return home with an extra case of clothes and also prizes for children's work. **Thank you** to those who gave so generously to make this possible.

Sunscool

The new BES App!

We have for sometime been developing an App which brings the whole Bibletime syllabus to smart phones and tablets.

A presentation on the app and its progress was shared at the Conference, and the video that went along with the presentation can be viewed via this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpzW5piJQbA>

If you want to receive periodic updates on SunScool app progress - please email Nikolay (nikolay.abkairov@gmail.com) and he will add you to that list.

It is still very much in development but a version can be downloaded on Apple and Android devices.

To download go to the relevant app store and search for **SunScool - Sunday School app**

Revival Movement

Revival Movement Association (Every Home Crusade) are delighted to be able to partner with BES by printing and providing the lessons free of charge. We appreciate all the work that has been done in preparing the Teachers Guides. We have just completed printing 26,000 Teachers Guides in English. Our plan is to put 6 of these into every box of lessons. The challenge is immense as we have over 3 million BES booklets on request at this time. This will work out at around 150 tonnes of paper. We are delighted to see the lessons being translated into different languages so that many more young people will be reached with the Gospel Message. We would like to thank all those who have financially supported us, enabling us to do this work.



Aramis (far left) and Sueli (far right) from Brazil with Heather from Revival and her daughter

Or follow these links:

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We would like you to try it with your children and send back your feedback to us at app@sunscool.org.

We especially want to hear your ideas on:

1. What may make the app more engaging for children,
2. What may help us improve the balance between interactivity of the app (where we have to quickly reward a child and show that he/she did something right) and the secret of a puzzle (where we don't want to disclose the right answer until a child has reached the end of the lesson, just like we have it now in paper courses with markers/teachers providing correct answers only later on)
3. Various game ideas for the tasks/puzzles that we have on paper now - keeping the same text content, but making a task/puzzle more interactive...

We really need your feedback, as detailed as possible!



BES Prayer and Praise Sheet

Every Quarter we publish a 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 Email Distribution List for the regular Prayer Updates should contact Vicky Gawn at the BES Enniskillen Office (vicky@besweb.com).

BES Prayer and Praise Daily Prayer Guide

We are planning a new edition later in the Autumn. We are encouraged by the many who have told us they use the Diary each day to pray for the BES work around the world.

Deputation

BES Trustees are able to share how God is working through BES around the world. Sam Balmer would be very happy to go to any Fellowship in Northern Ireland/Scotland to give

a Report on the work and Stephen Gillham to any Fellowship in the South of England. Stephen will also be in the North of England in November when deputation meetings could be arranged. Bert Gray and other Trustees are available in South Wales.

Note

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PO Box

Some older lessons contain details of a PO Box in Penarth. We no longer use this PO Box and would be grateful if any centre using the older lessons removes that address.

ANG JOHNSTON

Ang joined us as a volunteer just over two years ago and has been an incredible help

in handling the ordering and dispatching of lessons, as well as the BES Prayer and Praise. We wish to thank her for all her sacrificial help and congratulate her on her new job. We wish her and her husband George God's richest blessing in the days ahead.



Final Thought

"You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5: 9)

The scene in Heaven in the above Bible passage reminds us of God's purpose to call out of the world a people redeemed for Himself, made up of all nations and languages. That purpose is coming to fulfilment in the book of Revelation, but there are indications of it throughout Scripture, from the promise which God made to Abraham when He called him (Genesis 12: 3), through to the presence of Jews from many nations at Pentecost when the church was born (Acts 2).

With that glorious divine purpose in mind, it was wonderful that we had representatives from so many countries at the recent Conference, and were able to hear of progress in translating Bibletime lessons into more languages. We pray that BES will continue to play its small part in the fulfilment of God's purpose.

-Glyn Davies (Trustee)



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Some Trustees are available to give reports and encourage prayer for this worldwide ministry.

Further copies of this BES news can be downloaded from the BES website – www.besweb.com

Sponsorship Scheme

You can be involved in telling the next generation around the world of “the wonders he has done” through our Sponsorship Scheme.

The BES vision is to tell “the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done” throughout the world. We do this using our Bibletime resource and invite you to become involved through the Sponsorship Scheme.

Bibletime lessons are being used by tens of thousands of children worldwide every month and we are actively working with potential partners in over 45 countries, where, if successful, the number of lessons could quickly increase. Check out recent developments on our website – www.besweb.com.

BES provides guidance and professional support to those who share our vision for the work in developing countries, and we seek to help in the setting up of local teams of volunteers for the translation, graphic work and distribution of the lessons. The printing is also organised and usually paid for locally. We encourage these teams to set up networks for the financial support of the work from within that country itself. However, the lack of personnel and available resources means this is often very difficult.

We estimate that every £5 you might donate would sponsor at least 5 children to receive the Bibletime resources for a whole year in one of these countries.

Please note that the country your donation will go to will be at the discretion of the trustees, and also the proportion which goes toward translation, design, printing or distribution, will depend on the phase of development within that country. You can, if you wish, let us know if you prefer to support the work in a specific country.

You can make a one off donation or choose to support us regularly by cheque, standing order, or any other means.

To sponsor the use of Bibletime resources in other countries, fill out the attached form and post to our Northern Ireland office.

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