



bible educational services

*"Supporting Postal Bible Schools  
around the world."*

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
His power, and the wonders He has done." Psalm 78: 4*

## Editor's Desk

Stephen Gillham

It is difficult in our four page pamphlet to explain all that God is doing across the world with Postal Bible School lessons; so much has happened since the Spring BES News.

In the central pages there is a survey of some of the encouragements from around the world. We mustn't forget our own country's needs and must continue to pray for the PBS centres in UK and Ireland.

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## International PBS Conference

An International Postal Bible School Conference is planned for **April 26th to May 2nd 2011** in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. Delegates are already planning to come from 15 countries and we are looking to the Lord for a memorable time. We are anxious to bring delegates together to share their expertise, experiences and to talk through some of the difficulties that they are facing with Postal Bible School work in their own countries. Northern

Ireland friends may like to join us at The Stables at Enniskillen on Wednesday and Thursday evenings **April 27th and 28th at 8pm** for Reports. Especially we would give an invitation to all to join us at Craigavon Civic Centre on Friday **29th April** at 7.30p.m. for an International Rally. We are hoping that all the delegates will be able to share very briefly some of what God is doing through Postal Bible School in their own countries.

### We would value prayer:-

- For the organisation of the conference.
- For the Lord's provision for all the expenses involved in bringing delegates from all parts of the world.
- For a real time of encouragement and blessing.

If you require further details please contact Sam Balmer or Stephen Gillham.



### Postal Bible Schools Worldwide

International Report Evening

Please join us for an evening of reports on the latest developments in the use of the Postal Bible School lessons around the world. All are welcome!

There is a huge amount happening in countries including Kenya, Zambia, Russia, Romania, Czech Republic, Tanzania, India, Hungary, Ghana, France and Germany which we would like to share with you.

**Date: Friday 29th April 2011 @ 7.30pm**  
**Venue: Civic Centre, Craigavon, Northern Ireland BT64 1AL**

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## Specific Sponsorship Projects

We are planning and praying for:-

1. The 2011 International Conference. People have been very generous so far in supporting this but we have a short fall at present in our anticipated expenditure.
2. The support of our friend Tamas Bozsoki from Hungary who is considering working full-time on design and website work for BES. He is an expert with design and has done the design of the Hungarian lessons. He is now designing lessons from the translated texts in Swahili and French as well as considering the re-design of the Ukrainian and Russian lessons. Tamas is hoping long term for support from Hungarian Christians but initially, we shall have to be responsible for him.
3. We are very concerned about some African Brethren who are giving their time, energy and expertise to setting

up Postal Bible School Centres following Sam Balmer's visit to Africa last summer. They have very little financial support. BES with current funding is unable to help but we would love to be able to support them in a limited way each month.

The Sponsorship Scheme was initiated last Autumn to enable friends to help with our Specific Projects and we are so grateful to those who have donated and made certain projects possible. Full details of the Sponsorship Scheme are once again enclosed.

### Because you gave - BES have been able to:

- Provide training for over 500 delegates in Africa.
- Continue with the graphic design of bibletime in French.
- Support the translation of bibletime into Swahili.
- Support ongoing website development and translation in Hungarian and Romanian.

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# AROUND THE WORLD...



**"Go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28: 19**

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## Canada

This month we sent PBS lessons to some 1735 students, please remember them and their teachers in your prayers. How we long that more would be truly blessed by their studies and come to know the Lord.

- Peter Smith, October 2010

## 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 slowly working through the translation. She does a fine job. I was planning on having her accumulate the translations until January when I would take the half dozen or so she would have done then and begin to prepare them.

- Gill Vargas, August 2010

## Germany

I have finished the translation of Level 1 and now I am in the middle of Year A of Level 2. Thank the Lord I found two friends who are interested to co-work in the translation – after their holidays.

- Andrea Przewodnik, July 2010

## Hungary

We had a very blessed Street-party on Sunday with our Assembly. The main program was face-painting for children for free! As one paint lasts for approx. 10 minutes, we had that time to have a discussion with the parents – and of course can give several leaflets including Bibletime. We painted nearly 100 children's faces and collected 60 e-mail addresses from the parents. Lots of them were interested in Bibletime too! 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 at the end of this year. The BES website 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 get the lessons regularly through e-mail, some of them in printed form too. I've contacted three organisations who are involved in Prison mission. The leaders of the Prison Fellowship and the Prison Chaplains Association are open to use Level 4 in the prisons. They have personal contact with more than 1,500 prisoners.

- Tamas Bozsoki, August 2010



## Romania

At the moment we print 4300 Bibletime courses per month, out of which 1434 courses are used in the 33 Sunday Schools or children's groups (1034 in Romania and 400 in Moldova) and the rest are being posted to the PBS students. During these two months 651 children applied to do the Bibletime courses, with a total of 2263 children for the year (These are not calculated in the total number of regular students!).

**PBS CAMP** - This year, as in the last three years, we organised two camps, one for the teenagers and another one for children. The first camp, for children was held in July, in Saliste, near Sibiu and we had 22 children. During the week we studied lessons from Daniel's life. We had a team of four Irish young people plus Sam Balmer who did the Bible teaching and we all enjoyed their efforts, both for the spiritual part of it (Bible teaching, testimonies) as well as for its "funny" part (games, trips etc). The senior camp was held in August, in Balan. (aprox. 260 km from Cluj) We had 23 participants coming from different backgrounds, from 7 counties from Romania. We studied the book of Philippians. We were all challenged to reflect on our own lives and answer some questions, the most important being on Phil. 1:21 "For me to live is ..." what?

- Mihaela Vlas, September 2010

## Ukraine



We are going to print the Emmaus bulletin and I have an article and photos about BES ministry in the Chernobyl area. Here the Revival Baptist church has 560 children as BES students and dozens of Emmaus adult students.

- Yuri Yur, August 2010



## South Africa



The photo is of a group of underprivileged children in a remote place called Rhenosterspruit in Gauteng being very excited about receiving their Bible time courses. There are almost 90 children in that area doing Bible time. Praise God!

- Marlon Govender, July 2010

## Zambia

We arranged two seminars, held over two days, for approx 150 who attended from a wide area. This was very well organised and encouraging. There is much praise for what BES are doing. They were from a variety of churches (49 represented) and some schools, especially in the Chingola area. They are worried about coping with the demand they are expecting. There are three couples in the committee, Kelvin and Joyce Samwata, Gershom and Maud Chioni, Willie & Astirdah Bunda. Willie is happy to coordinate BES in Zambia and report to BES UK with stock sheets and reports etc. Willie and his wife live by faith and their support is limited.

- Sam Balmer, May 2010

The BES Bible time lessons are going on well. I am busy explaining about the program to various churches that did not attend the seminar. The number of churches wanting to register is increasing every week. I am forced to put some churches on the waiting list. About 50 churches from Chingola have registered. We shall get to Kitwe next year and we expect 100 churches to register because we have more churches there and later in the year go to Ndola another City and we also expect about 100. We shall sit down with the committee and look at the best way to get into the bigger cities. We shall not rush but learn from Chingola churches and go slowly to other towns. We are preparing for a good start of the program in September 2010.

- Willie Bunda, June 2010

## Tanzania

There were approx 100 who attended the training from a wide area. This was very well organised and encouraging. There was a wide variety of churches represented. We have been offered storage in the Emmaus centre in Uchira-Moshi. This is ideal except we will have to buy a container for storage. David Ombeni is happy to coordinate the lessons and provide stock sheets etc. There is a team translating into Swahili, I had a meeting with them and they are a wonderful group of young people. They plan a translation blitz soon.

- Sam Balmer, May 2010

We had a good time with Translation Team, They have done a good job, 35 lessons were translated, they have done good work on the text but most of them were not very good in graphics. Myself and one friend Erick are working on graphics.

- David Ombeni, July 2010



## Kenya

There were three seminars, approx 60, 55 and 100 attended from a wide area, but especially from Nairobi. One pastor reaches 1200 children and wants to implement the lessons immediately. We have been offered storage at the Emmaus centre in Nairobi, this is ideal except we will have to buy a container or two for the storage. These cost about £1200 each. Moses, Lazarus and Ezron are happy to coordinate the use of the lessons. They are to set up a small committee to oversee the work of BES in Kenya.

- Sam Balmer, May 2010



## South India

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's clubs, each club has average 25 to 30 students. The response to the lessons is 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 conducted 20 training programs for Sunday school teachers over the last three months. It really helped them to use these lessons more effectively in their clubs and Sunday schools. 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.

- Rejoy Thudian, Babu Thomas, Joseph.T.Poulouse, Biju Kannan & Charly Mathew. August 2010.

## Far East

Greetings from the Far East! It was good to meet you at the conferences in Europe. We wanted to follow up regarding the BES materials being translated into our major languages. I recently paid a visit and showed a sample set to friends. One sister quickly volunteered to start translating the courses. Also, another brother there who is a teacher, asked if he could use the first level of courses for his students? They are 4th and 5th grade level, and he thought these courses would be a good way to introduce them to the Bible, and also teach English.

- BES Representative, May 2010

## Philippines

The staff from the four schools we are working with have met and have approved using BES materials for their Religious Education programs. We have already downloaded these and having the lessons printed including the Scripture passages as many of the students do not have their own Bibles at this stage. We hope to have almost 400 students using the courses. We are also looking into other ways to use the courses in the Assemblies here in the Philippines. At present we are not planning to translate the courses but eventually this might happen if the ministry continues to grow.

- David Harvey, June 2010

## Other News

### Condolences

Sadly William Irwin of Belfast has recently been called home. William was a very faithful distributor of Postal Bible School lessons especially to Nigeria and approx 200 were sent each month. William's students have now been transferred to the Tyrone and Fermanagh Postal Bible School Group. Pray that the contacts with these students will be maintained.

### Future Plans

A number of Postal Bible School Centres are sending lessons overseas and the cost is extremely high. There is no guarantee in all situations that the students receive these lessons. One possible way of overcoming this, is for students to do lessons on-line in areas where there is reasonable access to the Internet. This is not straight forward but we are looking at a Feasibility Study to move this forward. Again we would value prayer that it might be a means of contacting many students where the cost and reliability of the post are a real problem.



Left: United Beach Mission in action!

## Summer Outreach

As the UBM season has come to an end for the year, PBC is getting busier! This is the time of year when we are still receiving new applications for PBC from those who have met beach teams over the summer, and usually continue to do so into October. So far this summer we have had 308 new applications for PBC, and have also had several new markers sign up; this is in addition to approximately 320 children who are currently doing PBC. This is a great way for children to start reading the Bible and learning about the Lord, and can also be a witness to the whole family, as in the following story:

A team member at Mablethorpe this year was standing on the prom on a wet and windy day when she was approached by a family who said they had met UBM there 10 years ago. Their daughter had taken a PBC leaflet then and signed up, and through this the whole family had become Christians, and were now active in a local church! What an amazing encouragement to those who have been on UBM this summer, that even if they do not see the fruit of their labour, God can continue to work in people's hearts long after the Beach Team have gone home.

## You prayed, and God answered

**YOU prayed for** Bert & Wendy's health.

**GOD is answering** - Bert is much better, both continue to need our prayers.

**YOU prayed for** the African trip.

**GOD is answering** - God answered in safety and divine appointments.

**YOU prayed for** the safe arrival of lessons.

**GOD is answering** - Lessons have arrived in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia.

**YOU prayed for** the growth of PBS UK & Ireland.

**GOD is answering** - Some centre numbers have remained static and some have increased.

**PRAISE the LORD!**

**Please Prayer for:**

- **BES Conference 2011.**
- **For the organising committee.**
- **For good flight deals.**
- **For delegates visas to be granted.**
- **For helpers & accommodation.**
- **For the ongoing translation work in the Far East Germany, France, Spain and in Swahili.**
- **For progress in Graphic Design in these languages.**
- **For progress in the redesign of Polish, Russian and Ukrainian lessons.**
- **For the ongoing development of the BES multilingual website.**
- **David Purchase was admitted urgently to hospital suffering from pancreatitis. He is to have his gallbladder removed but there are complications due to past surgery. Pray for a full recovery.**

## Final Thought...

Glyn Davies



I was struck by some of the national newspapers on display as I visited a convenience store on 14th October: "Salvation!" and "Re-born" were the one-word headlines carried by the Mail and the Mirror; "miracle" and "resurrection" featured in many reports. "I was with God and the devil - and God took me", said one of the first Chilean miners to be rescued.

The world was understandably captivated by the dreadful plight and spectacular rescue of the miners in San Jose, but is so indifferent to its own spiritual plight, and urgent need of rescue. All of us who have shared the experience which David recounts in the opening verses of Psalm 40 - brought up out of a dreadful pit to stand upon solid rock - must pray and work to bring that news to others, so that "many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:3).

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