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*"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

This BES News has so much to Praise God for and also much to Pray for.

Bert and Wendy Gray have not been at all well. Bert has had two sessions in hospital during the winter. Please pray for a special healing for both of them that they will be given daily strength, and that whatever treatment is administered will prove to be a real help to them. Bert is very anxious to accompany Sam to Europe in April. He needs much prayer that he will be well enough to do that.

In the Autumn 2009 edition of BES News we introduced the Sponsorship Scheme. We have been thrilled with the response to that and so grateful to many who have made either one off gifts or have promised regular donations. This has helped us to provide funding for a number of small projects which would have been impossible without the Sponsorship Scheme.



There are a number of other projects that we would like to help when we receive the necessary funding.

The Sponsorship Scheme is an on-going scheme and anyone who is interested in having the information should contact Bert Gray, Stephen Gillham or Sam Balmer for details.

It is over ten years ago since the Editorial Team worked on the Bibletime lessons. Up till then the lessons had been rewritten and redesigned. George Hall (Belfast), Ivor Cooper (Leamington Spa), Bert Gray (Cardiff), Peter Smith (Canada)

and myself had worked for years to produce nearly 600 lessons in the four levels which now form the Bibletime resource. Even now, before the lessons go to the printers, we are still checking for corrections and improving the graphics so that each time the Bibletime lessons are sent out there are likely to be minor changes which will improve the lessons.

We are so grateful that Matthew Balmer, Stevie Walls, Sarah Walls, Stewart Deering, Liza McMeekin and Rosemary Hall are now giving us regular help. We met together in December in Belfast, but we do not plan to meet regularly. We check all four levels and Liza McMeekin and I make sure that we have the lessons in the best possible format before we go to print.

We are dependant upon Steve McDonald who is the BES designer for the final copy. Steve and Kate McDonald have gone to Bali for six months to help with an orphanage. They need our prayers as they do this work. During some of his time in Bali, Steve will continue to do the BES design work.

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You GAVE and this aided us to:

- Commence the graphic design of the Bibletime lessons in French.
- Helping to cover costs for a Hungarian contact to put the lessons in Hungarian on to the BES Website and similarly encouraging the Romanian Team to do the same.
- Helping with some of the expenses involved in the training seminars which are being held in Africa during May and June.



The BES editorial team in Belfast. From left to right, Stevie Walls, Sarah Walls, Stewart Deering, Liza McMeekin, Matthew Balmer, Rosemary Hall and Stephen Gillham.

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Around the UK

East London

Charles Addoco - 5/2/2010
(Ghanaian Counties Evangelist - East London)

The PBS is going great in East London. There has been interesting developments. The challenge is now to find some teachers who will mark the lessons. Please pray that I will recruit committed people to support the work in this area as it is growing more than I can handle alone. I guess at some point in time you (Sam Balmer) may think of going to Ghana to offer your expertise. For now, I will kick start. I am planning on going to Ghana again with a group of up to 10 young people for various mission activities - August 14th to 31st. If you get the BES materials into French, do let me know as my friends in Ivory Coast and Senegal are interested in running PBS.



Sam Balmer and Charles Addoco

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3: 18)

Dorset PBS

Stephen Gillham



The Dorset Camp, 2009.

In 1973 Jean and I sensed God calling us into full-time Christian service in Dorset and we left our jobs in the Bolton area to move south to the Bournemouth area to work as the Counties Evangelists in Dorset.

Our focus has always been on children and young people. The young people's work slowly began to develop and we began a Camp work, Schools work, held Holiday Clubs and Children's Missions all over the County. We soon realised that some sort of follow-up was necessary with interested children. For a while we used the children's Emmaus courses available at that time. We then began to write our own Bible lessons and together with a printer - friend, began to publish a monthly lesson for all ages. We soon discovered that this was not only time consuming but not the right way of doing things and then linked up with Postal Bible School and Bert Gray and we began a Postal Bible School Centre here in Dorset. The link with Bert Gray became very close and he asked me to join the editorial team.

Our local Postal Bible School Centre in Dorset has grown and we now send out 200 lessons each month to children and adults mainly in this country but with a few contacts overseas. Time prevents us doing too much recruiting, but we have had contacts by word of mouth, through Home Schooling groups, via Counties Exhibitions, and through Christians keen to have their grandchildren and other relatives studying God's Word. Some students have attended our Christian Camps in Dorset and some have graduated to become Tent Leaders which is a real encouragement to us. We have now a number of students who have completed our adult courses and are now working on Emmaus Courses. Although the Emmaus Course system is different to the Postal Bible School system, the students have adapted themselves to the Emmaus system and we are encouraged by the interest shown and the courses being covered by a number of adults.

Prayer is valued for: Grace Goulding who administers the Dorset Postal Bible School, for our team of 22 markers, for all our students especially that they will "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3: 18)

All Postal Bible Schools are autonomous and we can provide information, including a list of addresses of UK Centres for anyone interested in supporting or introducing children to a Postal Bible School. We also offer guidelines to anyone interested in starting a Postal Bible School or using our lessons in any other context.

Around the World

From USA

Denis Kelderman - 4/2/ 2010



Our first PBS fliers are going out. Bry, a former student, who came to know the Lord while doing a Bible study with Hannah, works at the Boys and Girls Club in Wichita. It is a non profit programme that cares for children after school and during the summer. She has had permission to pass out fliers to her group of children, which is about forty kindergarten and first graders. We are excited to have our first students and happy to see Bry taking the initiative in this. This summer, we will go door to door and hand out PBS fliers. It has taken a little longer to get going than we thought, but isn't that the way it is with most things. The Lord is good. We want this work to be of Him and for His Glory.

From Zambia

Kelvin Samwata - 25/2/2010



The container with the PBS and Every Home Crusade literature has reached the Nakonde border on the Tanzania/Zambia border and very soon will be arriving in Chingola.

So far 11 churches and 2 government schools in Chingola are already interested in letting their children and pupils start the Postal Bible School lessons. I have been discussing with a Zambian couple who are friends of ours and are in fellowship in the same church. They have agreed to help with the marking and distribution of the lessons. We have rented offices at Chingola Bible Centre from where the PBS operates. Please pray that the LORD will direct us to more believers to help with the marking of the lessons once we commence.

Many church leaders are very excited; they say this is a real answer to many years of prayer. In this country and in South Africa, there is very little in children's/Sunday school materials. We can only thank God for this answer to prayer. We are also praying that thousands of our children in our churches/schools will now be effectively reached with the Gospel. Children are very receptive to the Word of God, in fact, children are the change agents!

Kindly pass our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the churches and believers who support PBS. Please let them know that their faithful giving to PBS has made it possible for children in Africa to be reached with the Gospel in a very effective and systematic manner. These lessons will not only help them spiritually but will also help them to learn how to read and write. It's a double edged sword!



Every Home Crusade - a faith based ministry from Belfast. Printing, loading and shipping.

BES Africa Project

Sam Balmer, our International Secretary, paid a visit to the Pan African Conference in Zambia and other African countries last August.

Wherever Sam went, he talked about Bibletime lessons, and there was a great interest. There was a desire to use Bibletime lessons in churches, schools, village groups, amongst English speaking children and also with children whose first language was not English. Sam came back with many contacts but BES were not in a position to supply lessons or to fund printing in these countries, or to financially assist in translation, publishing and distribution etc.

Much prayer was made and the Lord wonderfully answered prayer when Every Home Crusade of Belfast offered to print for the next three and a half years in total, 75,000 lessons a month. (This would complete the Bibletime syllabus for each Level) We were staggered by their generosity and grateful to the Lord for His great provision which means that lessons will be available in Ghana, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and South Africa. The idea is that the Starter Lessons for each Level will be available for students to commence in August and this would take them up to Christmas and then they will move on to the A Series in 2011, B Series in 2012 and the C Series in 2013.



Every Home Crusade website
www.revivalmovement.org

Already the Starter Lessons have been prepared, printed and transported, all the graphic design work has been done for the A Series, and one of our Editorial Team is working on the B Series.

Sam plans to go to these countries during May and early June to visit the Centres that are being established, and to train markers and give guidance and counsel with regard to the use of lessons in the best possible way.

Much prayer is needed; that these lessons will be used wisely, that Sam will be given much help in his travels, that the distribution and marking arrangements will be done efficiently, and above all, that the students studying the lessons will come to know the Lord.

Sam's Travel Arrangements

April 14th – 23rd

- Hungary - to meet Tamas Bozsoki and discuss the website translation.
- Romania - (Oradea and Cluj) to meet the PBS teams.
- Germany - for the Emmaus Bible School conference.

May 24th – 28th - TANZANIA

May 28th – 2nd June - KENYA

June 2nd – 11th - ZAMBIA - To train and equip Sunday school teachers, school teachers, pastors and church leaders on the use of English Bibletime lessons.

PBS CAMPS, Romania – If you are interested in sponsoring children for these camps contact Sam on **07980656337** or **sam@besweb.org**. Nearly all of the children are from disadvantaged backgrounds and need help to attend camp. This is a fantastic opportunity to share with them the love of the Lord.

Cluj Junior Camp - 4th to 10th July

Cluj Senior Camp - 1st to 8th August

Oradea Camp - 2nd to 7th August

From Tanzania

David Ombeni - 24/2/2010



Preparations for the seminar are going very well. I have been in touch with Sunday school teachers, and with patrons and matrons in Christian groups in secondary schools; they are happy with the lessons and will attend the

seminar. We expect to have more than 150 participants in this seminar; this will have a big impact in Tanzania. There is a team from Dar-es-Salaam who deal with Christian students in Tanzania. This team works all over Tanzania so it will be good if they attend. Other people will be coming from Moshi and from Arusha.



From Germany 

Andrea Przewodnik has commenced translation of Bible Time lessons.



From France 

The French team have started translation of Bible Time lessons.



From S. Africa 

We currently have 144 students doing Bibletime lessons. They are really enjoying it. I have received just 10 of the 21 parcels you sent. They are coming in drips and drabs. About 3 a week. Once I have collected the rest I will start going to the schools and churches as planned. There is a great untapped potential for this work

You prayed ...God answered

YOU prayed for growth in UK and Ireland centres.

GOD is answering - PBS Ireland has a number of new schools; PBS Tyrone and Fermanagh have a new school commencing with 300 pupils.

YOU prayed for Mihaela's health. (Romania)

GOD is answering - Mihaela is a lot better. She is very actively involved in co-ordinating Postal Bible School in Romania and also in organizing the summer camps.

YOU prayed for translators and designers for the French lessons.

GOD is answering - We had a good meeting in France and the translating work is now progressing.

YOU prayed for the development of PBS in South Africa.

GOD is answering - There are now 144 students doing Bibletime lessons in that country.

YOU prayed for God to open doors for English lessons in Africa.

GOD is answering - In a remarkable way the Lord has now widely opened the way for lessons to go to Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and Ghana.

YOU prayed for the need for Webmasters in other languages.

GOD is answering - We now have funding available for website work in Romania, Czech Republic and Hungary.

Please Continue in Prayer for:

- Bert and Wendy's health.
- Sam's and possibly Bert's trip to Eastern Europe in April.
- Sam's visit to Africa in May/June.
- The safe arrival of all the lessons being printed for Africa.
- The continuing need to see growth in the UK and Ireland Postal Bible School Centres.



Final thought...

David Tucker



Hannah was a deeply troubled woman who longed for a child. So, she poured out her soul to the Lord and described her actions to the skeptical Eli – "I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Her son was born and named Samuel – "Because I asked the Lord for him". The result was a new period of hearing the voice of God in the nation.

Today 27% of the world's population is under the age of 15 – that's a staggering 1.7 billion children. Many of these children will suffer from poverty; emotional trauma in broken or abusive homes; lack of adequate food or water; the effects of warfare; disease; and so on. And who will be 'in great anguish and grief for them', praying that many will be brought to our God for service that will change the life of their nation?

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