



From The Editor's Desk

We continue to recognise the Lord's hand on the work of Bible Educational Services as there have been so many encouragements through 2012. This BES News concentrates on the work in the UK & Ireland and we would encourage prayer for those who month by month are sending lessons to students from these centres.

We are aware that we are contacting so few, it is estimated that there are nearly ten million children of school age in the UK. BES would love to see new PBS centres and more churches and individuals using Bibletime materials in Sunday Schools and Youth Work.

Every Home Crusade (Revival Movement) has continued to be a great blessing to us they are just completing the printing of lessons for Africa for 2013. The amount of printing that we require has meant that we have had to change the format of the lessons for Africa and other language groups, this means instead of printing lessons which are A4 size for a month at a time, we have now put six months lessons into a booklet which is A5 size. This is much cheaper to produce and easier to distribute. Approximately 150,000 of these booklets have been produced and are on their way to Africa to arrive later in the year. This project has meant a complete re-design of the lessons with extra proof reading but we have now completed this for 2013. We are now working on the "A Series", particularly

to design templates, which can be used for other languages for 2014.

The redesign and editing has been challenging and extremely hard work. Prayer would be valued for the changes that have been made enabling Every Home Crusade to print the quantities that we require, as their budget allows.

Once again, we want to say thank you to all those who have prayed with us and have supported us through these last six months. We are grateful for your help and we acknowledge God's provision during that time.

Stephen Gillham (Secretary)

Retiring Trustees

David Purchase - As indicated in the Spring 2012 BES News, two of our Trustees have decided to retire. We are so grateful for the help of David Purchase who has been the Treasurer since the BES Trust was founded in 2000. He has kept the accounts so accurately and will be greatly missed for his contribution to BES and for his enthusiasm in seeing the work grow. Vicky Balmer (Sam Balmer's daughter) has just qualified as an Accountant and is taking on the financial administration and will be supporting our Honorary Treasurer Glyn Davies.

Bert Gray - The Trust was founded to support Bert Gray, with the continuing work of Postal Bible School and BES across the world. Bert was our Chairman for some years and was instrumental in enthusing and encouraging

not only the work of Postal Bible School in this country but overseas as well. Bert is standing down as a Trustee but will be "an Ambassador" for BES. He will continue to support the work wherever he can, not only in this country, but overseas where he has

a particular link. We are also so grateful to Eva Purchase and Wendy Gray for the great support that they have given to the BES Trust since its formation. Bert and Wendy would value prayer as they continue to serve God in these changing roles.



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South Wales Postal Bible School

South Wales PBS has been running for eight years. At present we have just under 400 students covering ages from 4 to 75.

About half of the students are doing Bibletime courses. The remainder are completing adult courses. The main adult course we use is Manna which was revised and rewritten from the old Manna course. Other adult courses used are New Life, Emmaus and Navigators (this is a course we are currently developing which is a chronological study on the Life of Christ) Our students are based in the UK and various countries overseas including Nigeria, Malaysia and India. The main means of recruitment is either through personal introduction or through website applications. We have a team of 36 excellent markers who are an essential part of our work.

- **Steve and Gwyneth Treseder**

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Dorset PBS

This commenced some 30 years ago as a follow on to tent missions, holiday Bible clubs and camps etc. In recent years we have had approximately 200 students. Our new recruits are either by word of mouth or from the Web site. The majority of the work is done by Grace Goulding and a team of 21 markers who mark lessons for us each month. It would be good to see numbers increasing. An encouragement is to see at Christian Camps in Dorset tent leaders who have been PBS students and also campers being encouraged to do PBS lessons as a follow on to the Camps. The recent large increase in postage is a great challenge to us.

- **Stephen Gillham**

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Norfolk PBS

Postal Bible School was introduced into the county of Norfolk in 1976 by David Dixon, the evangelist for the county. Being a rural county it was believed that children with no access to a Sunday School would benefit from studying the Scriptures in their own home.

Since those early days the Lord has been gracious in maintaining this work and we currently have 145 students doing the lessons with us on either a monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly basis. In recent years several adults have expressed an interest in following a Bible course and we have been able to provide them with Manna, New Life and Gleaners lessons.

This has resulted in around 30 adults currently being on the register. Our students' ages range from 5 to 77. The work has not just been confined to Norfolk but has branched out to reach people living in Suffolk and other parts of the country.

Our recruitment strategy takes several forms. The most effective way of getting people interested in studying with the School is recommendation by other students. This year we had a stand at the Norfolk agriculture show. A lot of children came to visit us and there was a real interest in having one of our free bookmarks with a picture and a text on the front, with information about PBS on the reverse side. We were also present at a 'Christians Together' event in the centre of Norwich. At these events we give out starter packs by way of a 'taster' as well as the bookmarks. We also receive applications via the Bible Educational Services website.



Norfolk PBS stand at the Norfolk Agriculture Show.

Every year in November we hold a Family Day in Norwich to which we invite students so that they can meet their teachers, play games, enjoy a tea and listen to a Bible story at the end. At this event we give out certificates for students who have completed lessons in the last year.

There are 20 involved in the work and we meet together on a quarterly basis to review what we have been doing, discuss the way forward and to pray for our students. In the first quarter of each year we have our AGM. This is an opportunity for all teachers to meet up including those who find it difficult to attend other meetings throughout the year. After the AGM we have a meal together provided by our Chairman and his wife.

- **Janice Coleman**

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London Postal Bible School

There are a number of churches who subscribe to the Bibletime materials. We are still promoting the materials to other churches and there are a number of assurances from the Church of Pentecost which has branches all over London and beyond. Recently we had 3 people joined via the website which is very encouraging. We hope to promote the Postal Bible School more in the coming year and organise at least two more training sessions for teachers.

Dr. Ayo has been very supportive and encouraging to us. There is the need to have someone as an Administration assistant who will be at the office for at least 4 hours a week to help run the Postal Bible School effectively. I can see a mighty move already happening but we need the workers. Please pray for wisdom and diligence so that we make good use of God's resources.

- **Charles Adocco**

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Words of Life PBS, Yorkshire

We are continuing to distribute the PBS lessons to around 300 children each month mainly in the U.K. with one or two overseas. The Schools' Scheme continues with around 40 children completing the lessons as part of their R.E. lessons in two local schools in the Yorkshire dales. One of the elders in our local assembly takes them in each month and marks the lessons too. He also has the opportunity to take assemblies in the schools. We are hoping that there may still be opportunities to expand this to other schools. The summer camp went well with about 40 children and young people aged 10 to 16 in attendance. We had 6 girls who made professions and we pray that they are genuine and will continue for the Lord. There was a good spirit of fellowship amongst the team and we felt the Lord was blessing.

- **Paul Jackson**

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The Ultimate Adventure Club

This is a PBS centre, based in Aberdeen that mainly consists of children who have visited the Ultimate Adventure Exhibition. When a child visits the Exhibition with their primary school they are given a gift pack after the one hour tour that includes an invitation for a free Bible and free Bible lessons. The offer of free Bible lessons is a tremendous way to follow up any child who, after visiting the exhibition,

has an increased interest in God's Word. Over 4,000 children a year visit the exhibition so many offers are given out. Although numbers who continue in the lessons are relatively small we are very thankful for all who complete any lessons and trust that God will bless the proclamation of His Word.

- Paul Coxall

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Living Word Postal Bible School, Stoke on Trent

We currently have 109 students enrolled. 30 new students have joined this year, mainly contacts of existing students. Interest from Romanian children living in Coventry has developed, thanks to Deleen Tandy of the Coventry Gospel Hall. In May we held our annual prize giving, a good number of students and their parents attended. A separate prize giving was organised in Coventry. In July we had our BBQ at Tittesworth reservoir, again well attended by some students and their families. At each event games were played, food enjoyed and a brief Gospel message given. Last Christmas a Carol Service took place at Trent Vale Gospel Hall, with a number of the PBS students taking part with readings and singing. This will be repeated in December 2012. The prayerful support of local Christians in this area is much appreciated.

- David and Susan Jackson

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Postal Bible School in Republic of Ireland

Liza and I have now entered our 21st year since taking over the administration of the work in the Republic of Ireland. We have been privileged in that time to see God's hand at work in many lives of young people who have been doing Bibletime Studies.

Some that we met through Postal Bible School have trusted the Saviour at summer camp and gone on to serve the Lord in a full-time capacity in different ministries in Ireland. Others have gone on to take leading roles in their local churches and are now giving their time to reaching the next generation with the gospel. To God be the glory!

Our numbers of students have been fairly consistent over the past number of years. We currently have just over 4,000 students regularly completing studies and returning them to us on a monthly basis. We have 52 primary schools using the lessons in their Religious

Education classes. Please pray about this. Our present Minister for Education would like to see all religious education in schools phased out. Pray that while the opportunity exists many will trust the Lord.

We also have 17 Bible Study groups throughout the country who are using PBS lessons. These are used by committed believers to reach out into their own community.

Our summer camp was a time of blessing as we studied "The Life of Joseph" and "The Heroes of Faith". Our speaker was Stevie Walls. One young girl told us she had trusted the Lord last year. Please also remember the on-going contact we have with many students in our own area as we reach out to them through Children's Events and Bible Classes.

- Noel and Liza McMeekin



Top: Local Teenager's Bible Class in our home
Middle: Prizegiving in Adare, Co Limerick
Bottom: Visit to Clonenagh National School

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North East Ireland Postal Bible School

NEPBS continues fairly steady in numbers with an average of 170 pupils plus two schools making a total of 410. We are always looking for ways to recruit and over the summer months have been promoting lessons at Bible clubs etc. We also had the opportunity this year to be at the 'Auld Lammas Fair' in Ballycastle but unfortunately it wasn't as successful as we would have liked, in that it is difficult to engage people in conversation in a moving throng. We did however give out over 1000 gospel CD's and DVD's. We feel that we would try to change tactics for another year.

- Ivan McClean

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PBS Tyrone & Fermanagh



Camp leaders at the Fermanagh and Tyrone PBS Camp

We have been greatly encouraged recently with an increase in the number of students, mainly from schools. In the 90's when we took on the administration, we had approximately 180 students. We praise God that today we have 1630 regular students completing the lessons. This is likely to increase as we have a definite interest in level zero with an order for 70 lessons already for Jan 2013. There are many challenges as we increase the student numbers; new teachers, administration and rising costs. The Lord has been faithful over many years and we look to Him to meet the various needs, as the psalmist writes in Psalm 121 - "From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Thank you for your continued prayers.

- Louise Balmer

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Scottish Postal Bible School

This has been a period of change for us. In January of this year our dear friend and esteemed colleague Christine Pollard was called Home. The three of us (Elizabeth MacKenzie, Sarah MacKenzie & I) who had worked with Christine for the past 4 years were unanimous in the view that the work should go on and it has done with only a few administrative changes. We are encouraged that new interest is being shown with several new students at all levels. We introduced the

Manna studies earlier this year as follow on from Bibletime 4. These have been taken up by 5 students and 1 who is new to us. We value the consistent and reliable contribution from our markers and appreciate prayer support from individuals and groups.

- Jean Stott

In the next issue of BES News we hope to include brief reports from some of the other UK & Ireland centres.

Thinking of starting a Postal Bible School?

We have a leaflet available with suggestions as to how a Postal Bible School can be started. Copies are available from the BES Secretary or from the website. www.besweb.org If requested, one of the BES trustees could meet with any group interested in starting a PBS centre.

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Trip to Africa

May 2012

Sam Balmer & Stephen Gillham



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Sam Balmer, accompanied by Stephen Gillham travelled in three countries in Africa during May.

Ethiopia

We visited Tadesse who was recommended to us by Emmaus in Ethiopia. There is a tremendous need for Bibletime lessons in Amharic; we met up with Church Leaders and teachers who would love to have Bibletime lessons because there are little or no materials for children. Tadesse has now gone full-time and is trusting the Lord for his upkeep to lead the translation team. We hope that we shall have Amharic lessons translated, designed and printed ready for use possibly by September 2013 beginning with the Starter Series.



Tanzania

The English lessons have been greatly used in schools and churches. We visited a church that had over 200 children and young people all of whom are doing Bibletime lessons. We also went to English speaking schools which are run by private companies many of them with a Christian foundation where Bibletime lessons are being used in the Religious Hour that they have every week. The Government insists on all schools having a Religious Hour but give them no guidance at all. The Bibletime syllabus and the Bibletime material is ideal for use in these Religious Hours. We spoke at several schools where the lessons are being used regularly. The Government Schools all speak Swahili and have a Religious Hour with no guidance at all as to what to do, so we realise the importance of Bibletime lessons in Swahili. David Ombeni and

a small Team are working hard and they are hoping to have Swahili Starter Series available for September 2013.



Kenya

Thousands of English lessons are now going into Kenya every year to be used by Emmaus Bible School, Kindfund and Teens for Christ. They are presently using the B Series and Revival Movement have now shipped the C Series. In Kenya with 50% of its population under 18, there are schools and churches everywhere. We went to the Nairobi Baptist Church which uses 1,200 lessons each month. There are many private English speaking schools using Bibletime in the Religious Hour, this work is carried out mainly by Teens for Christ led by Moses who is a great visionary. This Team of volunteers goes into over 150 schools, once a week, to lead the Religious Hour and do the Bibletime lessons. These schools have virtually no facilities, in fact some of the classrooms we went into reminded Stephen of his classroom just after the war. We had opportunities of speaking at the Religious Hour in some of these schools, one of which we considered was the worst school building we had seen. It was situated in a slum area in Nairobi, where 250 children were crammed under a galvanised iron roof with a few poles which acted as the school hall. Every desk with three or four children crammed there all with their Bibletime lessons. We are convinced that now is Africa's time and the Bibletime lessons are being used with great effect in these countries. With Swahili, Amharic and other languages being developed those who can use the lessons would increase rapidly.

We need to pray for the seed that has been sown every week in so many situations. We also need to pray for the Translation Teams in Amharic and Swahili. The problem now is that the request for printing various languages in the A4 design of lessons from Revival Movement is so large that they have difficulty coping. Hence the possibility of printing six lessons in a booklet A5 size which they can print more efficiently and in much bigger quantities. BES, Schools and Churches in Africa are very happy about this. There is no way that these countries can pay for their own printing and BES has not got funds to pay for it, this is why Revival Movement is such a blessing in our ministry. If you wish to have fellowship with them practically you can do so to:-

Revival Movement & Every Home Crusade,
10 Kinallen Road,
Dromara, Dromore,
BT25 2NL, Northern Ireland.

Images

- 1) Sam, Stephen and Tadesse Landebo in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, discussing the Amharic translation.
- 2) Children in a school in Addis Ababa that we are hoping will be reached with the Amharic lessons once they are produced.
- 3) The Translation Team in Tanzania who are translating the Bibletime lessons into Swahili.
- 4) Delivering lessons to Teachers at a school in Arusha, Tanzania.
- 5) Teenagers in a slum school in Nairobi with their Bibletime lessons.
- 6) A training day in Nairobi for BES Voluntary Workers.



Can you help?

The Needs of BES are ever varied and increasing as we seek to reach the next generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, if the Lord leads you to help us practically; we have attached a Sponsorship Form and FREEPOST envelope for your convenience.
THANK YOU

Finance - BES Funding Policy

Bes will assist where needs are identified and as the Lord supplies:

1. The translation of Bibletime and New Life
2. The graphic design of these resources
3. Training and encouragement
4. The provision of "seed funding" for start up groups in different countries
5. Act as a channel for BES/PBS worker support or for Revival Movement to help with printing for overseas.

BES do not provide funds for:

- printing of resources
- postage and distribution costs
- prizes or rewards

Final Thought

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

It has been amazing over the years to see God at work in believers lives calling them to GO, share the gospel and disciple young believers using Bibletime lessons. In many countries this has often involved major sacrifice on their part, but just like Isaiah when the question came there was only one answer! "Here am I! send me."

Please remember in your prayers, what we estimate to be over 4000 volunteers who serve the Lord in translation, editing, graphic design, coordinating centres, teaching classes, marking lessons, helping at camps and many other ministries done as unto the Lord in association with Bible Educational Services and Postal Bible Schools.

We praise the Lord that the church is still responding to the call of The Lord in "reaching and teaching the next generation!"

Sam Balmer

Prayer Points

- As we are now working in so many languages we are seeking to identify our priorities for 2013 in relation to the translation of Bibletime, please pray for wisdom in this vital area.
- Prayer for the UK & Ireland Centres and Students.
- Pray for the Translation Teams and on-going needs.
- Praise God that we are now working in 29 languages, pray for the Translation Teams and their on going needs.
- Praise God for indigenous workers who are sacrificially working with BES. Pray for their practical support and families.
- Please pray for our two designers Steve McDonald and Tamas Bozsoki and their families, who are both carrying tremendous work loads at present and who need special prayer.
- Sam travels with Bert Gray to India from the 1st to the 10th November to carry out training and meet translators working on Malayalam, Hindi, Telegu and Tamil.

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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.org

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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 over 100,000 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.org.

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.

BES Sponsorship Scheme Form

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Account name: Bible Educational Services, Account number: 30995361, Bank code: 54-21-33

You may also send your donation through your usual missionary support agency i.e. ‘Echoes’, ‘Lord’s Work Trust’ ‘Stewardship’ etc.

We value your prayer support. If you are unable to become a sponsorship partner but would like to be a prayer partner, please fill in your details above without entering a sponsorship amount.

If you are a UK tax payer make your donation worth up to a third more at no extra cost to you.

The Government’s Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim the income tax (or capital gains tax) you have already paid on your donations. This means up to an extra 28p for every £1 you donate to us! Just tick and date below:

☐ I agree that Bible Educational Services can treat all donations I have made in the last 6 years (prior to this year) and all donations I make in future until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signed: Date:

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