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CBSI (UK)

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Back in Dartmoor: Please continue to pray!

Welcome to the 4th CBSI UK Newsletter.

Janet Clifford and her CBSI team have been invited back to Dartmoor Prison after many prayerful months. They started back in May and have just returned after their summer break. The team consists of Mike, Maureen, Andrew, Doreen and Sue. Janet says "We found the break to be a blessing, using the time for prayer as well as continuing the study ourselves. We were given Rev. 3. v7-8. When we returned to the prison after the summer break we found a team of 10 men who had read the gospel of Mark in preparation for the study!"



Zikomo—Thank You CBSI UK!

"Thank you, thank you!" This is what was shouted when we presented Bibles to a CBSI Malawian village class.

In Malawi the harvest is plentiful but the labourers (and materials) are few! CBSI classes are linked by area leaders on bicycles passing on lessons and information, basic but effective. Your money and prayers are making such a difference. Bibles, bikes, lessons, eye tests and glasses were provided this June, blessing many communities.

Please pray for every member to have their own bible and lesson, for Rutherford and Tsai Banda as they lead the ministry, and for all the leaders to be able to attend the national conference, June 2008.

For more information visit: www.projectmalawi.org

TWIN YOUR CLASS WITH A CLASS IN MALAWI—SUPPORT IN A PRACTICAL AND PRAYERFUL WAY. Contact Gillian Mason dmason@fish.co.uk

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Caleb News (Calebs travel to establish classes in new regions)

Janet Philips, the Welsh Caleb drops us a note, she writes,

“I will be eagerly returning to Wales at the end of October to water seeds that Lynn Manthei and myself have planted over the past 12 months.

During this time an unforeseen door of opportunity opened itself for Lynn to be able to use her French language skills as a Caleb to France. This is a gift from the Lord, both to Lynn and to the French.

God provided Jan Bishop (Dartmoor Class) to accompany me on my last trip in May. This enabled Welsh brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for the re-opening of the Dartmoor CBSI study. It also enabled them to hear from a CBSI UK veteran speak on how powerfully God uses His word and CBSI to

change lives. What a joy it will be to return with the news of opened doors at Dartmoor.

Also this Autumn, we will see the start of a new group that is meeting in South Wales, studying, “If You Will Pray”.

Thank you so much for praying for these first beginnings, for my needs for a new ministry partner and for God’s glory. **Dear Lord, Your Will, Your Fruit from each encounter, Your Spirits Workmanship in all of our lives, and Your Glory, now and evermore. Thank you. Amen.”**



Lynn, Manthei Anthea Owen and Janet Philips

Please Pray for Calebs

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Veronica Alvarez &

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Please let us know if you have any contacts in these regions

Grace Wort Writes on Development and Training

How’s your memory? Do you remember being given letters from CBSI to send to your friends around the UK?

I pray that you have identified friends to send letters to as so far I have had two enquiries... not a lot, but it’s a start. Please help us out here!

Let’s not keep this programme a secret. Communities can benefit so much from CBSI.

Please be praying with us for the growth of CBSI across the UK!

Training...Being supported and enabled to thrive in your class leadership is important to us. As you move into this year, our prayer for each of you is that you know God’s power at work in you, through His Spirit for each day’s ministry in your class and life,

(Ephesians 3:16,17).

Training Dates—please see diary dates.

Every person accepting a leadership role must complete and send to me, in advance, a training application form (uk11).

Know that you are in our prayers. Go with God into this year! Grace Wort

Class News

From Bolsover, Teaching Leader Ann-Marie writes, "God was so very kind to us, He gave us a lovely summers day, the sun was bearing down as CBSI Bolsover class re-opened it's doors for a new CBSI year.

This summer we have made our advertising more personal and we have been really blessed by the results. We had a great start to our class as we had new people join us and some who had not been for a while re-

join us. This encouraged our leadership team and in turn enthused our faithful members. The morning began with coffee and there was a cacophony of sound as everyone caught up with summertime news.

We are so grateful that our crèche workers have agreed once again to work with the children, which allows the young mums to come and study the word of God. At this present time we have four

children and it was a great joy to see how through this summer they had grown. It was just brilliant to hear that even the children had missed CBSI and they too were looking forward to the opening day.

Now we are looking forward to what God is going to do in the months ahead.

Many Blessings to you all."

Ann-Marie

More Class News!

From Sheffield Crookes, Jean Booth writes, "At last years conference I felt God ask me to share my testimony of how He has called me and sustained me to be the Teaching Leader at Crookes in Sheffield. Then how, after such training He called me to serve alongside my husband Ray in his itinerant ministry.

I had only been an Assistant

T.L. at Crookes for one year when the then current T.L. told us she was leaving. She and others felt I was the one to take on her role. So with a leap of faith and much intrepidation I did, and God has so faithfully sustained me all the way.

He is now asking me to support Ray in his trips abroad. I have a passion to encourage

personal bible study and also to help believers to deepen and develop their prayer times with God. CBSI has greatly affected these two areas in my life and I love to share that with others.

If God is calling you and you feel inadequate, read 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 9, "...my strength is made perfect in weakness..." Jean

Even More Class News!!

Karen Nolloth is the Teaching Leader for Letchworth, she writes,

"We are a fairly new group that has evolved out of Luton and Hitchin. We meet in a former café, above a Christian bookshop and started off by studying John. To help young mums out we do the study over 2 hours. One morning someone asked

WHY we study the Bible. Of course there are many answers to this question, but we realized that within our group we had many gifted people and felt we wanted to reach out to Letchworth. To prepare ourselves we studied Colossians, which is about understanding who Jesus is, who we are and choosing to act in a way that is consistent with that. We then started an

Alpha course with the members inviting friends. We had a steady stream of un-churched, semi-churched and over-churched coming along. As a result we are starting God's Amazing Book in September. We also run a book club, introducing Christian books to a variety of readers."

Karen Nolloth

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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Velvet Elvis By Rob Bell

A curious title for a book! Supposing a painter painted someone famous, Elvis say, and then declared that his painting was the definitive image and that no one could ever represent or interpret the king of Rock and Roll again. Is it possible that there are some doctrinal standpoints that say the same thing about biblical interpretation? The Living Word encourages us to discover the truth for ourselves and to interpret scripture in our own generation. We face so many different issues today and the Bible has something to say about them all. Velvet Elvis is about taking a fresh look at the word in a different way.



Karen Nolloth (Karen used this book for her book club readers)

What a book, another fantastic read! Editor gives 9 out of 10

Diary for 2008

- Leaders Conference (South & North) 1st 3rd February
- North Training June 14th South Training June 21st
- Area Visitors day July 5th

Please note help is still needed in these areas –Treasurer and also a Minute Secretary

Veronica's Voice

At the Beginning of my time serving CBSI UK as National Director I have been asking myself WHY DO I LOVE THIS MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE? Can I encourage you to ask yourself that question as well. You may be a long standing member, or you may be new to your class, or perhaps just searching for the answer to life's questions. Which ever category you fit into, let me tell you my answer. I was interested in joining a Bible Study to 'get back into' studying the Bible having been immersed in the busyness of bringing up a young family and as a consequence becoming inconsistent. This had of course affected many other areas of my life as well. Joining CBSI has changed my life so much. Firstly it helped me get

back into the 'habit' of reading my Bible and enhancing my relationship with Jesus. Secondly it introduced me to a group of lovely and gracious individuals, who I could depend on to consistently pray with me. I am now blessed with life long friends. Thirdly the systematic way we learn and study, helped me in other aspects of my life, I found I was more organized, and rather than taking time away, God gave me time back. This is one of the wonderful aspects of CBSI. We are not just encouraged to amass 'head knowledge' but to put into practice LIFE PRINCIPLES contained in Scripture.

One of my heroes is Daniel. Daniel lived in exile in Babylon. Right from the start God gave him a small community of friends, they all studied together, Dan. 1 v 17 'God gave

them understanding'. He enabled them to live effectively in an alien culture in a Godly way. They never bowed down to anyone but God. God gave Daniel understanding of the times that he lived in and a heart to pray for his nation. He prayed for the eventual restoration of his people to Jerusalem. In ch.9 v 2 Daniel says he "Understands from the Scriptures" In ch. 10. v 12 Daniel is told that "Since the day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard." Let us all use Daniel as an example. My prayer for you all is that you will draw nearer to God in a life changing way.

Veronica Alvarez

