



Everyone in the World in the Word

CBSI (UK)

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007

Welcome to the 3rd instalment of the CBSI UK Newsletter. In this edition Frinton member's husband arrested. Also how a family from Luton are risking all to minister to Iraqis. And last but by no means least, we have Joyce's farewell letter.

We also have more news on Dartmoor and training from Grace, along with news from the Caleb's in Scotland. There is a diary on the back page for **need to know** dates, and the usual book review.

.....A Mission to the Middle East

The Luton class has always, like many other classes in the UK, had a strong tradition of mission, often with a heart for a particular group of people. This is Merna's story.....

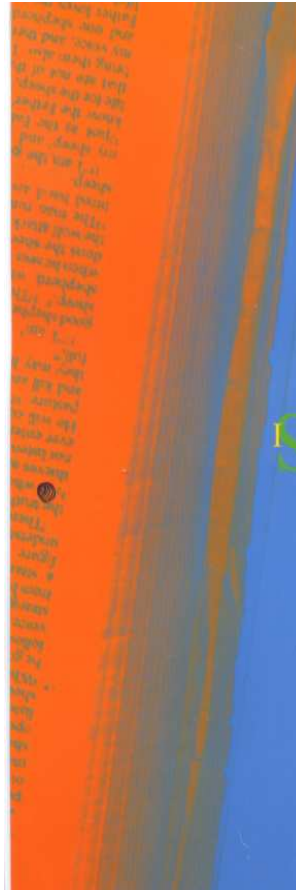
Merna and her husband have had a heart to work with Muslims since their conversion. Born in the Middle East, they both speak Arabic as their mother tongue. They have three lovely boys. For many years, they lived in London ministering to Arab Muslims. Recently, God opened the door for Merna's husband to renew his ministry in the Middle East. He has visited various churches to disciple and to encourage leaders. Now God is calling them to join OC International full time to equip Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) to multiply the Lord's church throughout the Arab world.

Merna writes;

"We are committed to see churches planted for and by Muslim-background believers. In order to achieve this, we need to be working full-time, and alongside gifted and experienced team members, with experienced leadership. In addition, the ministry will take on a broader geographical scope, across the Middle East and even Arab North Africa.

My husband visited Iraq on different occasion to lead training and encourage the church. I am involved in first-ever training for MBB women who have turned to follow Christ and this ministry is now up and running!

In order to be more engaged with the team, we have put our house on the market and are seeking to move this summer. This is a full-time ministry. We will be resigning from our jobs. The initial two years involves mentoring input from our team leader, himself a former Muslim and fund raising. In spite of what we hear in the Middle East of horrible things, the reality is that God is moving and un-



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precedented numbers of Muslims are turning to Christ in our time in an amazing ways especially through the media and the internet! But these people need to be built up in their faith, disciplined and helped to form churches which are in step with their own culture. This is precisely where this ministry becomes strategic."

Yours for His Kingdom,

Merna and family

Please pray for Merna and her family. For more information, or if you would like to help the family, then email Veronica at;

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and your email will be forwarded.

UPDATE on CBSI- UK DARTMOOR PRISON.....

DARTMOOR PRISON REPORT

Janet Clifford and Jan Bishop brought a report of their experience in Dartmoor Prison where they have run a CBSI class for the inmates there. When it was closed down last December the team continued to meet weekly to pray for the prison situation and to continue their study programme. It has been a sad time for them with its discouraging moments but they continue to be-

lieve that God will open ways forward for them.

Both Janet and Jan found the conference inspiring and challenging. They said to me that they want to see a CBSI class started in their community of Tavistock in spite of what happens regarding Dartmoor Prison.

The desire is for the Prison chaplain, Bill Burrows, to be well enough to return full-time to the prison and for him to bring the CBSI study back in under his chaplaincy pro-

gramme.

PLEASE pray to this end and pray that the team keeps their eyes on Jesus through this time.

Jan, from a Welsh background, is so excited about CBSI that after meeting the Caleb team for Wales at the conference, she has joined Janet Morgan Phillips on some of her time in Wales this May.

Grace Wort

Caleb News

With each trip our faith and trust in the Lord is strengthened. Prayer is the key.

From the uplifting UK Conference in England to the inspiring WE Conference in the Netherlands God was leading our way.

Old contacts resulted in refreshed interest and many exciting new prospects were generated.

A Buckie team was finalized as we met with their small group. They meet at the Admiral pub in



Findochty, where the owner and patrons regularly stop by to listen and ask questions, a unique venue for getting people interested in Bible study. There are now three

classes in Scotland, Edinburgh/Leith, Glasgow and Buckie, and good things are happening everywhere we go. From Carlisle and Dalston to Banff, Buckie, Peterhead and Portsoy, God is beginning to bring in the harvest.

It has been said that perseverance overcomes resistance and that is certainly true, especially when the Lord is your daily companion. Our prayers are definitely being answered. In His service,

Jackie & Bob Kearby.

Grace Wort Writes on Development and Training

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:

At Conference this year, the class leaders were encouraged to work on TEAM DYNAMICS. Thinking of a team as...

Together Each Achieves More,

we worked on ways that we can 'Think Outside of the Box', so to speak, as leaders who each have various roles in a team. By asking themselves 'What do I need to do differently or better as a team and as an individual?', it is hoped

that each team will look to see how they can improve their effectiveness in the year ahead.

It was a good interactive time for all. Hopefully this session will have encouraged our leaders to explore ways in which they can work 'outside the box' of the CBSI-UK structure, see God grow and use us for His glory and praise.

With love *Grace Wort*

VACANCIES!!!

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Class News

URGENT NEWS

Jill Cullen has an urgent prayer request from Frinton. She writes;

"Josephah Ugrashebuja is a member of the Frinton CBSI group whose husband, Celestin, was arrested on 28th December 2006 on alleged charges of genocide in Rwanda. They had fled Rwanda in 1994 during the troubles between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes. He is now being held at Belmarsh High Security Prison in London. He came to the UK as an asylum seeker eight years ago and was joined by Josephah a year later.

The Rector of Frinton Parish

Church, where they worship, as well as a retired missionary from Rwanda and others who have worked closely with them during this time are convinced of his innocence.

Members of all the Frinton churches have supported them practically and prayerfully over the last eight years. Three prayer vigils have been held since his arrest for Celestin's release and for justice to be done for him.

While in prison Celestin has been a strong witness to his faith and letters from him to the church family have been an inspiration.

Please pray for;

1) Justice to be done.

2) For the future hearings in May, June and September.

3) Against his extradition.

4) For members of their family in prison in Rwanda because they refuse to give false testimony against him.

Josephah is now treated as a single person. She has had to pack up their home and move into temporary accommodation with two moves already behind her. In spite of their ordeal, their faith has not wavered."

Greetings from all the group.

With love,

Jill

More Class News!

I had a letter recently from the Teaching Leader of the Earl Shilton group. This is what Pat had to say;

"We are a mix of mature Christians and Seekers and our discussions are lively. We enjoy sharing meals together as eating and learning what our saviour has to say really seem to go hand in hand.

We started as an Alpha Follow Up Group and now we meet as CBSI, drawing others in.

Having finished Luke and Acts we then studied the Pentateuch and are

now finishing John. Next year we look forward to Solomon's Wisdom and the Pastoral letters!

We started this year with a quiet away day on the edge of Bagworth Deep in rural Leicestershire, partly lead by Barbara, the minister of Earl Shilton. We enjoyed singing, fellowship and prayer and we are planning to do the same for the end the year with a B-B-Q and fun walk to the 'Oak and the Ash'.

With kind regards

Pat Starbuck

Update News for CBSI in Malawi

Gillian and David will be spending 2 weeks working in Malawi between 5th June – 4th July 07. They write;

"We shall be working with leaders, classes and trustees. In particular we will be visiting a feeding project for AIDS orphans. At present they feed 110 children ONCE a week but would love to see this grow to EVERYDAY. The needs here are so great that it is hard to know where to start, but we feel it is right to encourage the Malawian people. Please keep praying! Every blessing in Him,

Gillian & David

Even More Class News!!

Thanks to Peter, from the Birstall class, we have this lovely picture of the soon to be married couple. He writes;

'Dear Carey

I attach a photo of Carole Ryan and Paul Wilson, who are members of the Birstall Class. They have known each other for several years

through attending Epworth Methodist Church in North Leicester and also being members of our CBSI Class. We are delighted to say that they are to be married on Saturday June 2 at their own church.'

Congratulations to Carole and Paul!



Carole Ryan and Paul Wilson

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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

'Israel and Christians Today'

About a year ago, while surfacing the internet for Stuart and Jill Briscoe, I came across www.worldactionministries.org. There I discovered 'Israel and Christians Today', a quarterly newspaper, giving insight, education and information as to what is happening in Israel, and how this is relevant to Christians of the 21st century. A fascinating and enlightening read for anyone who wants to have a greater understanding of their faith, its roots and their Messiah.



You can download the latest version from www.c4israel.org

Editor gives this 9.5 out of 10

Diary for 2007

Please note the following training dates, if they apply to you;

North –

June 9th — Bolsover – contact Grace Wort (020 7351 5525)

South –

June 16th: New — Wellbury Farm – contact Grace Wort (020 7351 5525)

Area Reps Meeting

July 14th — Sheffield - contact Anthea Owen (0116 2338131)

South Conference 1st — 3rd February 2008

High Leigh — Hoddesdon – contact Mike Fenby (01455 451835)

North Conference 1st — 3rd Feb 2008

contact Diane Boothby (01246 202275)

JOYCE'S JOURNAL

Joyce's Journal

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last 'Joyce's Journal',

for in June 2007 I hand over the mantle of National Director to Veronica.

My principle emotion is one of privilege and gratitude. For 25 years I have known the joy and fulfilment of serving the Lord, first with CBS, then in 1990 through CBS UK and finally since 1999 through CBSI UK. I have been stretched, educated, and challenged. I have met people, done things, and visited places that I never dreamed of when I started out on this journey of faith in 1982. And I feel grateful that over the last

months the Lord has confirmed to me in many ways that now is the right time to go;

"There is a time and a season for everything under heaven, a time for embarking on the adventure of 'CBSI UK' and a time to 'hand over the responsibilities.'"

I feel a sense of sadness too, for it is the end of an era for me and I am going to miss all you lovely people who are CBSI UK. But there is also anticipation, for in my paraphrase, one of God's recent scripture to me is; 'Now enjoy life, enjoy Me and keep yourself pure', (Eccl. 9:7). What more could anyone want?

I am sure that God has great plans for the future of CBSI UK and that the reins couldn't be in better hands than Veronica's. Please, love and support her as you have done me.

Thank you all so much for being a part of my life.

Goodbye and God bless to you all.



Love and Prayers in Him.

Joyce