



Everyone in the World in the Word

CBSI (UK)

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007

Welcome to the second edition of the CBSI newsletter. We have much for you to read and update yourselves on in this issue. Thank you to those who have kindly taken the time to write in, it is very much appreciated! From the CBSI newsletter team, this season ‘..be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.’ Rom 12:12

In this issue we have Gillian Mason on Project Malawi, Grace on Dartmoor and Training, Class News, Caleb News, Book Review Corner and Joyce’s Journal. First Veronica with

3 Generations in CBSI



Marian Taylor, Nicola Lester and Clare Holder, three generations studying CBSI!

Marian is a valuable member of the Luton Group, Nicola is TD of the Offley group and Clare is co-ordinator of the same group.

Both groups are thriving and looking to see what God has for them in 2007! Luton is studying Acts, and Offley is studying Return to Jerusalem.

Project Malawi Update!

We have been busy since our trip in May/June 06 with follow up and requests for help. We have collected books to be sent to CBSI leaders, Bible dictionaries, atlases, commentaries etc, courtesy of ‘Feed the Minds’. Books are a very rare commodity in Malawi, that is why CBSI lessons in Chichewa are so prized.

Three women’s literacy classes have been set up in a very remote area in the Ngabu region and we have supplied blackboards, chalk, exercise books and pens for them. Perhaps soon we shall have CBSI classes there too!

CBSI UK trustees have agreed to send £2,000 to CBSI Malawi for class development. As this may be the last significant gift from CBSI UK reserves, it would be good if the classes in the UK could continue the support through the regular donations of small change, say 20p, at each meeting. How about linking your class with one in Malawi? (The class members in Malawi are being encouraged to give at each meeting, even if it is a very small amount, to support the ministry.)

Our next trip will be in July 07, God willing, when we hope to take with us a



team of four optometrists encouraged by Vision Aid, who will test and fit with reading glasses all those who need them.

Would you like to share in teaching and training leaders for CBSI and village churches?

Can you fund yourself and spare 3 weeks? We’d love to hear from you.

Gillian and David Mason

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- 3 Generations in CBSI UK
- CBSI banned from Dartmoor
- CBSI comes to Wales
- Training dates for new leaders for 2007
- Gods Amazing Book in a Booklet
- Vacancies

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

These are my spiritual warriors!! The team has had a wonderful 18 months of seeing some 38 men study and apply God's Word in their lives. If you could come with me and meet these men, you would see the difference in their faces. As they get to know God and begin to trust again, you can see the gradual, life-changing impact of Jesus.

At present the Prison Service has closed the IFI* Programme. There is potential for this programme to be relaunched if and when it is rewritten as a 'faith-directed' work, not 'faith - based'. A faith-based work communicates proselytizing. At present the IFI

team, with help from Oxford Christian academics, is editing the curriculum in the hope that the 'issues' which contributed to not being accredited will be removed. This may take from 12-14 months.

Please be praying for:

God to work so that CBSI can return in January .

The team (pictured right).

Phillip Dautrich, for direction as he returns to the US.

The Prison Fellowship ministry.

The Home Office, for permission to

start CBSI again in Dartmoor.

The Alpha course continues here.



From left: Grace, Jan, Maureen, Janet, Sue, Doreen, Ian (IFI staff), Michael, Andrew.

Seated: Phillip Dautrich- IFI Director
*(InnerChange Freedom Initiative)

Caleb News



There is another new frontier opening for CBSI-UK. Newly commissioned 'Caleb's', Janet Phillips and Lynn Manthei, will be introducing CBSI within Wales. Janet and Lynn both currently live in Virginia, USA and both are Welsh by heritage. They made their first journey into Wales in September 2006 visiting Bridgend in the South,

Bangor in the North, as well as several towns in between. They are eager to return in March 2007 to those areas as well as Cardiff and Swansea to further share the ministry. As with any uncharted advance, there is the need for *much prayer* as they work in dependence on the Lord to share the vision, mission and values of CBSI.

Would you take a moment to pray just now... asking the Lord to open both doors and hearts, to receive the message of what an effective tool CBSI is in God's Hands!

On the practical side, a 'key person'

with a heart for the ministry and a regular 'base' out, for distributing materials and receiving inquiries is also needed in this area. By God's Grace, may there soon be classes in Wales whereby many more lives, families, communities and generations will be impacted by The Word of the Lord, for His Name's sake.

"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1
Janet and Lynn xxx

Grace Wort Writes on Development and Training

Classes are growing across the UK... there are possibilities of new classes in Maidenhead (Berkshire) & Tavistock (Devon).

Each class has a team of leaders who serve wholeheartedly to make each week rich in love, support and learning from God to our hearts. Leadership requires love and commitment and each leader in CBSI-UK shows this love and commitment to their class week in and week out. How thankful I am to all the leaders who serve in this ministry to men and

women across the UK.

Training of leadership is vital to the effectiveness of each class. Every year, we conduct National Training of new leaders. Please note the dates for 2007...

The NORTH - Saturday 9th June (Bolsover, Derby.)

The SOUTH - Saturday 16th June (London)

Any new leader assuming the role of Teaching Leader, Asst. TL, Coordina-

tor, or Senior Leader is asked to attend one of these day trainings either in the North or the South this next year. It is a day filled with equipping, informing and enabling leaders to carry out their ministry well. We always have fun along the way and welcome the new leadership as they step into a fantastic ministry.

We are looking forward to all that God is going to accomplish in His strength as we step out in faith.

Grace

Class News

CBSI received a letter from Jean Booth, the Teaching Leader at Crookes in Sheffield. She writes;

' On the 5th of May this year our class celebrated their 10th birthday. Started by Sue Clark and Sarah Withers, this group has grown from strength to strength, now numbering around 50.

After three years, an evening group was formed, to accommodate those that were unable to attend the day class. This is now a self supporting class, known as the Sheffield South-West group.

Sometime later we were asked by a group of ministers in the south of

Sheffield to do a taster course in that area to promote interest. That is now a cluster class known as the South Sheffield or Woodseats group.

One of the very important features of the class at Crookes has been our crèche. For a number of years we had a very dedicated crèche leader who felt called by God to help us. She was a trained children's worker and didn't just occupy the children, but organized theme led play activities, based loosely around what we were studying. This has led us to the blessing of always having a large number of young mums in our class. Crèche leadership has changed in the last two or three years but God has always provided for us.

Over one weekend we invited Angela Mills from Capernwray, a Christian bible college in Scotland, to be our speaker. She lectured for our Friday class, then on the Saturday we had a celebration meeting where upon she spoke again. We had many supporters, over that weekend, visiting us. Some had travelled as far as York, Bolsover and Chesterfield.

It was a great time of celebration and thanksgiving to God for all that He is achieving in the lives of CBSI members and an anticipation of His future blessing on our bible study classes in Sheffield.'

Yours in Jesus - Jean Booth

More Class News!

Peter Molesdale is the senior leader at Birstall CBSI. He recently sent me some photos of his group along with some information. Peter writes...

'Birstall is a cluster class of the main Leicester class. We meet every Thursday morning and our membership of 24, from all denominations, come far and wide to be together.

Studying Matthew this year, has been, for many, encouraging, inspiring, helpful and challenging.

During our class meetings we try to

involve as many of our members as possible in leading opening devotions, prayers and choosing hymns and



songs. One week out of four we have prayer time in core groups instead of in the whole class, as members find that this helps to change the focus of prayer somewhat and helps the group to gel.

Nine members from Birstall are attending Conference at the end of March; we look forward to a useful time of learning and sharing together!

Finally, we should thank Viv Gray for starting the Birstall Class in 1997.'

Peter Molesdale

Even More Class News!!

Karen Jones from the Central London CBSI group based in The American Church wrote in to the newsletter. This is what Karen had to say,

'Dear CBSI, we are having a great year thanks to everyone's prayers and to the grace of our great and mighty God! Our leadership team has a solid seven women, who are diverse in their gifts and bless me with their insight and commitments. Currently we are studying Acts, and find we are learn-

ing something new every week. In particular we are learning how BIG God is and how precious His people are to Him!

We miss having the regular input of Veronica, but at the same time we are very happy to see what God is doing through her in other areas!

The American Church, our long-time venue, has been going through some tough times, but they will finally have

their new pastor take up leadership in January. We hope and pray that we will work well together for Gods plan in this needy urban area of London . Please pray for us in all that we do.'

With love

Karen Jones

GODS AMAZING BOOK

An excellent study in a booklet for new Christians and after Alpha. A great introduction to CBSI too.

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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

International explorer, archaeologist and author, Jonathan Gray has travelled the world to gather data on ancient mysteries. Here, in the **Ark of the Covenant** he sets out to find whether a claim made by a fellow archaeologist, Ron Wyatt, is indeed true. Has the Ark really been found? Jonathan Gray set out with a briefcase full of objections against Wyatt's claims. However, intense investigations, repeated visits to dig sites and privileged viewing of evidence and artefacts leave him totally convinced. **A great read! Editor gives this 8 out of 10**



Vacancies

National Public Relations and Publicity Person. CBSI UK is looking to appoint someone to be responsible for the promotion of CBSI UK in the wider Christian Community and throughout the UK. Could this be a job for you?

National Finance Co-ordinator. After 8 faithful and diligent years, Jim Niel has given notice that he intends to step down from this role at the end of the financial year (31st Aug 2007). CBSI UK is therefore looking for someone to replace him. This is a vital function in the ministry, so please pray if this is something you could do or if there is anyone in your class who could serve in this way.

The **Board of Trustees** will need a **Minute Secretary** from Sept. 2007 onwards. This is not an onerous job but it is a vital and responsible role. It requires a person who can be discrete and keep confidences, attend the 2 x Trustees meetings each year, take the Minutes, then type them up and distribute them to all the Board members. Could this be you?

For applications/nominations then contact Joyce, Veronica or David Mason.

JOYCE'S JOURNAL

Joyce's Journal

May the Peace and Joy of Our Lord be with you all.

I am more aware today than I was 25 years ago when I started out with this ministry, how we should praise God for His Word and for the wonderful gift of CBSI in helping us to understand and apply His Word to our lives. It is truly only His Word that can save us and transform our lives.

Every time I read a newspaper or watch the TV, I see that the 'word' that fills our land via the Media, brings a message of doom and gloom, fear and revulsion, and indicates we can't or shouldn't trust anyone. If there is a sprinkling of positive news it is short lived or proves to be unreliable. The Word

of Our God on the other hand brings Peace, Hope, Truth, Comfort and Guidance, as well as Conviction and Challenge. What is more "*The Word of Our God stands for ever*" Is 40:6. The Word He spoke to His people 1000's of years ago is still as powerful and relevant today as it was then.

If you value CBSI UK, as I am sure you do, then spread the word about this vehicle that God has supplied to study His Word. Tell your neighbours and friend - why not take them along to your group that they might 'Taste and See' for themselves. But don't stop there; tell family and friends who live in other parts of the country, and carry a CBSI UK leaflet to give away when you are on your travels.

We can face the future with confidence, because we have learned about Him who holds the future. Resolve to be a channel through which God can bring this same confidence to others.



In His Service -
Joyce Bromley (ND)