



Everyone in the World in the Word

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The London Marathon

Jenni Teunissen runs for CBSI Malawi
(Project Malawi)

Jenni Teunissen, (centre in picture) a club runner from Leicestershire, heard about Project Malawi from her mother Diane, a member of the Birstall class. Her times in other races had given her a place in this year's London Marathon and she was happy to help a smaller charity, knowing that the money raised would go directly to helping local people. Her ambitions were to raise £1,500 for Project Malawi and to complete the marathon in 3 hrs 15 mins.



Her training programme went very well and she was recording extremely good times. However, two weeks before the marathon, she suffered a knee injury and could only run a few miles. On the Monday, before the marathon she saw a Physiotherapist who said the problem was caused by her feet! He recommended wearing special insoles and bandaging the kneecap to prevent it from moving.

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His professional advice was not to run. By Wednesday she had made up her mind to run.

The first eighteen miles went very well and to the amazed and anxious eyes of her husband and parents, she looked happy and in control. The last eight miles were a different story, because she had not completed her training her legs and back started to stiffen. In her own words it was 'horrible'.

Despite this, she finished with a time of 3hrs 14 mins, raising £1,500 for Project Malawi. Jenni's determination won through! Jenni is grateful for all the prayers from CBSI members. The money raised will pay for water wells for three villages. Thank you Jenni!!!

Please pray for Gill and David Mason—in Malawi in June!

Dartmoor Prison

The CBSI team continues to take the Word to HMP Dartmoor on a Wednesday evening, and we regularly have eight or more prisoners taking part. Discussion is always lively and our just-over-an-hour meeting flies by. They arrive in the chapel at around 6.30pm and we have to make sure we stick to the timing as they have to be back by 7.45pm. It can be frustrating not to be able to continue for longer sometimes. We have been back for just about a year now and none of the original group remain as they have either been released or transferred. Transfers can happen with little notice and we are always disappointed when we haven't been able to send them off with a prayer. Thank you to everyone for their prayers for Mike. He is just about fully recovered now, for which we praise God, and he hopes to be back with us next week. We also thank God for the three new members who have joined our team. They volunteered at just the right time, as two of the original team members had to step aside for personal reasons. All Blessings, with love, Janet

CBSI IS ON THE MOVE!

Do you have concerns and objections when trying to promote CBSI in your local church? Time is short and in demand and you only have a few minutes to say really quite a lot! How about setting up a portable stand at the back? It has the advantage of one to one contact and helps build relationships, allowing for CBSI promoters to put to rest anxiety over whether or not the study would be too difficult (noted as the most common concern). It would allow a longer time to go through exactly what happens in a class session. This is an example we are practicing



amongst our four local classes. We are asking permission to stand at the back after the service and promote CBSI in our churches, at all our church events and at

churches that we do not even attend! CBSI is travelling to local annual fairs, charity do's and community activities. This particular stand is called the 'Vertigo Literature Rack'. It comes with Perspex pockets which you can fill with relevant details to hand out. It costs approximately £90.00. If this is not for you then there are alternatives. If you have internet access, try Googling 'POS literature stands', the choice is very wide. Consider setting up a promotional team within your class and let creativity flow!

Many thanks – Debra Kasaska

Please let me know if there are any new leaders who need training on the 14th and 21st June. You can contact me via email on; gmwgal220@aol.com, or by telephone on 0207 351 5525.

Many Thanks, *Grace*

Please Pray for the Calebs in;

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

Everyone in the World in the Word means children too!

'...all scripture is useful for teaching children under fives'. This is what Anita Bingham and myself felt God telling us several years ago. We felt God wanted the children in our crèche to be as much apart of CBSI as we were. So we took the plunge and created our own programme using the same biblical material as the adults. Since then we have been amazed how to how easy this has been! Every year we wonder how we are going to achieve a learning-through- play- programme and every year God shows us the way.

This is a blessing we would love to share as the Word of God has no limitations, all scripture is a blessing. Jane Scully (Sheffield Class)

Three years ago I somewhat rudely told the new pastor at my church, that having spent 8 years running the Sunday schools, I was dried up, worn out and hungry for the Word. To my surprise my pastor replied, 'Why don't you try CBSI at the American Church in London! So with my 2 year old son and 6 week

old baby I trotted off the following Tuesday. It was a cold December day, but I was warmly welcomed and introduced to the childcare worker. The group were studying Matthew. WOW what wonderful revelations God reveals to us when we seek Him! I have since become a leader with special responsibility for the crèche. Last year we received a grant of £400 from 'SureStart' to kit out the children's centre and it has made a real impact on the provision we can offer for children. Anyone interested can contact their local borough and if I can be of help, please email me Olivia@tedtec.co.uk
Olivia O'Neil (Tottenham Ct. Rd. Class)

Class News

Spring is the perfect time to offer back to the LORD praise and thanksgiving as a kind of 'First Fruits' offering in celebration of His Gift of the first CBSI class in Wales. How fitting that it should be happening when we are celebrating His own fulfilment of the Old Testament festivals of Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits! (Lev. 23:4-14)

The group of women who began to meet on the 2nd of October 2007 in South Wales to study Nehemiah in the preliminary CBSI prayer study were rallied together by a God-orchestrated interaction of persons and events that spanned nearly a whole year. However, unbeknown to us, the Lord had been laying the groundwork much longer than that, and much farther a field. His timing included

calling Brooke Caplin into the CBS Teaching Director's position for a new CBS class being formed in Florida. Brooke's daughter Tammy had married a Welsh man several years previously and was now living in Wales. When Brooke went to Colorado Springs for her training in November 2006, she was intent on finding the 'Caleb's' who were also there to be trained for their new roles in taking CBSI to Wales. Find them she did. That first meeting was watered with tears of joy, praise and prayer together in anticipation of

what God would do next.

From there Lynn Manthei and myself made contact with Tammy. As Tammy had already experienced CBS in the US, she encouraged her Pastor, Neil Tallamy from Baglan Community Church, to take on the study. They are now studying CBSI with people coming from Port Talbot, Swansea and Mumbles. Due to distances for some women, the group shifts the meeting location to even out the travelling. Janet finally met the Port Talbot/Swansea group on the 30th October, where



they were experiencing the exhilaration of the Holy Spirit opening His Word to them, relating the material to their own lives and answers to prayer. God was at work!

The book of James was the next book studied and by now it was time to ask the Lord to raise up a servant hearted leadership team. Four have been chosen and already Veronica Alvarez has travelled to Swansea to meet with them and Janet to cover the basics in leadership training. This will enable the women to function until they can attend a

more complete training this coming June in Luton.

Once Tammy returns from a visit back to the states this April, this new CBSI class will be studying Philippians. How fitting that they will be focusing on Paul's Epistle of Joy at this time of Joyous expression of Gratitude to the Lord for the creation and sustenance of this class!

You'll notice in the photo of the Servant's Team that all have babies in arms. They also all have older children as well. These young women have their

hands full but have made Bible Study a priority in their lives. They are burdened for others to know the Lord through His Word and want their lives to be marked by His likeness.

Let's raise a chorus of Praise to the Lord for

this 'First Fruit' of His workmanship through CBSI in Wales. Please pray now for each one attending to be fruitful in Him as they seek His Face and respond to His Spirit, applying His Word in their lives. By His Grace may this class be the first of 'much fruit' yet to come out of Wales.

'They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His Splendour.' Isaiah 61:3.

Janet Morgan Phillips
CBSI Caleb to Wales

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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Secret Believers By Brother Andrew

'A new 'jihad'!' - Review by Daphne Hardman (Letchworth)

A riveting true story of people who are the 'Church' in Islamic countries, struggling to come to grips with hostile governments, terrorist acts and an influx of fellow Muslims coming to Christ! The book challenges many of our assumptions and like a good novel grips you from start to finish. Filled with real life and vividly drawn characters, it has adventure, danger, tragedy, self sacrifice, romance, bravery and amazing love.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul says, 'I have fought the good fight'. In Arabic those last three words are translated 'the good jihad'. Secret believers calls fellow Muslims to join a new jihad, leaving vengeance behind in favour of forgiveness, radical love and unyielding prayer.

Incredible but true, this book shares terrifying stories of men and women, born Muslim and still living in strict Islamic states, but who have chosen to follow the Messiah. They live Jesus centred lives, caring for and reaching Muslim brothers and sisters whilst often enduring severe persecution. The book challenges us on our attitude towards Muslims, asking us to love them into the Kingdom, to forgive them when we have been attacked and to engage in real war—the spiritual one.



Diary Dates

Training: North June 14th South June 21st
Area Visitors Day: July 5th
Area Days: Midlands June 12th South Oct. 18th
Conference 2009: March 20th-22nd

Veronica's Voice

Running the race!

Does it often feel at the end of a class year that you have run a marathon? Although exhaustion will often set in for the leaders, there is often a cry from the members 'but what are we going to do in the summer'. The answer is of course, keep in training, don't just have a rest, but keep spiritually fit!

Paul spoke in acts about finishing the race:

'However I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord has given me—the task of testifying to the Gospel of God's Grace'

Act 20 v 24

So what do we have to be careful to do to complete the race?

As Jenni had to do, we must

Train. This is something no-one

else can do for us. It is up to us. We must do it on our own. Keep you relationship with God alive, make sure you don't forget to read your Bible and don't forget to communicate with God daily through prayer.

We must also Stay Focused. What is your aim? For Paul it was to let others know the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are numerous ways we can do this and God speaks to us all differently and gives us tasks to do that suit our gifts.

Don't get distracted. There are so many things in life that seem to take us away from the course we are running and down a side lane. Often they are not bad in themselves but can take our eyes away from Jesus. We can so easily become obsessed with the small things in life or even someone else's vision.

Keep Positive Life is full of knocks, like Jenni, we can be injured. There are many things that we are

bombarded with. Health issues, grief, worry over jobs, money, family, relationships. Running through this pain is sometimes as Jenni says 'horrible'. But we know that Chris is sufficient for all our needs, particularly in times of trouble, he carries us through.

Keep going towards the goal. Paul also says in Phil. 3 13-14.

'Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead—I press towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Jesus Christ.'

Have a great summer—but remember to keep in training!

Veronica Alvarez



CBSI UK National Director