



Everyone in the World in the Word

CBSI (UK)

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Welcome to the first edition of the new CBSI newsletter. We will endeavour to cover news that we hope you will find both interesting and of importance. This is also an opportunity for you to tell the rest of us your CBSI news.

CBSI UK Impact on Malawi

Gillian and David Mason recently visited the classes that they started and are still supporting in Malawi. They were joined by Gilles Cailleaux, CBSI's Field Mission Director, who observed Leaders Training and the Trustees Meeting. Gillian and David were able to deliver a much needed computer and scanner together with cartridges for the laser printer already supplied and 100 reams of paper. Thanks to all who contributed.

Whilst there, they witnessed 200 women from five village churches receiving Jesus as their Saviour.

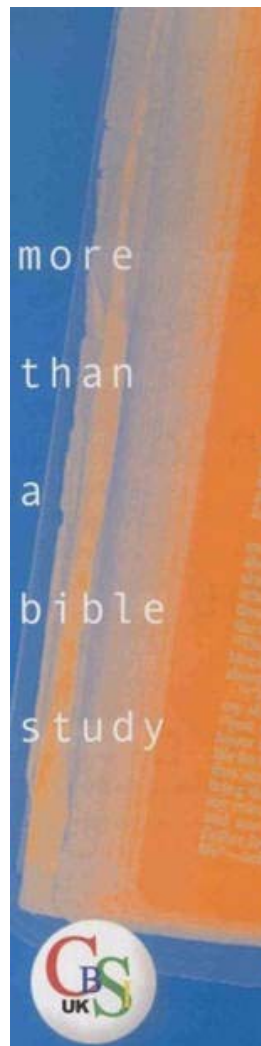
Please pray for this work in Malawi. For a full report on their visit or if your class would like to support in any way then please e-mail David on;

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God's Amazing Book

Don't forget to tell your friends about this amazing new resource. The 12 lesson booklet format makes it an excellent after Alpha course! A good way to learn the flavour of CBSI before starting a group. Booklets can be ordered from our website

www.Communitybiblestudyuk.com



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Special points of interest:

- Prison Ministry in Dartmoor under threat
- New Classes in Scotland
- Potential new Caleb workers in Wales
- Grace Wort talks about the challenge for us to grow
- Child Protection Policy now in operation

2006 Conference News

It was our second year at The Hayes Conference Centre.. Everyone was made to feel very comfortable. However our speaker challenged us in ways that we perhaps hadn't considered before. Steve Ratenmeyer used as

his subject, "The Prophets", both Old and New Testament. He made us think about our calling in CBSI and reaching out to people in all walks of life. We had sessions looking at our roles in CBSI. We also welcomed Jill Garrett

who led us in 'Leadership' & 'Followership', building the cultures that build disciples. We were moved by individuals testimonies at the end and encouraged by the life changing stories from Dartmoor Prison.

Veronica Alvarez

Pray for Dartmoor

CBSI is part of a programme, started by InnerChange at Dartmoor Prison. This programme has resulted in many prisoners becoming Christians, being baptised and learning about their 'new life' in Christ. It is hoped that they will continue on their Christian journey once released from prison and re-offending will not be an issue. We praise God for what He has done in many men's lives. At the conference we heard from Robert, and ex-prisoner from Dartmoor and also Michael, part of the CBSI team, who gave us more of an insight into life as a discussion group leader within prison walls. He spoke about how his

life and outlook had changed since doing this work. This has inspired many within CBSI to think about how a prison near them could be impacted. Since the conference however, we have had some sad news. The Home Office has decided that the InnerChange programme should be shut down as far as Dartmoor is concerned. Please pray for this situation. Pray for the men currently finishing the CBSI course (John's Gospel). Contact Grace at Gmwgal220@aol.com for a list of peo-

ple that can be written to and the latest information. Please pray! Please also note that at present CBSI and



A View of Dartmoor Prison

Alpha are still at liberty to function in prisons but for how long?

Caleb News



Pete & Helen Jane Peters have been working in Scotland since Sept. 2004. They were joined by Bob & Jackie Kearby in the fall of 2005.

Their efforts have been blessed by a new class in Leith, Edinburgh along with Prayer groups in Glasgow, Stirling and Luncarty. Initial contacts have been made with nearly every denomination in many different parishes and congregations. Please pray that the Scottish people will become

more open to make commitments to leadership and that ministers in all denominations will allow and encourage CBSI.

We have an exciting prospect as 2 Caleb's visit Wales to 'test the ground' for CBS. More about this in the next Newsletter.

Grace Wort Writes on Development and Training

As we seek more opportunities to establish men and women in God's Word...we need your help!

Over this year, the greatest potential for new classes has been coming from existing ones, who want to start groups in new areas, along with cluster / satellite groups who are now becoming main classes. This is a fantastic way of growing CBSI! Each of us knows the benefits of studying His word and therefore we can be promoters for new classes.

Below is a list of new groups starting soon. The following areas are: Lincoln, Central London - South of the River, Central London - Bayswater, Virginia Water - using God's Amazing Book, Virginia Water—an attached cluster class based in Reading and finally Luton - which is encouraging more groups out of the day and evening classes. ALL this is encouraging and exciting!!

Another source of potential con-

tacts is through our website .

Can I encourage you to pray and think of friends whose lives would benefit from attending CBSI. Finally please KEEP a leaflet in your handbag or pocket to have to hand as you meet and travel this summer.



Class News

Twice a term Virginia Water in Surrey set aside a morning to spend time on spiritual growth, team building and skills development. A member of the leadership team writes; 'We are fortunate to have one of our class members offer her considerable skill in executive coaching, combined with forty years of active Christian ministry, to facilitate these helpful sessions. This year the leaders have been developing their goals, picking out characteristics they desire to exhibit, also division of roles using natural skills, inclination and interests and or passions. They spent time identifying weaknesses as a core team. They received coaching on listening, observing and understanding group dynamics.

Their goal this year is as impressive as their training. It is to;

Have a deepening confidence in His word and seeing lives transformed by following Him daily.

See growth in numbers of members and small groups, the leadership team and the nurture and care within the group.

Widen the sphere of influence of the group in the community as members share their faith.

Quotes from leaders;

'Great group! Avoided Ro-

mans for years (how stupid). This study has been profound.'

'Wonderful Christian support for parenting struggles. I have had heartfelt prayer from others that I would receive understanding of failures and to honour Him more.'

'The Father is leading me into things I thought were completely beyond me!'

Thank you to the Virginia Water group for sharing with us.



Elizabeth Gibson
Teaching Leader

More Class News!



Sheffield South West have been meeting together since 2000 and are now 16 members strong. There have been a few changes in terms of leadership for Sheffield South West this year and this seems to be working well.

They were studying Romans and it seems this study made quite an impression on them. After reading Chapter 11, the groups were asked to write a psalm.

Here is an example of one,

"Lord you are my everything, I know it but forget it.

Remind me Lord when I forget, hear me when I call.

I fear the arrow and the dark, my weakness still so great, but not as great as your love for me.

Lord save me from my sins and from seeing sin as good.

Written by John

Even more class news!!

Dalston CBS in Cumbria is a satellite of the Carlisle group. Here are a few comments they made about their personal walk with their Saviour;

Peggy writes 'I truly believe The Holy Spirit is moving in this place and I am so thankful for the deepening of my faith and pray that we can praise Him more deeply and reach out to others'

Caroline recalls, 'What impresses me

the most is how the Son never did anything in His ministry without the Father telling Him to do it. That really challenges me in my walk with Messiah'.

Iris points out 'Each person is so different, we strengthen each other in spirit and faith'.

It seems that this group is learning to invite Him into their everyday lives. A lesson for us all I think.

Child Protection

Our child protection policy is now operating. If you have a crèche and have not yet talked to me about it, then my no. is 01462-768627 or email me on veronicaalvarez@compuserve.com. Thank you!

Veronica



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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

I have read some incredible books recently and thought wouldn't it be great to share these with you. So the Book Review Corner was born.

Please feel free to contribute to this review. So that together we can encourage and strengthen one and another.



THE ANCIENT PATHS BY CRAIG HILL

This is what Yahweh says:

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Jeremiah 6:16

In this book Craig writes of a culture which was instilled by our God thousands of year ago into His people. This culture or path was designed to bring protection, blessing, identity, destiny and overall well-being to his people. He goes on to explain just what has happened to this ancient path and the effect that that has had on our society today.

A must read!

The Editor gives 'Ancient Paths', 9 out of 10.

JOYCE'S JOURNAL

Joyce's Journal

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

One of my favourite books in the Bible is Ecclesiastes.

Ecc. 3:1 states *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven”*.

Two years ago the Lord indicated to me that 2007 (when I will have been in some kind of leadership within CBSI for 25 years.), was to be my 'time' to step down from the National Director role.

During the last couple of years, various processes have been implemented to identify and appoint my successor. CBSI UK members will probably know by now that the

process is complete and that Veronica Alvarez is to inherit the mantle, first worn by Gill Mason and then by myself. I am delighted by this appointment and am looking forward to working with Veronica over the next year in order to hand everything over during the summer of 2007.

In many ways, now is a 'Time' of change. I am so very aware of 'stirrings' just under the surface of our activities, and I am sure that this new format, CBSI UK News Letter, is no 'co-incidence'.

The Lord has always indicated to me that my 'time' as ND was to be a holding and steadying time - like the stem of a plant - a time of strong connection between our roots in CBS and the flower that

CBSI UK will become. I am sure that the bud is getting ready to burst. This makes me full of excitement and expectancy - so watch this space as the UK ministry blossoms and fruits. .



In His Service -
Joyce Bromley (ND)