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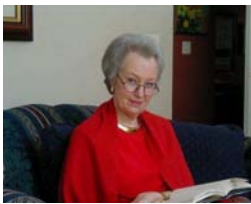
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**CBS and CBSI -
ONE MINISTRY**

On the 1st January 2008 it was announced that CBS and CBSI are joining together and becoming one Ministry. Although they have been linked, they had previously operated out of different buildings with separate administrative structures. They will now both operate from the new CBS building in Colorado Springs.

The difference will be minimal for us in the UK, but there will be a greater awareness of CBSI as a Ministry and we anticipate that this will bring with it more prayer and practical support.

Many people have asked for a short history of how the Ministry started in the UK. So here is a condensed version:



In 1979 Thera Smith a staff member for Campus Crusade for Christ Intl. had a ministry in London amongst women. She had felt a desire to establish an in-depth Bible Study programme there. At the same time, Tooty Martin had been running an outreach in London called Christian Lunch

and Dinner Clubs (eventually becoming Christian Viewpoint). This had started after the Billy Graham Crusades and was a vibrant ministry helping people to reach their friends. Tooty realized that people needed discipling once they had made a decision and it was then that Tooty and Thera began to work together. Thera had heard about CBS in the US, that it was a fairly new established Christian Ministry of Bible studies, having a major impact. She then contacted Lee Campbell, the founder. It was then that things started to happen. She was trained in the US and had study material shipped over to the UK. The first London class began at St. Paul's Church, Robert Adam Street, with 120 members, a truly cosmopolitan mix of people (now based at the American Church in Tottenham Court Road). Ichthus Lunches (as they became known), grew and prospered, seeing many people coming to know The Lord, being fed into CBS and growing in their faith. Thera saw these dramatic changes in peoples lives and yearned for the possibility of the classes spreading throughout the UK, but knew this would be difficult because training was only offered in the US.

In 1981 an article in the Campus Crusade magazine was read by Joyce Bromley who felt God was speaking to her. She contacted Thera and visited the London Class. With God's provision Joyce attended training in Washington with Eileen Coupe and Cynthia Evanson. Thus in 1982 the Bolsover class was born, followed by the Hinckley class in 1984. Another important step here was the introduction of mixed classes, now mainly being held in the North of England.

In the meantime, Marilyn Rowlandson and Rene Barker took over the running of the lunches, and also the Leadership of the London Class, Marilyn as TL and Rene as Co-ordinator.

Welcome to the 5th CBSI UK Newsletter.



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Lee Campbell appointed the first National Servants Team in 1990 with Gill Mason as National Director alongside Hilary Fenby, Joyce Bromley and Marilyn Rowlandson.

At a similar time Bonnie Campbell started working for CBS in Eastern Europe joined later by Paul Young who became the first Director of CBSI.

Joyce took over as ND for the UK in 1999 and shortly after that the UK joined CBS International. We were becoming more independent, using shorter studies and all the while watching as CBSI grew in different parts of the world. There are now more than 58 countries in CBSI with 23,424 members in 1,416 Bible studies. The studies are translated into 38 languages. Praise God for what He has done! In each country He has moved individuals to start one Bible Study and from that CBSI has become a worldwide Ministry.

Dartmoor Prison

Our ministry at Dartmoor Prison continues to go well. We meet every Wednesday evening and have twelve men attending the bible study. They all take part offering thoughtful answers to the week's questions. The numbers vary as men come into or are released from the prison. I guess one of the ways we are unusual is that we are always pleased when one of our members leave!

We always need prayer for protection , i.e. travelling across the moor on dark evenings always carries the risk of hitting cattle, which roam free. We are praying for two more people to join our team as two have had to step down because of other commitments and illness. We thank God that Bill, the Anglican chaplain, remains well, enabling us to continue going into the prison . It remains a huge privilege for us all to serve God in this way

With love Janet Clifford

Caleb News (Caleb's travel to establish classes in new regions)



Pete and Helen Jane Peters are the Caleb's for Scotland. Here they are with an update.

'God is good. HE is going before us as we reach out. HE is our travelling companion and HE provides in ways we have not thought of, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of HIM who called us by HIS own glory and goodness." (II Peter 1:3) We gain this knowledge through our in depth study of God's Word in CBSI.

CBSI-UK in Scotland continues to be blessed by the LORD in classes that we shepherd, and prayer groups we are encouraging. We have been reaching out to people all over Scotland

since September 2004 and then were joined by Bob & Jackie Kearby in the fall of 2005. God has raised-up 4 classes since then and we are also shepherding the Carlisle and Dalston classes as their Area Visitor. Our Scottish classes are: Leith/Edinburgh-Coed; Glasgow City-Women; Buckie-Coed; West Kilbride-Women.

We are also joining in prayer for the following prayer groups: Peterhead, Coldstream, and Dunblane. It is our prayer that some of these groups will be ready for training on our next trip in April. We continue to look for others interested in our in depth Bible studies. **We covet your prayer for all of our efforts both in class development and shepherding as we prepare for our 8th trip in April/May 2008.** We will miss you all at the Northern Conference but hope that we will be able to join you next year for the UK Conference.

God bless,

Pete & Helen Jane Peters

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Grace Wort Writes on Development and Training

Calling all leaders,

God is able to do abundantly above anything we can ask or imagine! I trust you are seeing God do amazing things in your class members' lives this year?!!

At the end of class year, in JUNE, there is TRAINING for anyone new or anyone desiring to refresh themselves in their leadership role.

PLEASE be thinking and praying for any new TL, ATL, Co-ord. positions that require changing for next September. They need to be praying and filling in a Leadership Application form and sending it into me by 1st May! Please contact me with any questions, gmwgal220@aol.com.

May God continue to enable each and everyone of you as you walk by

His enabling Holy Spirit.

Grace



Say a big 'Hello' to Grace's new member to her family, Sasha.....Ahh!

Class News

Come and see!!

Win McReddie spoke to Veronica recently about her 13 years in CBSI.

Win says 'I happened to meet Ivy Curtis in London, she told me that she belonged to a wonderful Bible Study class. I said that I had wanted to study the Bible in more depth, but didn't want to take exams! Ivy said to me, 'Come and see.' I did and I am still here. I will be 93 in March and am still able to attend most weeks.' Win in turn has invited many people to 'Come and See!' One such person was Pauline Baker-Jackson, now Teaching Leader of Tottenham Court Road and joint Assistant Teaching Leader with Anita Marles of Bayswater. 'Some people are born leaders and I saw that at once in Pauline', said Win. 'Over the years she has grown and matured in the Lord and now she uses much of her time for the ministry of CBSI.'

Whilst studying Amos and Isaiah the challenge was to write a Psalm. Win started to do this and found

she couldn't stop! A small book was published with the help of Lisa Ziegler (then Conference Team member). The books were sold and the proceeds split between a Ministry in Ethiopia and CBSI. (See Book Review Corner)

Win has had many family tragedies in her long life, these she has managed only with God's help. 'God spoke to me telling me that he would take me through troubled waters, he would hold my hand and hold my head high. When I felt low, there was always something in God's Word that spoke to me about my situation and restored me. I often find that when times are hard, if I read the Bible aloud and pray aloud, this is most effective and the enemy has no power. If we stop praying Satan has a stronghold. Depend on God to get you through hard times. In your weakness He is strong. You depend on Him and grace pours through you.'

Talking about her ongoing studies with CBSI, (Win is now studying The Pentateuch with her class), Win says, 'Reading the whole book you are

studying, looking at the Geography and the History, the people's situation, all of this gives you so much more insight. People and their problems are just the same as we read about in the Bible. God often speaks to me and to others in the class, regarding our own lives, through the passage we are reading. God's timing is perfect, He only reveals to us what we need to know at the time.'

Win is a blessing to all those that know her and is a wonderful friend and counsellor to so many in her class.



Pauline Baker-Jackson, Win McReddie, Dorothea Giddy, Martha Berg and Lisa Zeigler

More Class News!

Markfield is a class in Leicester and Stuart Crossley is their Teaching Leader. He kindly gave me a telephone interview the other day and this is what he had to say.

'We had 6 new members join this year, spreading across our 3 differ-

ent core groups that meet on 2 different occasions, both being house groups.

At the end of 2007 we all met for a 'Faith Meal', this is a bring and share meal that we all really look forward to. It has become a regular ritual

for us, giving the members an opportunity to gel together, adding another dimension to their fellowship.'

Stuart Crossley

We shall be hearing more from Stuart in the Summer Newsletter.

Even More Class News!!



Boxing Day Baby!

Dan and Claire Holder, (Claire is co-ordinator for the Offley class), proudly hold their baby daughter Naomi Rose.

Launching in February this year—look at our new style website:
www.communitybiblestudyuk.com

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HAPPY WRITING!



BOOK REVIEW CORNER

Win's Poem

'Studying Amos and Isaiah, I felt the Lord was so grieved that Israel did not change their ways in spite of the prophets he sent. The following thoughts came to me as a poem;

"Take all my dreams and all my fears, and all my burdens too.

If I withhold my all from You, most surely I would die.

You are the one who found me and raised me up on high.

You told me that You loved me and because of me You died.

O, thank you gracious Father for sending us Your Son.

How can we ever thank You for the work that He has done.

Though words may seem so futile, Your praises I will sing.

And give my all unto You, my Master and my King!" '

Anyone wanting to purchase Win's book of 'Inspirational Poems', please send a cheque of £3.00 to New Wellbury Farmhouse, Wellbury Park, Hitchin, Herts., SG5 3BP (Cheque to be made out to CBSI)



Vacancies for 2008;

Treasurer, Translator, Prison Liaison, NST Minute Secretary and Area Visitors

Diary Dates

National Training for the North—14th June South—21st June

Area Visitors Day—5th July

Leaders Conference at The Hayes Conference Centre—20th - 22nd March 2009, Speaker—Dr. Martin Atkins

Veronica's Voice

Looking Back, Looking Forward!

Living in the past is not what we are about as Christians, we look forward with hope, but looking back is sometimes necessary as we take stock of what God has done for us. How he has placed people in the correct places at the right times and just waited for them to be obedient. As we look back at how God has blessed us in the UK in CBS as the Ministries of CBS and CBSI merge, we can see how God has used this Ministry all over the World as a means of spreading His Word to more people. I feel, as I hope you do, that it has been, it is, and it will be an absolute privilege to be involved in this vibrant Ministry.

In Joshua 3 we read how the priests, carrying the Ark of the Covenant, were told through Joshua to go and

stand in the middle of the Jordan. This must have seemed a terrifying prospect as the Jordan was in flood at that time of year. There were also dangers on the other side, but they were obedient and did what God asked of them. The people crossed over on the dry riverbed. God then asked a member of every tribe to take twelve stones from the riverbed as a memorial of what God had done that day.

As we look back at our roots to see how God has brought us to this point in History, we set down Memorial stones and say 'thank you' to God and also to the people who served so faithfully and obediently in those early days.

Since 1979 the world has changed radically. Our country is going through worrying trends, institutions are crumbling, violence is increasing and Godlessness abounds. We need to be aware of these changes and understand where God is calling us personally

and as a Ministry. He has a role for each and every one of us and we need to be ready and listen for His call. As a Ministry, we must not fear change, but look on it as an opportunity to spread God's word amongst people who would not otherwise hear.

I would like to wish all CBSI UK members a very Happy New Year with God's richest blessing for you all and your families.

With love,

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