



Newsletter

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AUTUMN 2011

Malawi on the Move with CBSI



In Malawi the morning sun was high and hot in the clear blue morning sky as we bumped and bounced along dusty red earth tracks into the bush with Bishop Rutherford, and his wife Tsahai, in their 4x4. Esther and I were with them for two weeks in August, taking the gospel

to far flung village communities showing the Jesus Film in their Chechawa language and helping Rutherford extend the ministry and plant new churches.

In the villages there are no bibles as most can neither read nor write, and their mud daubed thatched hut homes are without water, power and toilets except for one central well and a long-drop convenience! Village families live off the land on rice,

seema, and maize, with only chicken or goat

occasionally. So it is with your help that Rutherford and Tsahai are 'meeting a gap in the market' and setting up a pig and poultry farm to provide additional funds to support the growing CBSI and church ministry. At their home Tsahai now has 60 chicks being fattened for sale at point of lay and we saw the first three piglets snorting in a clean sty near the farmland too! Well done CBSI UK classes! You have funded the start-up stock, and we

will soon see the real practical difference this financial support is making in days to come. Both pastors need our regular prayers, encouragement and ongoing support as they lead and grow the CBSI ministry in Malawi, having already established 18 classes around Blantyre and Lilongwe.

We were also able to take out simple dresses for the girls made by CBSI members, along with pants, and these were distributed to needy families and really appreciated in the villages we visited. (See www.cbsiuk.org website for the dress pattern) There are so many children orphaned as a result of Aids, accidents, witchcraft and Malaria, and it is Rutherford's long term vision to establish an Orphan Feeding Centre; providing weekly food, games, friendship and Christian Bible stories.

Also the foundations and footings are in to build a hostel to shelter young women students attending a nearby secondary school, protecting them from physical abuse

and providing a secure place to study and grow. This work has stalled for lack of funding that is needed to provide

a water tower, electricity, kitchen, dormitories and some accommodation for a Matron. **Bishop Rutherford has asked us to return in 2012 to continue helping them with the work; taking the gospel to more villages, helping with the building**

projects and making a difference... Please pray about joining us on this mission... about taking this step of faith!

*Shoulder to shoulder with you,
David & Esther davidwood@pobox.com*

MAKE DRESSES FOR MALAWI

Easy to make dresses with pattern instructions and 'how to make' video link can be found on our www.cbsiuk.org website. Click on the top tab for Malawi and find out how you can make simple dresses using pillow cases or any similar spare cotton or cotton/polyester material.



PLEASE BRING YOUR FINISHED DRESSES TO CBSIUK CONFERENCE 2012

We also need pants for the girls to go with the dresses please!





Our new Training Director

A warm welcome to our new Training Director Virginia Aspinall, who will be your point of contact for new leadership training. Virginia is married to Chris, has two daughters Philippa and Charlotte (21 and 18) and lists her interests

as skiing, sailing, flying and cooking and sharing meals with friends. Virginia is a discussion group leader at Birstall, Leicester and also gives some of the talks.

Asked about her plans for training, Virginia had this to say:-

'My faith has grown enormously since being part of CBSI. I have always known God's hand was on my life, my parents found me in a church in an Italian village when I had wandered off at the age of eighteen months! From working as a pharmacist at Boots the Chemist to nurturing the growth of future pharmacists as a senior lecturer in academia, I now know that God was guiding me to teaching and training for Him. My vision is to be able to accommodate peoples teaching

needs efficiently using the (good parts) of technology that God has blessed us with. Grace has developed good training events that I would not want to change other than developing the multi-media side of training together with a fun activity or two. Please pray for the growth of CBSI in the UK and that our training will provide exactly what is needed to bring others closer to Christ. God Bless You'

Please email virginia@cbsiuk.org with your class Training needs.



SPANISH SPEAKING LEADERS TRAINING

Hector Antelo is running a leaders training day for Spanish speaking leaders. The date is Saturday December 3rd and the venue will be in South London.

If you are interested in coming and/or helping with this event please contact Hector on hantelo@btinternet.com

There are now four Spanish speaking classes in the UK!

has already blessed my life in so many countless ways; from money issues to car issues and there are many more examples of God extending His Grace towards me. I would definitely encourage anyone and everyone to give a little back and get involved.

Sue Bevan from CBSI Cardiff Day Class writes...

I got involved with the Anglicising Team by responding to a general request for help from the leader of our CBSI group. I love the word of God so much, especially word studies from the original Greek/Hebrew. I found when doing the anglicising that it was a way of meditating on the word which is always wonderful. I'm sure it was more of a help to me than my input, though I know that was appreciated.

We are continuing to Anglicise our 0-18's bible study materials and we will also be embarking on the Anglicising of our adult materials in the coming months. If you would like to be a part of the CBSIUK Anglicising team, please contact

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Karen Carron,
CBSIUK Project Manager



News from our CBSIUK Anglicising Team

Over the summer, 30 people, spread out across the UK, responded to our appeal to form a team to Anglicise our CBSI Children and Youth materials. With their help, all of our Under Fives materials and 10 each of our Primary and Youth studies are now Anglicised which is an amazing result in such a short space of time, and testament to how much can be achieved when we work together in teams! So a big thank you to everyone who has been part of this exciting initiative!

A few of the Anglicising team fed back on their experience...

Jenny Dukes from CBSI Luton Day Class writes...

Having spent the last few months helping to Anglicise some of the Children's Crafts for CBSI, I have been both blessed and challenged. I lived in the States for two years and became used to their different materials and expressions but trying to find equivalent options for English classes was quite a task at times – but great fun!

I found that reading the easy lessons for all age children from babies to youth was really helpful, bringing me back to the simplicity of the Gospel. It made me think differently about some of the stories and concepts. It is wonderful to see how the Bible is relevant to all ages and that even little children can grasp some of its teachings – possibly something that we tend to complicate as we get older! I would encourage anyone who has a few spare hours to get involved with this worthwhile work. You will get more out of it than you put in!

Jeandre Henning from CBSI Reading Evening Class writes...

CBSI has enriched my life in so many different ways! Not only do I look forward to spending my Friday nights at my CBSI class, in God's presence and with friends, being challenged in how I read the Bible and what God's word means to me, but I also look forward to the ways in which I can 'give a little' back to God for His many blessings. It is with this in mind that I volunteered to become part of the Anglicising Team! I eagerly await every e-mail from CBSI and I have found that I get quite excited when new material is sent out to me. In return God

CALEB NEWS

Scotland and Cumbria Leadership Day Away

What a great day we had when 19 CBSI leaders and guests came to the Scottish and Cumbria Leadership Day Away at Abbeyhill Baptist Church in Leith/ Edinburgh in September. Veronica Alvarez and Karen Carron assisted from the CBSI UK Central office and Ardva Boyes-Brewer presented many new ideas to the Children's Leaders.

Leaders came from the Leith/Edinburgh Adult and Parent & Tot Classes and from the Windermere Adult and Children's Classes. As well as specific training during our time together, there was a time of sharing for all the leaders which was the highlight of the day as ideas and inspiration flowed!

We were delighted to welcome guests from Ayr, Scotland for the first



time too. Please pray for new classes as they start up in Ayr as a result of this day. We also pray that the classes in Scotland and Cumbria, will continue to further the friendships they began during this Leadership Day Away.

The Leaders in the lake district (3rd and 4th from right on the bottom row in large picture) have found a novel way of communicating with each other for their Leaders Meeting. Living in a rural community, sometimes snowed in or without a car, some leaders can't always get to their CBSI Leaders meeting which is held in the evening. That's where the computer and Skype come in handy, alongside shared files!

Pete and Helen-Jane Peters

Thank you to Pete and Helen-Jane

We are so thankful for all the years that Pete and Helen-Jane Peters have put into their work in Scotland and Cumbria for CBSI as Calebs. They have worked tirelessly and we are very grateful to them and want to say a huge thank you to them and to God! They hope to continue to 'pastor' and encourage classes by email and phone, but have found travel from the US increasingly difficult. We will miss seeing them of course, but we know they will be praying for our classes in Scotland and that they are only a phone call away. Thank you Pete and Helen-Jane!

News from Wales

This autumn Janet Morgan-Phillips is travelling around Wales with Kristin Kessler, an Area Director of a number of CBS classes in the



Richmond, Virginia area of the USA. They are finding new and exciting doors opening in unprecedented ways on this trip... in West Wales and beyond.

The classes in North Cardiff are flourishing. Saturday morning the room is bursting as adults and students gather for the opening devotional and then split up to do their discussion groups in age appropriate versions of the study in JOHN. The new Evening Class is studying JAMES and

after their first 6 meetings, they are enjoying the stimulation of the study immensely and praying for the few in their midst who are only now finding out about Jesus' love for them.



Please pray for translation to begin for CBSI bible studies in Welsh and for God's Will to be made clear re: a possible class in Korean and another in Russian. Your prayers are very valuable as Wales is in such need of Christ and His Word.

Janet Morgan-Phillips

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would love to hear from any of you who are either interested in starting a Children's class or would like to help with this amazing Ministry.

Get involved if you can!

Ardva says "the following website offers free bibles for all children in school, aged 5-11: www.biblesforchildren.org.uk"

DIARY DATES 2011-2012

CBSI Spanish Leaders Training Day:

Saturday 3rd December

CBSI Leaders Conference:

Friday 16th March – Sunday 18th March

Area Visitors Feedback Day (South):

Saturday 16th June

Area Visitors Feedback Day (North):

Saturday 23rd June

National Training Day (North):

Saturday 16th June

National Training Day (South):

Saturday 7th July



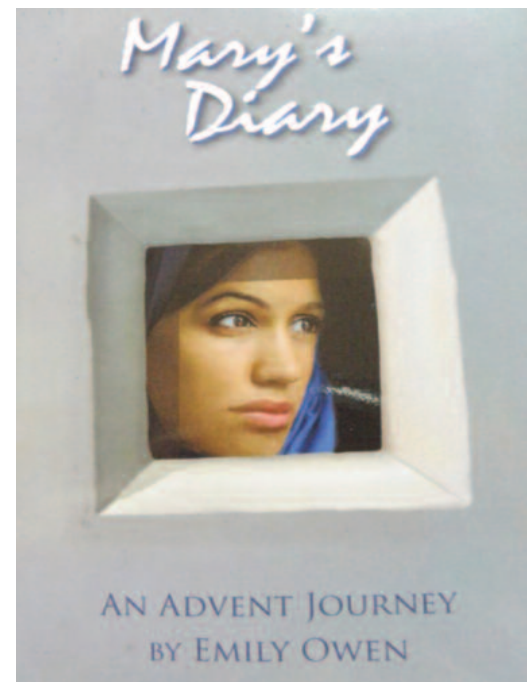
Relocation!

God's timing is always perfect and we can trust Him to know our needs and to direct our strategy. For several years we have been working out of a small office at my house. As we accumulate more volunteers and help, with people working on different projects we have found space tight! Sometimes we have four people trying to find a phone, computer or a desk! Karen Nolloth, the leader of the Hitchin/Letchworth class, who runs a business in her capacity as a Structural Engineer was recently looking for premises to relocate to, finding her offices in Hitchin no longer suitable. She found the ideal place in nearby Letchworth. Ideal, apart from the fact that it had a rather large office, surplus to her requirements. Struck by the fact that it just happened to be opposite the local Christian Bookshop and the printers we use for our booklets, as well as the large Free Church, she offered it to CBSI for a nominal rent. After consultation with the Trustees, we realized that God was giving us a wonderful opportunity and placing us in a strategic position. We will soon be moving in and look forward to inviting any of you who are visiting the area to come and see us. Liz Mattocks, (pictured) who runs the Administrative side of CBSI UK, Karen Carron and I will be pleased to welcome you. You might also meet Hector Antelo, (Spanish Classes communications officer) Adrian Nolloth (Vice



Chairman of Trustees) and Karen Nolloth (Development). We hope to be adding to this list. Please pray for the move and that God will supply our needs as far as the extra items we will need to purchase. We are all very excited about the new phase and we are waiting to see God unfold his plans for making the Bible accessible to more people in the UK through CBSI.

Veronica Alvarez



Emily Owen, a member of Leicester Braunstone CBS class, has written a book of daily readings for Advent. Through 25 'diary entries' (1st-25th December), the book journeys towards Christmas with Mary, sharing with her as she experiences the very first Advent. Each day's reading is not long, so is perfect for people who need '5 minutes out' during the busy-ness of preparing for Christmas. Read Mary's Diary and be challenged, encouraged and drawn closer to Jesus this Advent.

All profits from CBSIUK sales will go directly to furthering the work of CBSIUK - so buy a copy for yourself, and some as gifts for family and friends!

Each book costs £5.99 and delivery is free to UK addresses.

To order, or for more information, email Emily at emilyowencbs@gmail.com or phone Anthea on 0116 2550922.



Veronica's Voice

'Hearing from God'

I was asked to speak at Alpha recently and the subject was 'How and Why should I read the Bible'. This was of course just up my street! One of the reasons to read the Bible is that God speaks to us very powerfully through His Word, as all those involved in CBSI know very well. There are many other ways of course. Through creation, in our prayer time, through His Holy Spirit, listening to other people, experiences in life and on some occasions hearing an audible voice. I have many memories of people who, having listened to God through His word have radically changed their lives, mended their relationships and have had attitudes challenged. What has God changed in your life so far in your present study? Isn't it wonderful that God helps us to remain teachable throughout our walk with Him.

*Veronica Alvarez,
CBSI National Director*

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