

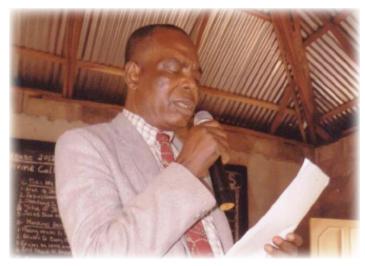
December 2012 Newsletter

# Giving the Scriptures To People In All the World

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst" (Jn. 6:35). "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Mt. 5:6).

The world today is hungering and thirsting for the Word of God. During this holiday season, the free gift of Christ is being taught in many regions of the earth. As a hymn describes: "Come, for the table now is spread; ye famishing, ye weary, come, and thou shalt be richly fed."

The table is spread through the use of the written page. Bible-study materials prepared by Truth for Today World Mission School are sent throughout the world. Preachers and teachers are being equipped to share the gospel of Christ with their own people in their



own lands. For many preachers in far-off areas of the world, the literature published by TFTWMS is their only reference material to help with Bible study.

Since 1989, Truth for Today World Mission School has been publishing Bible-instruction materials for



preachers and teachers. Literature is published each month and sent to thousands of students who use these resources to teach others in their own languages. Each study is the equivalent of a 150-page book. The materials are specifically designed to lead gospel preachers and teachers, over time, in a thorough study of the entire Bible.

#### What does TFTWMS do differently?

TFTWMS sends this Bible education to the man where he lives within his own native culture. Through this approach, 33,000 preachers and teachers in 144 countries receive an education in the Bible. Gospel literature is written, meticulously proofed, translated, and sent out in thirteen languages: Arabic, English, French, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Portuguese, Punjabi, Marathi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, and Telugu. Our extensive website at *www.biblecourses.com* also provides lessons in the additional languages of Albanian, Chinese, Indonesian, Italian, and Nepali. Imagine 144 different flags flying over nations where Christ is being preached!

Truthfor Today World Mission School is dedicated to taking the gospel into all the world for the rest of time. Considering the final mailing, it is projected that 556,850 books and periodicals will have been sent out in 2012.

Please Help Truth for Today World Mission School Reach into All the World



Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world. It is spoken by 1.3 billion people! In addition to those, the people of Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, and Taiwan use Chinese as their official language.

China is experiencing a period of transition into a modern society of industry and business. Millions of Chinese people now have access to the Internet. Truth for Today World Mission School has produced hundreds of publications of Bible-study literature in Mandarin Chinese. Those materials are available on the Truth for Today World Mission School web site.

TFTWMS has recently acquired the assistance of Julia Rodriguez. She was born and reared in Jingzhou, China and graduated from Yangtze University in 2006. Julia met her husband, Marcus



Rodriguez, in Jingzhou in 2003. She was baptized into Christ in April 2004. Mom, Dad, and two-year-old Caleb currently reside in Durham, North Carolina.

#### Truth for Today's Bible University

Truth for Today World Mission School is in the planning stages of a Bible University. It is a unique concept allowing students anywhere in the world to use the web to train as preachers and teachers. Julia will assist in the Chinese implementation of the Bible University by translating selections of the Truth for Today Commentary series. The offerings of the Bible University will also be available in English and French. Julia says, "I hope this series of commentary books will bless the church in China, and specifically that it will be a tool used to equip hundreds (and even thousands) of Chinese church leaders." With the help of Julia, much seed will be planted in the hearts of the Chinese-speaking people of the world.

Truth for Today World Mission School Supplying 33,000 Preachers and Teachers in 144 Nations With over Half a Million Issues of Bible-study Materials

## Arabic translations

The Arabic language is currently spoken by 280 million people in a wide arc of territory stretching across the Middle East and North Africa. The language is closely related to Hebrew and Aramaic. Truth for Today World Mission School has been translating into Arabic since 1989, when a translation center was set up in Searcy, Arkansas.

A dedicated Christian named Costa Lino Costa has been helping with the TFTWMS translations in Arabic. Having undergone persecutions while living in North Africa as a young man, Costa is necessarily brief with personal

details. Searching for a stable life, he came to America. He was baptized into Christ in Houston, Texas, in 1994.

#### Seeking Excellent Translations

"Basically," Costa says, "my work is to translate TFTWMS issues and books from English into the Arabic language. When the initial translation is completed, the material is sent away for proofreading. It comes back to me again for any corrections. Then it is sent away for further proofreading and formatting. It comes to me again a third time for read back. As I read back the material, I simultaneously interpret it back into English so that the one comparing in the English copy will be able to follow. This is done before the book is sent for printing to assure to the brethren that the Arabic copy says the same thing."

It is estimated that 4,000 issues of studies in Arabic will be sent out for teaching purposes into 20 individual countries and the United States this year.



## French translations

Truth for Today World Mission School has published approximately 13,100 books and issues in the French language this year. French is projected to be spoken by 500 million people by the year 2025. Since French is one Truth for Today World Mission School will produce of the most common world languages, it is important to an estimated 27,600 Spanish issues this year. The matereach the large number of individuals who speak this rial is mailed out every quarter. Bible students receive language. TFTWMS sends publications in French to 28 12 issues every year. Cuban preachers and teachers have nations in Africa, one nation in Asia, 7 nations in Europe, been receiving biblical study materials since 1997, when 5 nations in Latin America, French Polynesia, Tahiti, the a translation center was set up in Costa Rica. United States, and Canada. Some of the published titles Cuba is home to over 11 million people and about are "The Beatitudes," "Sermon on the Mount" series, 50 churches of Christ. It is and "Into the Abundant Life." the most populous island



Justin Niati has enthusiastically committed to helping with the French translation efforts at TFTWMS. Justin is highly qualified with Journalism and Public Relations degrees from the University of Zaire School of Journalism. He continued his education with an MA in French from the University

of Iowa and a PhD in French from the University of Nebraska and is now a professor of French at South Caro-

lina State University. A Cuban reader writes; "I want to communicate that Justin was born in the Democratic Republic of the I have received all the material you have sent and I am Congo and was baptized into Christ at Nairobi, Kenya, using it in the church as our basic studies of Christian in 1990. He helped to establish the Kinshasa church of doctrine." A grateful sister writes; "Dear Brothers, Greet-Christ in Kinshasa, DRC. He and his wife, Seraphine, ings from your brothers in Christ our Lord. We are so have four children. Two of them are in college. Justin grateful for your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as well as says, "By being a part of the Lord's Great Commisyour obedience to the requests of the brethren. We are sion, our goal—my wife and I—is to help expand God's praying that you continue to communicate with us here kingdom in the French and Francophone world. I in Cuba, so that one day we can see one another face to will use my contacts to ensure more people from the face. Greetings from Pedro Maiquel-Enrique church of Francophone world in Africa are exposed to TFTWMS." Christ, and a strong hug from my family, which unites us Justin is now translating the Matthew series. in Christ. We have been baptized in the name of the same God, and the same Spirit dwells within us. We have faith in the same Word, we share the same hopes, we have the same existence, we share the same bread, we form one church (God's people), body of Christ, and temple of the Spirit. Greetings to all, your sister Estela."









nation in the Caribbean. In recent years, Cubans have had some of the restrictions limiting their daily lives removed.

Cubans are proficient readers, having a 99.8% literacy rate. They appreciate the Bible-study materials made available to them.

### Cubans say Thank You!

Continue to help spiritually nourish those in Cuba.



**Return Service Requested** 

### Will you help feed those who hunger for righteousness?

Truth for Today World Mission School feeds the spiritually hungry in two ways: First, it assists in the training of national Christians for the preaching and teaching of the gospel of Christ in their own countries. They can best preach to their own people in their native languages and within their own cultures. The second way is to encourage the spread of first-century Christianity throughout the world by planting self-supporting and self-propogating churches of Christ.

These two practices are being accomplished in many nations of the world today. TFTWMS is sending out a printed preacher and teacher training school. It is sent to aspiring or actual preachers and teachers who need help in a country outside the United States. A special commitment is made by TFTWMS to keep the evangelistic methods as practical and costeffective as possible in order that the missionary dollar will reach the farthest, work the longest, and achieve the most enduring results.



### Here is how you can help to feed those desiring the pure Word of God.

Will you consider giving a financial contribution to Truth for Today World Mission School?

Your assistance is appreciated in this vast effort to teach the world. Would you consider making a one-time gift to TFTWMS as an end of the year contribution? Possibly the congregation in which you serve could include TFTWMS in the yearly budget.

This mission effort is greatly aided by the generosity of those who contribute monthly. Your giving enables us to continue sending gospel literature to those who preach and teach. One of the finest ways to assist in world evangelism is to assist TFTWMS in raising up and equipping preachers and teachers globally.

### Would you consider these?

- Pray for this mission effort; this is important to us!
- Provide a one-time contribution for sending gospel literature to national preachers.
- Encourage the local congregation to put Truth for Today World Mission School in the monthly budget.
- Consider including Truth for Today World Mission School in your estate planning.
- Include Truth for Today World Mission School in your monthly giving plans.