



# ***GIVING THE GREATEST GIFT: THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD***

Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS) approaches evangelism by trying to implement every part of our Lord's commission in as many countries as possible. In giving the Great Commission, Jesus commanded His disciples to cover the earth with the gospel through three types of teaching: (1) *initial teaching* that is aimed at winning disciples to Jesus, (2) *instructional teaching* that informs the new converts and prepares them for faithful living, and (3) *involvement teaching* that raises up teachers and ministers of the Word. The first two types of teaching are addressed by specific statements, while the third is implied in the phrase "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). The main thrust of this last phrase is the assurance of the Lord's presence for those who go with the gospel, but underlying it is the implication that the Lord's commission is to be carried out until the end of time. This means that Christians must continually raise up teachers and ministers of the Word who will accept the torch of evangelism and carry it forward into the future. In this way, Jesus' charge will be carried out until the end of time.

When all three types of evangelistic teaching are intentionally and responsibly put into place, the Lord's Great Commission is fulfilled. New Testament Christians must not settle for less than what is demanded by the vision of Jesus. True

evangelism, New Testament evangelism, involves every part of this commission. When any part is left out, either purposely or accidentally, serious consequences always follow.

## ***THE SCOPE & PRACTICE OF TFTWMS***

TFTWMS began as a printed preacher and teacher school in 1989 and has grown into an effort that reaches out into most of the nations of the world. The school's center is located in Searcy, Arkansas, a hub of missionary activity. The Champions church of Christ in Houston, Texas, took an interest in the school during its formative years and

formed a partnership with it which has continued to this day.

The primary design of the work has been that of striving to encourage national ministers and teachers throughout the world in their faithful attempts to carry out Jesus' command. This is being accomplished by sending printed Bible-study materials to be used by these Christians as they

share the gospel with people in their own nations and in their own languages. TFTWMS also offers high-level courses on the books of the Bible for those who can access the Internet.

No greater challenge confronts the church today than the fulfillment of the Great Commission. The work that TFTWMS is doing to meet this challenge can be divided into two major parts.

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***"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL  
THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME  
OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT  
I COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU  
ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE."***

***MATTHEW 28:19, 20***

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## ***SERVING THROUGH THE PRINTED PAGE***

God has one Book, the Bible, which is His message to all the people of the earth. One of the best ways of helping national preachers and teachers in their work of spreading the gospel is to give them the gift of the knowledge of God's Word. In an attempt to fulfill the Great Commission given by Jesus, Truth for Today World Mission School provides expository Bible studies for people throughout the nations.

TFTWMS sends out an extensive mailing of printed expository materials month by month. These studies cross the cultures better than other types of printed materials. The mailings are sent to around 30,000 nationals in 140 nations or territories. The studies are provided at no cost to the national preacher or teacher. Each mailing takes the recipients through a section of the Word of God. The students receive study booklets of 52 pages in length, each the equivalent of a 125-page book. Each book will have a service life of approximately ten years. National preachers and teachers can use these resources for sermon preparation, Bible class lessons, and personal spiritual growth.

Before they are mailed, the studies are checked and re-checked for their faithfulness. After the English materials have been used in various places around the world for a reasonable amount of time, they are translated into fourteen other languages. This is done with translation centers that function in various places throughout the world. Understanding that the people of each culture learn best when studying in their own languages, TFTWMS is currently translating the Bible studies into some of the most significant languages of the world: Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Kannada, Malayalam, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, and Telugu. An effort is in progress to include materials in eight additional languages to our monthly mailings.

Over a period of time, TFTWMS materials have covered almost the entire Bible. In most cases, the studies have been thorough, verse-by-verse coverage. On occasion, selected topics in the Scriptures have been sent. These materials have been written over the years by some of our finest scholars, those who are known for their responsible handling of the Scriptures. Besides providing spiritual growth, the mailings assist the nationals in their application of the Great Commission. Care is taken to ensure that each book includes the plan of salvation and a lesson containing the Restoration plea.



**Bible students in Tanzania**



**Students of God's Word in Kenya**

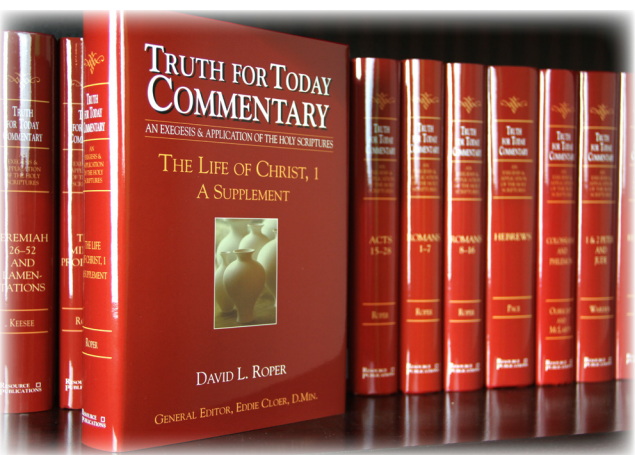


**A congregation of the Lord's church in Nigeria**





A user-friendly site



Reliable study texts



Multilingual studies

## ***SERVING THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC PAGE***

Another way that Truth for Today World Mission School serves in taking the message of the Bible to the people of the earth is via an online school. **ThroughTheScriptures.com** (TTS) was launched September 1 and is available in any part of the world with Internet access. The school offers English courses on the entire New Testament and most of the Old Testament. A number of courses are available in six other languages (Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Russian, and Spanish), with new courses being added each week.

The goal of TFTWMS is to provide courses in sixteen other languages by the early part of 2016. When the project is completed, studies on the entire Bible will be offered to the world in twenty-three major and widely spoken minor languages. This will allow 65 to 70 percent of the people of the earth to study through the Bible. Those who speak one of the languages, have access to a computer, and are connected to the Internet have this opportunity.

Obviously, an online school is beneficial only to those with Internet access, but the world is becoming more and more penetrated by the Internet. It is estimated that by 2020 perhaps as many as 75 percent of the homes worldwide will have some kind of Internet connection. Even now, the estimate is that 40 to 45 percent of the homes on earth have access to the Internet.

Using this online school, a local congregation of the church can offer an effective, nearly college-level school of biblical studies to its members. The school itself is free, but there is a minimal fee for the study texts. The fee covers the cost of producing, printing, and mailing the study text and includes a digitized form for the student to use at his computer or other device. Since the downloaded text comes with a lifetime license for one computer, the student can review the material as often as he likes.

A school of this kind can promote growth in Bible knowledge among all the nations of the world. It will enable people in other countries to have their own schools. A portion of the money received for the study text will be used to complete the school in twenty-three languages (counting English). Anyone who studies the Bible using TTS will not only help himself to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word, but he will also help others all over the world to have an opportunity to study the Bible in their own languages. TFTWMS is now on the verge of sending the whole Bible into all the world!

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*JOIN US IN THE TASK OF FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION OUR LORD HAS GIVEN!*

***HERE IS HOW YOU CAN BECOME PART  
OF THIS FAR-REACHING WORK:***

- Pray for every aspect of the work of Truth for Today World Mission School.
- If you can, **help immediately with a personal contribution.**
- Invite friends, neighbors, and the members of the congregation where you worship to take a course in the online school (ThroughTheScriptures.com).
- Encourage the elders to remember this work as they plan next year's church budget.
- Think about including TFTWMS in your long-range estate planning.

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**Contributions are needed** to cover the expense of producing, printing, and mailing the printed booklets as well as the cost of translating study texts for the online school.

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**Setting up a gift annuity** to allow funding for this work is another way to help. An amount set aside will produce interest payments throughout the donor's lifetime, while at the same time supplying funds for making these studies available to 65 to 70 percent of the population of the world.



*Truth for Today Recipients in Brazil*

**Make TFTWMS a part of your estate planning.** How far-reaching it is for a Christian to place world evangelism in his or her will! If every Christian were to designate 10 percent of an estate for world evangelism, a large amount of funding would one day be available for doing the work Jesus has asked the church to do.

The challenge is this: to be faithful to our Lord by giving His Word to the whole world. The finest gift we can give anyone is an opportunity to make a thorough study of the Bible. Think of the many thousands of people on earth who would like to have such an opportunity to study through the Bible!