## **TRUTH** FOR **TODAY** WORLD MISSION SCHOOL

## July 2012 Newsletter

Taking the gospel

Into All the World for the Rest of Time

"Opening his mouth, Peter said: 'I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him" (Acts 10:34, 35).

### What is the Lord's plan?

Imost any Christian would agree that God wants everyone to be saved. He does not discriminate; He is impartial. He has given His followers specific instructions that the gospel is to be taught by preaching to people in every nation on earth. He has assured us that He is with us and is directing us in this task. He has chosen that we, His church, must teach His gospel to the lost.

## How do we teach all nations?

eginning at Jerusalem, the gospel was preached to the entire world by Christians in the early church. They followed Jesus' instructions to preach to others, baptize them into Him, and teach them to observe the things He had commanded. Then those they taught were to go out and do the same. That is the perfect circle of God's plan to reach and teach every person in every nation.

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#### How great is the need?

onservative estimates tell us that approximately 70 percent of the population of the earth still needs to hear about Christ. Many follow world religions or profess no religion at all. Indeed, Jesus said it best: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38). The need for teachers and trained preachers is greater than ever. Let us teach the message of salvation in Christ to all the earth.



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Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS) is supplying teaching materials to 33,000 Christian men in 144 nations of the earth. We assist them by sending twelve new books to them each year. Currently, we send gospel literature in twelve languages: Arabic, English, French, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, and Telugu. Our website also provides Albanian, Chinese, Indonesian, Italian, and Nepali lessons.



We are helping in the training and equipping of scripturally-grounded brethren all over the earth. In 2012, English-speaking preachers and teachers in 109 countries will continue to receive an in-depth study of the twelve Minor Prophets. Men in 70 countries where French or Spanish is spoken have recently received material on Ephesians, the Sermon on the Mount, and the theme of redemption. Recipients throughout Brazil now have Portuguese studies on Jesus, worship, and the Lord's Supper, as well as a six-issue set covering Jeremiah. Material in the Russian language permeates Russia and Ukraine, besides going into Belarus, Latvia, and Bulgaria. Nearly 25,000 men in India are receiving studies in six languages: Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu. For each publication, two studies, such as "The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible" and "Great Teachings of the Bible," are placed together in one book for printing and mailing within India.

# *How effective is the printed page?*

The written word is so effective that it is the method chosen by God to pass His Word down through the generations. We who are Christians learned the gospel message because of this provision God made for us.

"But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"" (Matthew 4:4).

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

As we obey the Great Commission in our generation, we provide the unaltered teachings of the Bible

to numerous nations of the earth. In most cases, each piece of literature placed in the mission field will be read by multiple individuals. That practice has led to the further extension of the gospel of Christ.



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## The Gospel Is Powerful!

Dr. Richard Duke of Searcy, Arkansas, was on a medical/evangelistic mission in Zambia. The mission effort for the Lord included some 40 Zambians and 15



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in two different towns. On Sunday morning, August 7, 2011, Dr. Duke was invited to preach in the town of Kanyimba, which is located about one hundred miles northwest of Victoria Falls. In a hand-built meeting place, 35 members were in attendance. The preacher for the congregation, Peter Nsangu, prepared to translate the sermon into the Lozi language. Standing behind the lectern, Dr. Duke noticed something: "I was

surprised to find a copy of the Truth for Today publication *Becoming a Faithful Christian (In Africa)* published by my neighbor, Eddie Cloer. The book was well worn, and I think Peter Nsangu has read it cover-to-cover." Peter had previously been a teacher and was already respected for his age and wisdom. He had used the book for direction and the Bible as authority to establish a congregation of the Lord's church. After the service, one



person responded to the gospel call and was baptized.

The book *Becoming a Faithful Christian* (now being called *Into the Abundant Life* in English)

has been translated into 16 languages. Copies of this book have been sent to Central and South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and India. This evangelistic tool has recently been re-



Copy of *Becoming a Faithful Christian* seen in Zambia.

printed in English, French, Hindi, and Telugu. If you would like more information or need copies of this book, e-mail our office at staff@biblecourses.com.

#### Reading-based School Of Biblical Studies

Offered by TFTWMS, the Reading-based School of Biblical Studies is an on-site educational opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which is especially helpful for brethren overseas. Christians who are fluent in English participate in a university-like center that provides fourteen semesters of study for those who want a quality education in the entire Bible. Designed to be portable and inexpensive, it is a way to train national preachers who will spread the gospel in their sections of the world.

Study materials feature the Truth for Today Commentary Series. Study guides and appropriate tests are available online. Achievement certificates are sent upon completion of a year of study.

American congregations are beginning to take notice of the RSBS program and are adapting it to their educational and evangelistic needs.

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Return Service Requested

## Will you assist in the global outreach of Truth for Today World Mission School?

Here is how you can help. Will you consider giving a financial contribution? Your generosity provides the funds necessary to mail gospel literature to our current enrollment. There is great need!



An annuity gift may be pledged, allowing the donor to continue receiving the interest on the gift until his or her death. Another great means of helping is to include TFTWMS in your estate planning.

Many congregations have TFTWMS in their budgets. Talk with the elders where you worship about this. A top priority at the moment is to build a permanent endowment fund that will provide for the dedicated leadership of the work at TFTWMS until Jesus comes.

What is our greatest need as the Lord's church? Staying faithful to the Lord's Word is first, and surely close to it is giving more generously to spread the gospel. One of the finest ways to assist in world evangelism is to raise up and prepare preachers globally.

Every Christian has been called to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission. Each gift is an important part of this effort to train preachers and take the message of salvation in Jesus Christ into all the world.

# Yes, you can be a part of this great work!

- **Pray** for this mission effort.
- **Give** a financial contribution for sending gospel literature to national preachers.
- **Encourage** the local congregation to put Truth for Today World Mission School in the monthly budget.
- **Include** Truth for Today World Mission School in your estate planning.

Will you help Truth for Today World Mission School teach the gospel to all the world?