

September 2012 Newsletter

The Fields Are Ripe for the Harvest.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Mt. 9:37, 38).

"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest" (Jn. 4:35b).

Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS) has heeded the plea that Christ made concerning the call for workers in the harvest. Since 1989, Bible-study materials have been provided to national preachers, teachers, and individuals in various parts of the world. Over the years, the outreach efforts have increased. Currently, 33,000 preachers and teachers in 144 nations regularly receive study materials in their own languages.

WHAT EXACTLY IS TFTWMS?

TFTWMS is a non-profit mission work under the eldership of the Champions church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Operating from facilities in Searcy, Arkansas, TFTWMS is dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ. Ministers and instructors worldwide receive teaching materials that edify and assist in the harvest that our Lord desires.









WHAT IS THE REACH OF TFTWMS?

Truth for Today World Mission School applies two evangelistic methods—use of the printed page and preparing national preachers and teachers. We endeavor to provide a printed preacher school to help anyone on earth in need of it.

At TFTWMS, we keep two goals in mind. First, we seek never to turn anyone away. We venture to supply regular printed biblical training free of charge to anyone who is interested in preaching or teaching the gospel. Second, we are covering the globe with high-quality, faithful Bible courses. We are now shipping these studies to great numbers of people, the majority of whom are men who preach the gospel. The recipients of these materials live in about 75 percent of the populated land area of the world. This school has become by far the largest preacher school among the churches of Christ.

Truth for Today World Mission School also maintains a website. In the last six months, the site www.biblecourses.com has received 52,000 visits from seekers in 162 nations.

Will You Help Us Teach the World? "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

John 15:4

Scripture is clear. We are to remain in Christ and in His teachings. There is no assurance of being in Christ if His teachings are added to or diminished. Truth for Today World Mission School is dedicated to spreading the gospel message of Christ just as it was taught in the early church by the apostles.

TFTWMS provides printed teaching materials for preachers and teachers worldwide to aid them in presenting the unaltered Word of God.



READING-BASED SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Dennis Hackman (left), a preacher for the Lord's church in Ghana, is presenting one volume of the Truth for Today Commentary series to brother Adu. Dennis has organized a Reading-based School of Biblical Studies at the Apowa church of Christ where he preaches. He is the dean of the RSBS school there. He has spread the word about the RSBS program and now has as many as 30 students drawn from 9 congregations of the church of Christ.



"... the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world — just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace."

Colossians 1:6

Bearing Precious Fruit

TFTWMS began the Reading-based School of Biblical Studies program in 2010. There is a great need for a sound, effective, and economical program that will train national preachers and teachers. RSBS achieves those goals by going to the students rather than requiring them to travel to a faraway school. Classes meet locally once a week under the guidance of a dean. They receive study guides and tests over the material they have studied in the Truth for Today Commentary series. Those who maintain a grade average of "C" or better receive their commentaries for free. Students earn certification for completing each year of the seven-year program.

Students participating in RSBS classes are able to continue with their jobs and family life while they receive a thorough education in the Holy Scriptures.

Several congregations in the United States are considering or have begun RSBS classes. For more information regarding RSBS, call Truth for Today World Mission School at (501) 268-7588.



EVANGELIZATION WITH THE WRITTEN PAGE

The goal of training up preachers and teachers is to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ. Jesus said, "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" (Mt. 28:19, 20). His outline of evangelism—teach, baptize, and teach again—is the practice of Truth for Today World Mission School.

Teaching materials in seventeen different languages of the earth are available for study or delivery worldwide, wherever they are needed.

In November, a translator for the Hindi language material in India sent an e-mail to TFTWMS. A man in Durg, India, had received some Hindi-translated copies of *Seeking a Better Life*. The book is a self-contained home Bible study that includes a New Testament. He



said that he himself was blessed after reading this book, and he shared a carton of the books with others. He told that early one morning he received a telephone call from some remote area of Chhattisgarh. The man who phoned him was so excited after reading the book that he wanted to share his joy. He expressed thanks for the efforts to make this book available for the common people in their own language.





In southwestern India, Kerala State, an effort is being organized to bring Malayalam-translated Bible literature to the Marthoma people. Christianity there has been based on the teachings of the apostle Thomas, whom the people claim arrived in Kerala around A.D. 52. They have reformed their religion several times over the centuries. Receiving the book *Seeking a Better Life* in their own language will reveal to them the doctrine of Christ in its original form as taught by the apostles.

Pray for these efforts and for those who are using the materials supplied by your generous giving.

Visit our website at www.biblecourses.com



Return Service Requested

Will you assist in teaching those far and near?



TFTWMS is able to reach those in need of evangelistic and teaching materials all over the earth, thanks to the gracious giving of people like you. With rising costs in the current economy, the need for additional funding is ever-present. We seek to obey the Great Commission along with all who participate with us. "Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account" (Phil. 4:17).

As we strive to accomplish our Lord's desire in our generation, we consult the Scriptures on how we should give. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Will you help Truth for Today World Mission School teach as the fields are white for harvest?

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WORK!

Will you give a financial contribution? The generosity of many brethren provides the funds necessary to mail gospel literature to national preachers. This is a great need!

Many congregations assist TFTWMS through their budgets. Talk with the elders where you worship about this possibility.

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

Take time to pray for our global missionary effort.

Financially contribute to this extensive program.

Talk with your friends about this evangelistic mission.

Work to include TFTWMS in the church's budget.

Make a place for the work in your estate planning.

S eriously consider helping us in all these ways.