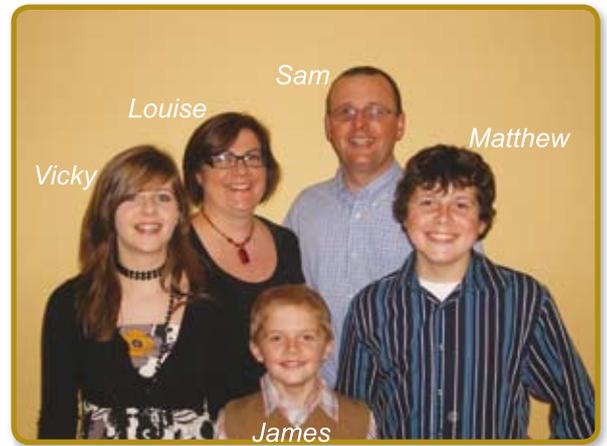




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Spring 2008 News



How are you finding the Christian life? We were encouraged recently by Psalm 143, the call of David for the Lord to hear his prayer(v1) the request for the Lord to answer speedily (v7), the expression of David to hear from the Lord (v8), the desire to walk in the Lord's way and the resignation to the Lord's will. We have been finding this Psalm a real blessing in recent days.

Since we last wrote, many of you continue to display loving care, prayer and fellowship towards us, we want to assure you there are many times when we found this to be an encouragement.

On the family front, James(10) has done his transfer and is delighted with the result. He plays in goals for the school football team, and is looking forward to the NI Cup semi final. Matthew (15) is beginning to work for his GCSE's and enjoyed his appearance recently in a schools rugby semi final, unfortunately they lost. Vicky (18) is preparing for her A levels, and really looking forward to finishing school and becoming a university student. We continue to value your prayers more than we can say for the family.

BIBLE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Enclosed with this news letter is a more detailed report of BES, which summarises some recent developments. This work entails travel and contacts with people in various countries.

TRAVEL

INDIA – The trip to India was so encouraging and enlightening. It was wonderful to meet dedicated and committed believers with a vision and passion for reaching the children in that land.

Bert and Sam made a short trip to Budapest, Hungary, and met three groups of believers who are translating, and / or using the Bibletime lessons. They had a great time of sharing, encouraging and helping each other in our various works for the Lord.



Sam at school in India



Babu Thomas and family

HUNGARY – Csilla Dorka and Tamas Bozsoki are working away on translation, and we hope to have the lessons available for the new BES web development. This is a specialised and time consuming work, but will not be in vain.

ORADEA (ROMANIA) – There is a wonderful team of young people in Oradea using the lessons in Hungarian. Csabi paid Bert and Sam a visit while they were in Budapest and was sharing that they are sending out about 550 lessons per month. Their zeal and commitment is wonderful, the Lord is blessing this work



PBS Group meeting in Budapest

CLUJ (ROMANIA) – Mihaela and Tudor Vlas were also in Budapest and you can read their report in the BES news.

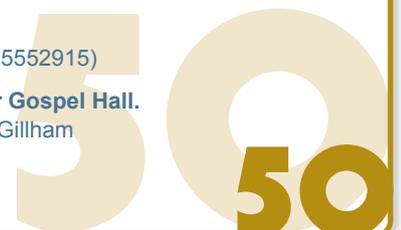
KENYA – Please pray for Kenya, they have had difficulty distributing the lessons to various centres for use. Sam had planned to visit there but at the moment this is on hold, because of the unrest there.

ARMENIA – Translation of Bibletime has just begun in Armenia, please pray for those translating, and for potential lessons users.

EMMAUS – We do plan to meet Jim Fleming soon to discuss co-operation in relation to the children and adults lessons, Please pray for guidance and direction.

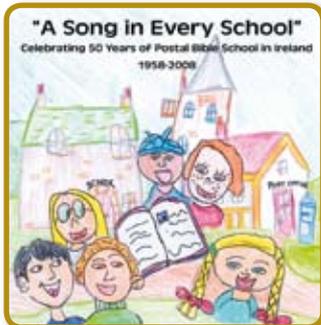
Note the 50th Anniversary meetings for Postal Bible School. please come it would be such an encouragement to see you at these events.

- Northern Ireland** Saturday September 13th at Cragavon Civic Centre from 7.30 p.m.
Further details from Sam Balmer (samuelbalmer@btinternet.com, Phone 02866327801),
Noel McMeekin (pbsireland@eircom.net, Phone 00353495552915),
and Stevie Walls (steviewalls82@yahoo.co.uk, Phone 02890402738)
- Yorkshire** Saturday October 11th at Woodfield Gospel Hall, Harrogate at 3.00pm
Further details from Paul & Elizabeth Jackson. (Jackson@wordsoflife.org.uk, Phone 01423 505678)
- Cootehill** Friday November 7th at Errigal Hotel, Cavan Road, Cootehill at 7.30 p.m.
Further details from Noel & Liza McMeekin (pbsireland@eircom.net, Phone 00353495552915)
- Cardiff** Saturday October 18th. 50th Anniversary Lunch and Presentations at Ebenezer Gospel Hall.
12.30pm for 1.00p.m - 4p.m. Meal tickets and further details available from Stephen Gillham
- Swansea** Saturday September 18th. at Ebenezer Gospel Hall, Swansea.
Further details available from Steve Tresder. (treseders@aol.com)



FERMANAGH & TYRONE POSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a very encouraging teachers meeting in November and have at present 33 teachers who faithfully mark the lessons as unto the Lord. Without their help PBS could not function. We are very aware that they are all busy people and appreciate their time spent correcting lessons. The number of students enrolled in Tyrone & Fermanagh go through peaks and troughs. Some schools that have been using the lessons are closing and we would appreciate prayer that as we approach new schools we might have a favourable reception to the use of the Bibletime resources. Louise looks after the administration of this work and we would value prayer for her as she carries this out each day. At the moment she is receiving camp forms for the 2008 PBS Camp.



PBS CD

PBS Fermanagh and Tyrone had six schools who sang on the PBS CD "A song in every school" Noel & Lisa (PBS – Cootehill, Ireland) had 27 schools throughout Ireland who sang on the CD. This was produced to mark the 50th anniversary of PBS, should you like a CD please contact us. The cost is £7.50 or €10.00 plus postage and packaging.

PBS REUNION

We went to Rosnowlagh in November with about 40 young people. Noel Kearney was our speaker and it was encouraging to hear of one young boy when he went home saying "I really learnt the need for a quiet time with God"

PBS CAMP 2008

Our Junior camp this year is from (19th – 25th July) and Senior camp (26th July – 2nd Aug). Many Pupils from various PBS centres have applied and the weeks are filling fast.

Our Junior speaker this year will be Paul Young. Paul was to be our speaker for Senior camp last year but unfortunately due to his sister's serious illness, and subsequent death he was unable to attend.

Our Senior speaker is to be Jim McMaster from Newcastle Upon Tyne, he has not been with us before at camp and we are very much looking forward to his ministry. A number of older pupils want to attend again, it seems like they don't want to leave! We find this very encouraging and pray that the Lord will minister to them at camp.

Running camp is very much a team effort, and God has really blessed us with willing, spiritual and dedicated helpers, some of which give two weeks of their holidays.

Pray for the speakers, leaders and campers at these two weeks for salvation, spiritual challenges and safety.



Paul Young



PBS CAMP – CLUJ (ROMANIA) 2008

A Junior and Senior camp is planned for 30 campers per week in August. Many of these children would be unable to attend if it were not for the kindness and generosity of believers in the UK and Ireland. The spiritual blessing these camps have on many of these children has to be seen. God has provided for this project in the past for which we praise Him, and we look to Him for this incoming year. Should you be interested in sponsorship the cost is £50 per person, this has risen since last year.

PBS PRIZES – EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you to all who have supplied various prizes to send to Eastern Europe. We have had the privilege of sending two pallets and are in the process of packing another two, one for Oradea and the other for Cluj, both in Romania. The children are so pleased with the items they receive for completing the PBS lessons.



Ballinamallard primary school choir

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Just last week a school in which Sam was conducting an assembly asked him to pray for one of their teachers whose husband had just died the day previously at the young age of 35. It was one of those times when Sam really felt the need of the Lord to deal with such situations.

Sam has opportunity to take assemblies in about 10 schools, regularly reaching about 900 children with the gospel. Please pray for this work. With the increase of BES, we are finding ourselves needing to prioritise the workload.

During April and May he will have the privilege to teach Bible Explorer to 90 children.

www.bible.org.uk

RESIDENTIALS

Sam is looking forward to speaking at a young people's weekend from 25th – 27th of April with the "SHED" Young People from Co Cavan and Monaghan. Please pray for him. His topic is "Characters from the Book of Ruth".

Sam has spoken at a YF weekend from the 14th – 16th March. The group from Clough, Co Down, were staying locally at the Clinton Centre, we had a great time together and we believe that the Lord spoke through His word. The attention to the messages was fantastic, pray for this group of young people, many who need the Lord.

THE RESCUE

Sam really enjoyed an evening at "The Rescue" in Stewartstown, Co Tyrone in January, when a number professed to be saved and also restored. On returning home, we heard of a local lady, who trusted the Lord. We are so glad that the Lord sends encouragements just when we need them.

REACHING CHILDREN

Sam is looking forward again to the children's bible club at Ahorey in September. Please pray with us that God will guide in relation to the messages and that the word sown will bear fruit



KIDZONE

The children's bible club held in the community playgroup premises in Ballinamallard has just finished for the year. We had 59 children who attended over the course of the year and how encouraging it was to have over 40 parents attend the prize evening. Vicky and Matty are a great help in this work, and we will miss Vicky's input as she goes to uni later in the year.

We are planning a fun night in September (DV) for children and parents at the Bawnacre sports centre in Irvinestown, please pray for safety and the development of friendships.

Kidzone Prize Evening

CHRISTMAS AND EASTER CELEBRATION

This is something we have done now for a couple of years. It is held in the local primary school and usually attracts a large number of local folk to attend. The Easter celebration was a wonderful evening and the Ballinamallard School Choir sang some lovely pieces. On this occasion we had approx. 200 from the village attend, and we pray that this will lead to further contacts and ultimately the salvation of many.



Easter Celebration

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Wesley Emerson and Sam are still in contact with the work carried out in Russia and Kazakhstan by Spiritual Freedom. Continue to pray for this challenging, demanding work with inmates and ex inmates. It is great to hear of souls trusting the Lord and many with a desire to go on and live for Him. Please pray for the leadership team of Spiritual Freedom.



Youth Bible Study

HOME BIBLE STUDIES

We have had a very interesting season in "milk2meat" bible studies. The last three subjects were all very challenging. Noel McMeekins was future events, Stevie Moore spoke on dinosaurs from a biblical perspective and on our last night we focused on witnessing in a multi-faith society, when we used some great material from Echoes of Service to challenge and help the young people.

www.echoes.org.uk

The past term on Tuesdays we have been faced with many questions from the young people, questions that are very relevant to Christian living among their peers. Please pray that many of the young people will be grounded in the word of God for the years ahead.

Generations move on to University and employment, therefore numbers fluctuate at the studies from year to year. We pray that the Lord will help us to be people orientated and not plenty orientated. We would appreciate prayer for the rising generation that are attending.

We had the privilege of having some of the Portora Rugby team with us in March for dinner. It's a big day for Louise and Vicky but very rewarding. They are a delightful group of young men and we were so encouraged by their visit. After watching Wales beat Ireland many of them took a copy of Noel Davidsons book "Going for it." Please pray for these young men and the squad.



OUTREACH TEAMS

We have a number of pieces of Literature that are relevant to Fermanagh, one of fishing, one on water sports and one on vintage cars. We will take opportunities over the coming months to distribute these at various events and festivals.

Please prayer for help in this and that the printed word will be blessed.

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully read this news letter, may you know much of the Lord's blessing in your life as you, with us, seek to serve Him in the coming days.

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WEBSITES

We have just re-launched some websites.

www.postalbibleschool.com

www.postalbibleschool.com - This is for PBS students

<http://www.pbsschools.co.uk/>

www.pbsschools.co.uk - This is specifically for schools

<http://www.sow2reap.org/>

www.sow2reap.org - A prayer calendar, and details of outreach events etc...

Missionary Outlook Weekend



"Sowing the Seed"

Glenada Conference Centre
Newcastle, Co. Down
Fri 23rd – Sun 25th Jan 2009 (DV)

Bible Educational Services, Emmaus, Every Home Crusade, Gideons, Myrtlefield Trust, National Bible Club, Wycliffe and other literature based ministries.

Bible teaching: Andraes Reh (Emmaus)

To book your place contact

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(A deposit of £20 per person payable with booking slip, balance due at weekend)

Amount enclosed £

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An offering will be taken on Saturday evening for the Lord's work.