

Reflections



Bringing you news from the British Bible School, Corby, U.K.

Winter 2009/10

Things are really starting to take off!

Following the launch of our Distance Learning Programme at the end of 2009 we are greatly encouraged by the initial response. Not only has news of recent developments been so well received by those attending our first Launch Events, but we now have more students enrolled at the British Bible School than at any time in the past five years. Indeed, there are now more British students than there had been in the whole time since 1996. And things are only just getting back off the ground.

The need for applied training in Bible and Mission is more crucial now than at any point in living memory. In a land where so many appear intent on eradicating the godly influences of past generations and on a continent that seems to drift relentlessly towards an ever more secular agenda, the good news of God's power and love needs to be heard by everyone.

"But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell



Steve Whitehead at the Launch Event in Bristol

them, unless someone is sent to do it?" That's the Message version of Romans 10:14-15. And that's a message that we have taken to heart as we consider the need for willing and able servants of the Word of God to meet the challenges that lie before us.

Facing up to the challenges of shifts in culture and changes in lifestyles, the new Distance Learning Programme enables the school's curriculum to be accessed by many for whom it had traditionally been out of reach. A number of our new part-time students have commented on their desire to study at the school and the

circumstances that had prevented them from doing so on a full-time, residential basis.

Launch Events

Our initial launch in Loughborough was followed by events in Kirkcaldy, Reading and Bristol before the snow set in and we all began to freeze. In both Kirkcaldy and Bristol the events were combined with a number of 'taster' sessions, intended to show a little of what full modules might have in store.

COMING SOON

MORE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME LAUNCH EVENTS

Haarlem

Sunday, 14th February 2010,

Wembley

Sunday, 14th March 2010

and

East Kilbride

Saturday, 27th March 2010 (to be confirmed)

and maybe another location near you ... look out for further details



WHAT are they doing NOW?

David (Epoc) Cope (2003-05)



David Cope attended the British Bible School before studying at university

As a child, David attended the Church of Scotland with his mother. After several years, no longer attending, he became friends at school with David Galloway, a Christian his own age, who invited him to attend worship. This led to him becoming part of the youth group and together they attended youth weekends and Bible camps.

After a while, as his knowledge grew, David decided to study more seriously and in 2001 was immersed into Christ.

He later attended some local study classes being led by one of the teachers from the British Bible School and became interested in

studying at the school himself. He wanted to go to university but thought that attending the School first would provide a better guide for life whilst also being a useful preparation for university level work.

David had enjoyed participating in outreach campaigns with groups that had helped with his local congregation in Clydebank. So, after becoming a student, he particularly enjoyed being part of the campaign groups that went out from the British Bible School each term. These formed some of his happiest memories of being a student. Being able to teach people of his own age and younger, learning from those more experienced on campaigns was very useful. The accelerated learning that two years intensive studying brought has been of great benefit both then on campaigns and now in his congregational life.

After studying at the British Bible School, David attended college and is now in his fourth year at Aberdeen University with a view to gaining a Master of Arts in Film and Video Culture.

Asked if his years at the Bible school had been useful, David said it helped prepare him to lead in worship and teach classes. The knowledge and experience he gained means he has much to draw from and feels better prepared to help others.

Would David encourage others to study with the School? "Yes, it's beneficial to all as the more you understand from God's Word the stronger you will be in your life of faith."

Video production assistance



Those who have already enrolled on our Distance Learning Programme will know that we have set high standards for our module material, and this is reflected in the content and style of the video presentations.

In order to help with ongoing development, we are looking for additional help with video production, primarily in a studio-based setting. If you have an interest in this sort of thing and think that you might occasionally have some time to help, please do get in touch with us. Don't worry if you have no particular experience in this area - on-site training can be given.

Additional governors to be appointed

The congregation in Corby is in the process of increasing the number of governors serving on the British Bible School governing body. There is a need to involve more in the area of strategic planning and a desire to widen the involvement of others throughout the U.K. We ask you to please remember this matter as you pray and we will keep you informed of developments.

"Teaching others to teach the Word to all the world"

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The **British Bible School** is a work of the congregation meeting in Corby, U.K.

Would you like to hear more about studying part-time with the British Bible School?

We are eager to visit as many congregations as would like to host a Distance Learning Programme Launch Event - wherever you may be! Those that have so far been able to host one have been impressed with recent developments to the organisation and structure of the school and with the quality of the material on offer. If you would like to book an event or simply make further enquiries, please do get in touch. Thank you.