

# Reflections

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



## “Money, Money, Money”

*Money, money, money,  
Must be funny,  
In a rich man's world.  
Money, money, money  
Always sunny,  
In a rich man's world.  
Aha- ahaaa,  
All the things I could do  
If I had a little money,  
It's a rich man's world.*

You have heard the words, sung the song and you know it's true, false, true, false, true, false. God said, “The silver is mine and the gold is mine,” Haggai 2:8. So I guess we could sing, “It's a rich God's world.” You may know by now that the British Bible School is going through a re-launch. We hope to develop the teaching programme into a viable, exciting system to help everyone learn God's word. That costs and we need money, money, money.

The school building needs to be totally upgraded, lightened, brightened and fit for purpose. Housing and support needs to be funded - we just need M\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_. Fill in the blanks and give yourself a gold star!

For the past thirteen years **Pauline and I** have worked with the church in Bristol, and Bristol was the home of George Muller (1805-1898). Muller raised funds for over 10,000 orphans and never asked for a penny piece. His motto was Psalm 81:10 “Open your mouth

and I will fill it.” Muller's grave is within walking distance of our home and I have stood at the side of it and been humbled by such faith. If you do not know Muller's story - look it up!

Can we link Psalm 81:10 and the British Bible School together? Rather than ask you for money I am going to ask you to pray that the funds will be found. We do not need to beg but to pray. Let us together challenge the very throne of God that a blessing will be given; “A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.” Luke 8:38.

Money, money, money, it's a rich God's world.

*Trevor Williams*



*George Muller's grave stone in Bristol*

## Extension Classes

Our extension classes have been in progress north of the border since September 2007 and we are now into our fifth term. A good number of students have been attending on a regular basis.

**Nick Wilson**, from the Hyvots Bank congregation in Edinburgh, is a part-time British Bible School student having attended the classes in Cumbernauld since their beginning. He is finding the sessions to be “very interesting, informative, thought provoking, challenging (but not to the point of being beyond understanding) and practical.”

He finds the time allowed for British Bible School extension classes “provides far more in depth and comprehensive study” than can be covered in regular congregational Bible study classes.

“My faith has been reinforced, my understanding has improved and my knowledge has increased. It has most definitely affected my service at Hyvots Bank as I have been using the materials in the Bible Study and in preaching and any feedback I have received has been positive.”

Hosted by the congregation in Cumbernauld, the class has just resumed for a new term and is currently studying Paul's letter to the Galatians under the instruction of **Jack Paton**. This is the first time that Jack has taught for the BBS extension programme and we welcome him on board!

If you would like to be a part of this class or would like details of possible classes planned in your area, please contact the school or our Scottish extension class co-ordinator, **Jon Galloway** on 01355 247 798.

# WHAT are they doing NOW?

## Paul Hill (1988-90)

Paul came from Loughborough to attend the British Bible School from 1988-1990.

His decision to come to the Bible school was based on his desire to become more useful in his local congregation. After graduating, Paul was presented with an opportunity to work with the congregation in Morley, but that had not been his reason for attending the school and he soon found himself back in his hometown.

Paul says that, "The school provided a foundation of Biblical knowledge and since leaving the school I feel I have a structure on which to build more knowledge. I realise I do not know all the answers but attending the school helped me find my way round the Bible. Hopefully I have been able to help people with their questions and approach others with more confidence."

Paul is in regular contact with his old class mates. Their shared experience at the School has led to friendships for life.

Paul says, "We were all willing to learn from each other. There's a shared opinion that when **Trevor Williams** taught us John's gospel it was a moving study that I believe marked a change in all of us as far as our faith is concerned. I am grateful not only to Trevor but to all our teachers."



Paul, pictured with his wife, Janet

Paul is now a fleet manager for a transport company. He says it pays the bills but his real focus is on his life with Christ and his contribution to the life of the local congregation.

Paul is a deacon with the congregation at Loughborough and works with the youth. He preaches regularly and leads Bible studies. Having been brought up in a Christian family Paul may have participated in these things to a degree anyway. However, he feels that the Bible school accelerated his learning. For the director, teachers and supporters to give time and part of their life in the way they did, Paul feels it would be a waste not to pass on what he learned from them.

Paul goes on to say, "It was the best two years of my life. I would regret not having done it and my life would have been very different without it. It's not just piecing together knowledge of the Bible but in doing so pieces of your life are also put together as a result. I would recommend it to anyone."

# Weekend Options

New for 2009 - British Bible School *Weekend Options*. As part of our ongoing commitment to provide teaching and training to help prepare followers of Christ for service in mission, we are offering a number of *Weekend Options* - anywhere in the U.K.

If your congregation would like to host either one of our new 'Taster Weekends' or a 'Study Weekend' then we would like to hear from you.

Our 'Taster Weekends' are intended to provide a time of encouragement as well as an insight into the work of the school. A number of presentations would be given on a variety of subjects spanning the school's curriculum.

The 'Study Weekends' will provide a short and intensive period of study in a particular subject in line with the British Bible School's curriculum. This would give students attending the event the opportunity to accumulate modular credit points towards a British Bible School certificate or diploma.

We want to be very flexible in our planning so as to accommodate a variety of arrangements to suit each host congregation. We will be sending an information leaflet to each congregation in the U.K. shortly, but if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.

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## Renewed Emphasis on Mission

We are excited about our revitalised curriculum that is shortly to be published in our new Prospectus - coming soon! Though the majority of the course will remain essentially Biblical, there will be an increased emphasis on Mission running throughout all our modules, with additional practical modules on offer too.

- Introductory
- General
- Practical
- Old Testament
- New Testament

