



Bible Colleges For Pennies!

You know that there has never been a time in the history of the world when so much Sound Bible Teaching has been available anywhere in the world. The Internet has contributed to this greatly. From free materials to read or download in many languages, to free Bible Colleges, to Bibles, etc. In fact when we received a request from Tanzania to plant a Bible College in a Refugee Camp, for the first time we sent digital materials and links to other online resources in English and Swahili. They were excited to get the materials and to get started. This can be done in most areas of the world.

Still, there are places where English is the only way to get a Biblical Education. They do not study in the heart language of their nation or people. In this situation there is much more to be done. Many tribes are too small and so few speak their language the they are blessed to even have a New Testament that they can read. Blessings to Wycliffe Associates for

their work in this area! When God opens a window in such situation, the Christian community has a opportunity to get select quality works into their hands. Translation is normally slow work; and expensive. Still, not a lot is needed. The basics which will allow the gospel be understood is first. This means a Bible! Second, specific works which will allow for the training of Pastors; this will keep the Church healthy if the Pastors are well trained. The Pastors can, with good basic materials, train up other Pastors as described in the Pastoral Epistles.

While smaller language groups may never have vast libraries of works in their own language, they can perhaps get enough to do a lot with a little. Some years ago I took literally thousands of volumes out of my library. They were good books; but not great books. I believed that the time had come to limit myself to the key works which would serve my ministry best.

So if you were about to be . . .

White Stone Missions

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We are putting together a curriculum for a Bible College in Mongolia. The Church in Mongolia is very young and so not a lot of materials exist yet. Nevertheless, God has been providing materials buy His grace and it appear we are making good headway.

Two new translations of LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD, by Marian Schoolland are presently in the works. Please pray for quality. Thanks to Eerdmans Publishers for permissions. The new Burmese translation was well received. A Mongolian translation may soon be in the works as well.

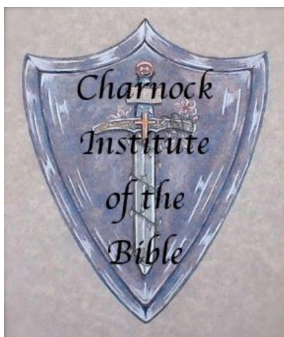
A new curriculum was provided for a group in Tanzania for a one year Bible College. This was nothing more than providing mate3rials for them to download.

God has been good to us in letting us participate in the Gospel of His Son. Many Thanks to Him!

Blessings!



PLAN NOW FOR THIS COMING SUMMER



Summers are REQUIRED for all Degree Seeking Students attending CIB. Translating the entire Bible from the Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic Scriptures takes more time than a regular schedule can offer. We instituted Summer sessions from the beginning to meet this need. Students will need to come into

CIB with their first classes being Greek or Hebrew Grammar. This allows for Reading the Greek or Hebrew Text immediately in Regular Session. Four Summers means Four Languages: Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Latin (to bring their educational abilities to the College Level). Nothing opens the eyes to the Bible like getting behind the veil of the Translations. English is not a Friend of the Hebrew or Greek Text! at CIB students will never read the Bible in the same way again. Contact us now if CIB fits your needs.

. . . stranded on a desert Island and you could only grab a handful of books to have with you. what would you grab? This would obviously depend upon your life and passions. But if you were a Pastor or a Missionary and focused on the current reality, you would probably grab what would matter most. For myself, it would be:

1. A good Bible. This would be the best according to my skill level. English? Greek & Hebrew? etc.
2. A Good Bible Dictionary. If it is quality, you can study each book of the Bible and so actually get a basic New and Old Testament Introduction. But more, you can get information and insight on almost anything in your Bible. Good Bible Dictionaries are more like Encyclopedias; with articles and information and background far beyond anything Webster offers. If you master a good Bible Dictionary you can become a fair theologian. N.b. most men never learn to fully use such a work.
3. A Bible Concordance. Again, this would depend upon my skill level. The concordances provide definitions, and the ability to find any word in any location of the Bible.

So thats a total of three books. With these, one can begin to lay a foundation for one's self and others. This person can know God,

the Bible, begin to learn and understand the theology of the Bible, etc. I know there is much more, but we are not discussing "more."

When I was a little boy, I remember once asking my mother if I could make a glass of lemonade. Real lemonade, not the packaged stuff. Upon getting permission, my brother and I went to work on the task. I squeezed with all of my might on those lemons, and when my mom entered the kitchen she was shocked and asked what we were doing. I couldn't believe the question, since it was rather obvious to all and in fact, she had granted the go-ahead!

What she was shocked over, was that I had cut in half and squeezed about 5 lemons and still did not have enough juice for a glass of lemonade. My brother had done the same. Mom took over and was able to squeeze more lemon juice than we thought possible from a lemon. Voila, Lemon-aid!

The reality was that we simply did not have the ability to get everything out of ONE lemon that was actually there. We believed the answer was MORE! However, the real answer was more ability and less lemons.

Theology is the same. Less is more, if you have the ability to use well what you have; and more is actually a distraction and a waste. What is needed is not more, but rather the ability to learn to use well what you have.

At CIB we have less curriculum, but more of it. Quality trumps quantity in education and life. Learning well what we need to know.

I have taught through the whole Bible, taught many a series on Doctrines, Angels, Biographies of the Apostles, the Trinity, Christology, Greek, Hebrew and more. But at this time in life, a very few things are needed.

White Stone Missions works primarily with the above ideas in mind. Don't do everything, rather do a few things well on the Mission Field. Learning to use a few good tools is the need. Not LOTS of money, but a LITTLE well invested.

A final thought. Sin removes God's blessing from any person or people. Righteousness causes His blessing and prospering to take place. No one can alter this. We should never try to bless in any context where God's blessings cannot be received. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." - Jude

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