



## Picking up steam ...



Following what has been a very difficult year for the Bible school, things are once more picking up steam and moving forward. With a new Development Plan in place, each area of teaching and training is being improved and

further developed in line with our collective vision to serve God's people throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. We have a very positive mind for a useful future as we endeavour to do what we can to help teach others to teach the Word to all the world.

Our *Distance Learning Programme* is progressing, *Extension Classes* are planned and our new *In-House Training* options are being developed to benefit local assemblies of believers across the United Kingdom. We have just made some necessary improvements to our web site in order to bring the information on it up to date, and further significant changes are planned in the not too distant future. All in all we are very much back on track and looking to take you on board.

Patrick Boyns



## Distance Learning up and running

It is now true to say that the British Bible School *Distance Learning Programme* is very much up and running. Two of the three Introductory Modules ('Introduction to Bible Study' and 'The Authority of Scripture') are in use and the third, 'Understanding the Bible' should come on stream by the end of 2012.

So far six students have completed 'Introduction to Bible Study' and all are based in Britain: four in England and two in Scotland and so, for the first time in too long, we can say we have British students studying with the British Bible School. Pleasingly, five of the six have progressed to Module Two and the only one who has left us is a young lady who had only ever planned to study one unit as an optional course of study while reading Medicine at University College, London.

We do not intend to be exclusively British and have one student from Eindhoven (Netherlands) who has made a start on Module One and two, a husband

## When did YOU last have a training day?

As the people of God we are called to serve others, and we do so according to the abilities that God has given to us. But don't we often wish that we could do better at what we do - that we could utilise our God-given abilities more effectively?

In many areas of life, development training is a regular occurrence. In education or business it is seen as essential to help us perform better. So should it be any different within that part of our lives most precious to us?

We have developed a number of In-House Training options that we can bring to you which we think can be helpful to the growth and development of local congregations. Choose from one of the following seven options:

- Missional outreach
- Youth issues
- Good stewardship
- Congregational growth
- Praise and worship
- Back to basics
- Leadership

... and get in touch with us to arrange a day or weekend seminar/workshop for your congregation. Please see our web site for more details.

and wife, from Bucharest (Romania) although regrettably we are experiencing difficulties in getting all the material to them. A total of fourteen students have enrolled so far and in addition to the six who have successfully completed Module One, three have submitted some work - including our most recent recruit, Iain Scott (Stirling) and although some have not yet sent in any assignments, who is to say that they are not hard at work reading and memorising and the work will follow when ready.

Once students have completed the first three Introductory modules we plan to have a selection from which they can make a choice so as to meet their own needs. 'Old Testament Introduction' is currently being trialled by intrepid student-cum-guinea-pig Martin Huburn (Great Barr) and the final edit should be done by the end of the academic year (June 2012) with 'Letters From John' also being ready then. Other modules currently under development are 'From Eden to Egypt', 'New Testament Introduction', 'The Synoptics', and 'Thessalonian Letters'. Ultimately we hope to transfer the entire BBS curriculum to distance learning format but, of course, these things take time and money. Your prayers for teachers and students are greatly valued.

Steven Whitehead

# BBS on the road again

## Gemunden

The British Bible School was again well represented at this year's Advanced Bible Study Series at Gemunden in Germany. Our presenter this year was Patrick Boyns who presented a series of sessions on *Biblical Texts and Manuscripts*. Jon and Arlene Galloway also attended and accompanying them was the Bible school's own facsimile copy of the



Codex Sinaiticus - making its European debut!

We would certainly encourage others to plan to travel with us next February for what is a great

opportunity to meet fellow-believers from the Continent and see a little of what God is doing among his people across the Channel.

## Aberdeen

Earlier this year we held our first *In-House Training* event with the congregation at Aberdeen. They had requested a training day on 'Outreach' - one of the seven options being made available. Four sessions were presented, focusing on the missional aspect of outreach, and emphasising the need for the whole body to be focused on the mission of God. There were a couple of group sessions during the day and an opportunity to feedback from a questionnaire that had been circulated prior to the event.

Ian Starrs, a graduate of the British Bible School and one of our occasional teachers helped to co-ordinate the event along with others from one of the congregation's working groups.

There is certainly room for development, but the day achieved what we had set out to achieve. As a congregational activity it worked very well and similar training events could easily become a part of any congregation's annual calendar.

## Study Weekends

We are in the process of arranging a number of BBS Study Weekends. These provide opportunities to study particular Modules within a classroom environment. Numbers are limited and places **must** be booked in advance.

**Christian Ethics (PRA01)**  
East Kilbride, Scotland

5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (part 1)  
9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (part 2)

We are also trying to plan a couple of weekends in the **East Midlands** before the end of the year - please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

## 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 hear more about the work of the British Bible School and of ways in which we might be able to serve you - wherever you may be! If you would like us to visit your congregation or if you wish simply to make further enquiries, please do get in touch.

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