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Welcome to BIBS News.

Since our last edition the winds of adversity have blown long and hard. Tossed to and fro but with Christ in the vessel BIBS continue to press forward with a sense of purpose.

In this edition we pause to reflect on our journey over the last twelve months as we steered BIBS through deep waters and uncharted territories. We also celebrate the doors of opportunities that have been opened to BIBS.

Thanks to the spiritual foresight of our Presiding Bishop, the decision was taken to relocate BIBS to the front building of the Kelvin Way site. Notwithstanding the promise, there were financial obstacles to overcome before we were in a position to possess the blessing. Help came quickly from the saints in the UK and overseas. I thank God for you all and the expression of your love and kindness towards BIBS. The school depends heavily on your financial contributions so continue to give to this worthy cause.

I especially thank Bishop Dunn, Bishop Edmund, Bishop Simmonds, Elder Whitter, Minister Thompson and everyone who laboured in their own special way to bring about the will of God.

As a result of the relocation many new doors of opportunity are now open to us, signalling the dawn of a new day for BIBS. Pray our strength continually as we embrace the inevitable changes that lie ahead.

Despite all these things the everyday business of the school must continue. Ever conscious of the needs of our students, we have added two new units to the BIBS curriculum. The units are designed to provide our learners and those wishing to enhance their career prospects with practical and relevant skills. Find out more inside this issue.

BIBS News is also being revamped to include a section that is relevant to the community; people of all ages, social and cultural backgrounds. These are troublesome times and many are dismayed by the wave of disasters and turbulence engulfing our society. Some are even losing hope, being destroyed for lack of knowledge.

The outreach section of this edition takes a look at what the Bible has to say concerning these catastrophic events; helps you understand why you think the way you do; explains the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation. Read the personal testimony of the transforming power of the gospel.

Share the experiences of BIBS students who, arm in arm, retraced the route of the Exodus from Egypt to the gateway of the Promised Land in April 2008. Our sponsored climb up the steep and rugged mountain to the 2200 metres summit, was not only a test of fitness but more so of endurance to raise over £1,000 for BIBS. I thank all our students who participated in the event.

My thanks to those who have dedicated their time, money and expertise to make this magazine happen. I especially thank our dedicated prayer team who have laboured day and night for BIBS in fasting and prayers.

This magazine was birthed out of need and is designed to edify and encourage our readers. The articles are contributed by real people to meet real needs. We therefore welcome your comments and ideas that may serve to improve the quality and content of this magazine.

Enjoy!



Dean of Studies

Forward Still - BIBS is Jehovah's Will

A new day dawned for BIBS when, through spiritual foresight, Bishop Dunn took the decision to move BIBS to the front building of the Kelvin Way site. The blessing was at first obscured by the dilapidated state of the building but every cloud has a silver lining. While the potential was clear to see the much needed finance was not.

The way was soon made for the walls, ceiling and flooring to be repaired but we were still left with a renovated but empty shell.



The floor space still had to be converted to provide classrooms, offices, resource rooms for the students and canteen facilities. Our prayers for help to draw up plans for the floor space were answered and this enabled us to set about counting the cost of the conversion works.

The estimated cost of the conversion was substantial but not insurmountable. We were convinced that the blessing would become a reality. We were also comforted by the assurance that BIBS would remain in the Bethel Convention Centre (BCC) until the two floors were converted to provide BIBS with the needed facilities.

Bethel pastors were the first to respond to the Board's appeal for the finance to carry out the conversion works; we were now in reach of the blessing. The second floor partitions were completed in March 2008. Notwithstanding,

the school was closed in March 2008; the challenge being to raise sufficient funds to make the second floor usable and reopen the school.

Like Nehemiah we cried out to the Lord for help and were heard. God touched the hearts of the Bethel family everywhere, BIBS staff and students, past and present, our families, friends and well-wishers to give willingly. Indeed God was our present help, who made it possible for classes to resume in April 2008.

Although our academic year has now drawn to a close, our appeal for finance to convert the third floor to provide the remaining classrooms, canteen facilities, offices and store rooms, continues. We are also trusting God to supply the desperately needed finance to replace the roof. Until then we continue to believe to see the goodness of the Lord and the realisation of his blessings.

BIBS must now go forward to realise its full potential. The opportunities are endless! BIBS must become a training centre that also teaches essential skills for our learners and our community. The need for these are clear for all to see; practical help with reading and writing.

Starting September 2008 are two short practical courses that teach Research and Presentation skills. Learners will receive a recognised qualification upon successful



completion of each course. In the pipeline are two literacy courses aimed at helping learners to read and understand the absolute basics of the Bible; also a short course that explains why humankind needs biblical salvation and how to obtain it.

The courses currently on offer are:

Foundation

The one year Foundation course continues to be a success story; the aim being to teach learners the fundamentals of the Bible. The curriculum is suitable for new converts and those wishing to study at a more moderate pace.

Certificate in Biblical Studies

The well established two year Certificate course is still the core of the BIBS curriculum. The course aims to provide a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and promotes disciplined and systematic study.

Degree in Biblical Theology

The recently launched course in biblical theology is run over four years to provide in-depth knowledge of the major doctrines of the Bibles.

Study Tours

Study tours to bible lands are an essential part of the BIBS learning process; at times retracing the Exodus from Egypt via Mount Sinai to the Holy Land or Paul's footsteps on his missionary journeys to Europe and Asia.

Come and experience BIBS. You may never be the same again if you come with a deep desire to know God. A warm welcome awaits you.

See page 4 for how to apply.

BIBS Degree in Biblical Theology

How to Apply

To obtain further details and an application form contact the Secretary:

Email: applications@bibsuk.org

Tel. no: 07515 407 808

In person: 27 July 2008
(2.30pm to 5.30pm)

Send your completed application and deposit of £100 (Cheques payable to 'BIBS') to:

The Secretary, BIBS,
2nd Floor, Bethel Hall,
Kelvin Way, West Bromwich
B70 7JW.

Enrolment

Date: 13 September 2008

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

BIBS Term Dates (2008/2009)

W/E

- 1** 20/21 September 08
- 2** 18/19 October 08
- 3** 15/16 November 08
- 4** 13/14 December 08
- 5** 10/11 January 09
- 6** 21/22 February 09
- 7** 28/29 March 09
- 8** 25/26 April 09
- 9** 30/31 May 09
- 10** 27/28 June 09

Last year BIBS launched its first ever degree course. There was excitement all around! Both teachers and students alike were filled with joy, zeal and great anticipation. There was a new lease of life, coupled with thankfulness to God at the expansion of our borders. Yes, God was taking BIBS to another dimension, not only in his word but in the knowledge of him. *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" Romans II:33*



On the 27th October 2007, twelve students sat down to their first unit of the degree program, 'Biblical Hermeneutics'. It was important from the outset that the degree students acquire practical skills that would enable them to research, study and prepare projects throughout the two year program.

Nine months on and this is what they have to say...

"The degree program has taken me to a new level in understanding the Scriptures and motivated me to go deeper into the Word. I am now able to look at the Word through different eyes. Much of what was hidden has been opened up to me and is still being opened up.

The level of teaching and the volume of work challenged me to look beyond the superficial and push myself harder than I thought was possible. Every assignment that I have done has taken me a step closer to the Lord and due to this my faith has grown. I am now more disciplined in my spiritual life."

Deidre Goss

"After completing the Certificate course at BIBS I found that my yearning for God was only stimulated more and I asked God to allow me to complete the degree program. On the first day I questioned my sanity: this was because the Certificate course was very challenging and I knew from the introduction of this course that it would be no small feat. I knew I had to proceed as I had asked God to give me a passion for souls and I would need to be equipped for such a mission.

Towards the end of the term year, I felt the call of God heavily on my life. I left England for ministry in St Kitts in May 2008, leaving my natural and spiritual family, home and job. This move seemed strange but God wanted to check my availability, trust and obedience to his call."

Prudence Powell

Our BIBS Family



Abigail Alice

Our daughter was born on Thursday 6th December 2007 11.50am, weighing 6lb

14oz. Within minutes of being born she was screaming to let us know she had arrived. After prayer and much deliberation we decided to call her Abigail, meaning her father's joy. Abigail is growing well and delights us with a beautiful smile when she wakes every morning. *Debbie Myers*



Joelle-Grace

It has been a great honour and privilege to be apart of the BIBS family. My life has become 'richer' since I became a

student. I have a deeper understanding of the word, a deeper awareness of fellowship and of course a BIBS baby. Through the power of prayer and support from my BIBS family, I gave birth to a miracle baby girl despite being diagnosed with Appendicitis. *Petrona Sewell*



Isabelle Francesca May

Isabelle was born on the 14th of August 2007 at 2.14am,

weighing a healthy 7lbs 9oz. The name Isabelle means, 'consecrated to God'. While carrying Isabelle I noticed that she was very active during BIBS and church. Now at 11 months old Isabelle claps and sings to her favorite song, 'Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord'. *Shereen Thomas*



Dexter Samuel

Dexter was born on Friday 11 May 2007 at 9:22 pm to Pauline and Douglas.

He weighed 8lbs 7oz. Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come. To God be the glory that I was able to complete my study of the Certificate in Biblical Studies whilst carrying my baby through the second year. *Pauline Livingstone*



Joshua Nathaniel

Joshua was born on 7th April 2008 to Jennifer and Andrew Smith.

He arrived eight weeks early weighing 3lb 8oz, so was placed in an incubator. This weight was good for a premature baby which was a blessing from God, as he was

able to breathe on his own with the help of the nebuliser. Joshua now weighs 8lb 8oz! Special thanks go out to the brethren who fasted and prayed for Joshua. *Jennifer Smith*



*Easton Laird
BIBS Teacher*

The beginning of 2008 was a physical and spiritual awakening for me. I was reminded how frail I am.

Up until then, apart from being a diabetic, I considered myself to be fit.

On the 1st February, I woke up only being able to see out of one eye. I was diagnosed as having a mild stroke of the third intracranial nerve. The 7th February found me unable to sleep because my body was jerking and I had a severe headache. By the time I saw the G.P. the right side of my face was twitching, my neck muscles and body jerking. I was in such a state that my G.P. sent me to the hospital.

A call went out for prayer on my behalf and the Dean of B.I.B.S. alerted the prayer team and the saints to fasting and prayer.

After three scans, it was diagnosed that I had a small Aneurism. I spent 20 days in hospital during, which time I had the most horrendous experience of physical pain and weakness. I was unable to eat because of the continual sickness; I could not tolerate any light or noise but was alone with God in a darkened room.

With the help of God and continual prayer, I have made a quick recovery. I can see, read and drive again. Thank God for the blood of Jesus and its healing power.

Hallelujah! What a healer

Reaching the

Signs of Jesus' Coming!!!

Now as Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us... what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Jesus said, "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many... See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places."

Jesus also referred to the nation of Israel as a sign, "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the doors!" (Matthew 24: 3-7 & 32-33 NKJV)

In the last five years we have seen:

An increase in the number of earthquakes

There has been several earthquakes around the world but none of these stood in comparison with the Tsunami (earthquake under the sea), that took place in the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004.

The earthquake erupted off the coast of northwest Sumatra and triggered a series of devastating Tsunamis along the coasts of most landmasses bordering the

Indian Ocean, killing more than 225,000 people in eleven countries. Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand were hardest hit.

Three months on and an 8.7 magnitude quake hit the island of Nias off the coast of the Indonesia, west of Sumatra, killing 1,300 people.

And so it goes on headline after headline - earthquake hits.... 27 May 2006, a 6.2 quake hits the Indonesian island of Java; 15 August 2007, Peru's coastal province of Ica is devastated; 12 May 2008, an earthquake in China kills up to 5,000 people, as many as 10,000 injured.

An increase in the number of Hurricanes

NEWS HEADLINE: HURRICANE KATRINA HITS NEW ORLEANS



THE 2ND BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE IN RECORDED HISTORY

Hurricane Katrina is the 3rd most powerful storm to hit the US. The devastation hit US states including Florida, Louisiana, Cuba, the Bahamas and the West Indies. The hurricane submerged a third of the city in up to 6ft of water.

And so it goes on headline after headline – Hurricane hits....thousands missing or feared dead...

Famine - A growing Global Food Crisis

NEWS HEADLINE: GLOBAL FOOD PRICES SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL.



Over the last 12 months, the average price of food has risen by 56%, with wheat rising by 92% and rice, the staple of half the world, by 96%.

According to the International Monetary Fund, over the past 12 months global food prices have increased, on average, by more than 40%. This unprecedented rise in the cost of foodstuffs, threaten the food security

Community...

and well being of millions of people, particularly the poorest of the poor in the developing world.

Pestilence (diseases/infections)

NEWS HEADLINE: HOSPITAL SUPERBUG – MRSA – A BACTERIUM RESISTANT TO ANTIBIOTICS.



The bug is easily passed from person to person; it can cause serious infections and death in some cases. Hospitals battle to keep the MRSA under control with screening, high standards of hygiene and infection control measures.

And so it goes on headline after headline – New strain of virus... stronger vaccinations... resistant bug ...

NEWS HEADLINE: NUMBER WITH HIV REACH AN ALL TIME HIGH.

According to the World Health Organization, "by the end of 2006, it was estimated that globally 39.5 million people were living with HIV. 24.7 million in sub-Saharan Africa (i.e. 62.5% of the total number of cases), and 7.8 million in South and South-East Asia (i.e. 19.7% of the total number of cases)."

NEWS HEADLINE: AVIAN BIRD FLU – CAN HUMANS GET IT? YES.

The first case was in Hong Kong in 1997. Scientists say that we are due for another flu pandemic and this might be the source of it. As of January 2008, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed 348 cases of H5NI strain in humans, leading to 216 deaths.

The Great Deception

NEWS HEADLINE: OPRAH WINFREY NEW AGE RELIGION

For years Oprah has promoted New Age religion on her television show but in the past few months she has taken false religion to an entirely new level. She now

has 2 million followers and a web class of 500,000 people. Her mission statement says, "All religions are equally false and equally true, depending on how you use them...Man made God in his own image".

Did you know that Oprah is openly denying Jesus Christ to the entire world? On her television show she said that, "there could not possibly be one way to God". As far as she is concerned, "There is no sin and a slain Christ has no meaning." What's even more alarming is her appeal to men, not to make the "pathetic error of clinging to the old rugged cross".

Beware of the cult of Oprah that teaches: there is no sin, no need for salvation, no heaven and no hell.

Re-gathering in Israel

Jesus also used the nation of Israel as a sign, in his parable of the fig tree. The Bible declares in Ezekiel 34:11-13, that Israel would be become a nation again and this prophecy was fulfilled 14th May 1948, at which time there was 650, 000 (approximately) Jews in Palestine. Today there are approximately 3.5 million Jews in Palestine (Israel) and is still gathering momentum.

Mens Hearts are Failing them for FEAR...

With disaster after disaster, tsunamis, floods, deadly diseases, the global food crisis, more sophisticated weapons of war e.g. anthrax and terrorist attacks, who can forget 9/11? It's no wonder that men's hearts are failing them for FEAR...Luke 21:25-26 states, "...and on Right where we live, we face gun and knife crimes, weekly muggings and murders. Teen 'binge drinking' and the ever growing drug culture are shaking the very fabric of society...

Dear Reader! The end of this world is nearer than we think; the events that our Lord told us of are rapidly coming to pass. He is coming again; prepare to meet your God who will reward all men according to their works. God so loved the world that He gave His Son that whoever believes on him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16). If you have not yet given your life to Christ, now is the acceptable time.

Heed the warning of our Lord to watch the signs and pray that you will be "counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass.

God so Loved the World

Have you ever thought about how special you really are?

Regardless of what people have said to you or about you, you need to know that Jesus loves you, just as you are. He knows everything about you, where you've been, what you've done and what you are about to do. He knew you from your mother's womb. You are special to him!

The awesomeness of God is that even though there are millions of people in the world he knows you. He knows you by name; in fact he knows every hair on your head. You are not only special, you are precious to him.

So often we look for love and acceptance in the wrong places and sometimes the love that we seek comes with a price. Jesus' love is unconditional, free yet priceless and available to everyone.

We have all messed up, said and done things that have displeased God. Despite our circumstances and situations, Jesus knew we would always fall short and that we needed to be delivered from sin.

Salvation is exactly that, it's being delivered from sin; set free from mental bondage and given the mind of Christ; which sets you free from wrong patterns of thinking and belief systems'. These may have developed from hurtful things instilled in us or done to us during our childhood years.

Jesus is the saviour of the world; he came to save mankind and to give us life; life more abundantly. The full extent of his love was demonstrated by his death on the cross. He died on the cross so you would be set free from sin; he took all your sins away. If you were the only person in the world, Jesus would have still gone to the cross. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* (JOHN 3:16)

Experience the benefits of salvation – Joy, peace, hope, friendship with God, etc... Embrace life today! Receive Jesus as your Lord and personal Saviour. (Acts 2:38) tells you how, "Repent ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". NKJV

A New Way of Thinking!

Have you tried everything within your power to bring about a positive change in your life, unsuccessfully? Why not change your mindset...

Defining Mindset

Some consider the mind to mean the brain but I consider the mind to mean that part of your spirit that thinks and then expresses that which is either good or evil. A mindset then would be an individual's fixed way of thinking, feeling and behaving. The mind is mankind's spiritual thinking faculty and it exists after the death of the body (Luke 16: 19-31). God will judge the unjust mindset on the judgement day (2nd Peter 2:9)

Cause and effect of negative Mindset

Negative mindsets in human beings started in Adam and Eve because they transgressed the Divine law of God. It plunged the whole human race into sin, shame and death (Genesis 3: 17-19). All human beings inherited Adam's sinful and corrupt mindset (1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Psalms 51:5) with the death penalty. However, God provided a way of escape through Jesus Christ who paid the death penalty on our behalf, when he died on the cross. He was buried and rose again, so that sinful minds maybe renewed (St John 3:16; Romans 6:22-23).

A Corrupt v Good Mindset

A corrupt mindset speaks of people who have given themselves over to vile affections contrary to God's moral standards (Romans 1:26-32). An example of a corrupt mindset would be one addicted to pornographic material. Those with such mindsets include murderers, liars, adulterers and witches (Revelations 21:8).

This mindset is extremely selfish and is centred on the manipulation of others for its own gain, regardless of the pain to others. It is characterised by treacherousness without integrity (1 John 2:15-17). A good mindset speaks of one delivered from the above by becoming a born again Christian and receiving the mind of Christ. This mind is life and peace as it enables one to live morally and spiritually (Romans 8:6).

How to renew your Mindset

God has made a way of escape from the corrupt mindset, which is against the moral code of principles that God requires us to live by. This mindset exalts itself against all that God is and stands for (Ephesians 4:17; Colossians 2:18).

You can do this by receiving God's words, by faith into your heart (Hebrews 8:10; 10:16; 11:6). Jesus died, was

buried and rose again for your justification, forgiveness of your sins, and the renewing of your mind so that you may love God.

As an addicted gambler, I lived selfishly despite being married with three children. I sought life and satisfaction but found misery and contention. However, 27 years ago God renewed my mind and gave me a new mindset. God delivered me from my treacherous mindset and created in me a heart of integrity to serve him and my generation. Renew your mind by being born again. This consists of faith towards God, confession, repentance, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the removal of your sins, be filled with the Holy Spirit and live a dedicated Christian lifestyle (Acts 2:28; Hebrews 6: 1-2).

The Benefits of a Renewed Mindset

Through your faith and obedience, God will transform you by the renewal of your mind so that you can do what is good, perfect and acceptable to God (Romans 12:2). You become a new person in Christ Jesus, your old lifestyle is passed away (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Consequently, you can love and worship God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind. You can also love your neighbor as your self (Luke 10:27). A new mindset will not give vent to evil thoughts and actions to your self or others. Additionally, you will not do violence to anyone because love does no evil. Therefore, genuine love towards God and people fulfils all that God requires of us.

Regardless of what you've done, Jesus loves you and offers you a new and living way of life. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Open up to him, he create in you a new mindset. God will make a difference in your life if you let Him. You may consider that life is good and you are in need of nothing. However, without God in your life there is still a void, an emptiness that no material things can fill. Why not give God a chance in your life? - You will never be the same again.

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“... I knew my life had to Change”

I came to the Lord bruised, battered, unworthy, ashamed, selfish, unloved, and broken; not knowing who I was. One of eight children I was brought up by a single mother so I knew hardship from a very young age. I found myself pregnant at the age of 15 and the struggle continued as I was left raising my son on my own.

Later on I got married and had four more children. During my life I have suffered both physical and mental abuse; the mental abuse caused the worse damage, as it left me feeling unworthy and broken. I was so insecure and depressed that I took drugs to shut the world out.

For several years I was out of control, which resulted in me attempting to take my own life. I knew then that my life had to change, so I asked the Lord to come into my life and help. I had an experience with the Lord, which I can only explain as unbelievable. It took that experience to make me believe that there was a God and I haven't turned back since.

Since that day, I have been truly blessed. The Lord took me out of my situation, rid me of the darkness I was living in and gave me a new life.

To understand more about God I enrolled on the BIBS foundation course, which opened up my eyes to a whole new world. I have never read the Bible and it was a good opportunity to learn about the Lord in an environment where everyone had the same aim. I don't know everything but I am progressing on the course.

I know who I am now; the Lord has been so good to me. I own my own home, I have a fantastic job and I'm studying accountancy. I have the Lord to thank for where I am today.

The Lord is waiting for anyone that will reach out and ask for help. Call BIBS on 07515 407 808.

BIBS Student

Study Tour 2008 – “Gaining

The BIBS experience goes beyond the classroom, to include study tours to Bible lands. Our students are given the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the patriarchs and prophets; tread the road our Lord once walked for us and re-trace the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul.

This year a group of students and staff journeyed to Egypt, following the route of the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt to Palestine.

We arrived at Heathrow airport at 6.00am on Friday 4th April, ready to start our journey with tickets, passports and cases all in hand, having prepared ourselves beforehand in fasting and prayer.

We were determined to literally make every step count; our climb to Mt Sinai would raise funds to help with the relocation of the school.

Come with us as we re -trace the journey...

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo, Egypt

We landed safely and gave thanks. Our guide then escorted us through customs and on to baggage claim.

Two weeks prior to our journey, I asked God a question “What is your Faithfulness?” Not knowing that I would find out in Egypt.

In Egypt, we met our tour guide but before leaving the airport, I realised that my suitcase was lost. I could feel the love and prayers of the brethren; this I believe was God showing me His faithfulness. The brethren went the extra mile and provided all that I needed!

No one knew my prayer, yet every time we started singing, the same songs were repeated, “Great is thy Faithfulness” and “Your Grace and Mercy brought me through”. We trusted God, and I received my suitcase 4 days later”. Student Journal

We left the airport and on the way to the hotel we drove through Cairo, passed by the city of the dead; miles of tombs where the poor live. You could feel the deadness of the city and see that God’s Judgement lingered, even today... After thousands of years the economy showed little sign of recovery.

Day 2: Visit to the Pyramids in Giza and the Cairo Museum.

Today we visited the Sphinx, the pyramids and tombs of great pharaohs. This gifted nation invested time and effort in preparing for their afterlife; they had exceeding faith in hopelessness! The museum tombs showed pharaohs who considered themselves as gods, but still prepared their

tombs with charms and protection for the supposed after life. True faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is our preparation for eternal life.... Student journal

Day 3: Cross the Red Sea, rest at Marah and Rephidim

The Red Sea was awesome! To stand where God parted the sea for his people and remember when Miriam danced and sang praises... We went across the sea to Marah, where the water was bitter, then finally to Rephidim where the Israelites won victory over the Amalekites. I viewed the palm trees and the areas where the Bedouins lived. It was so wonderful to see the Bible come alive... Student Journal

Day 4: Up to Mount Sinai – The Mount of God

We started our ascent at 1.30 am, having prayed and completed our warm up exercises –power stretches.

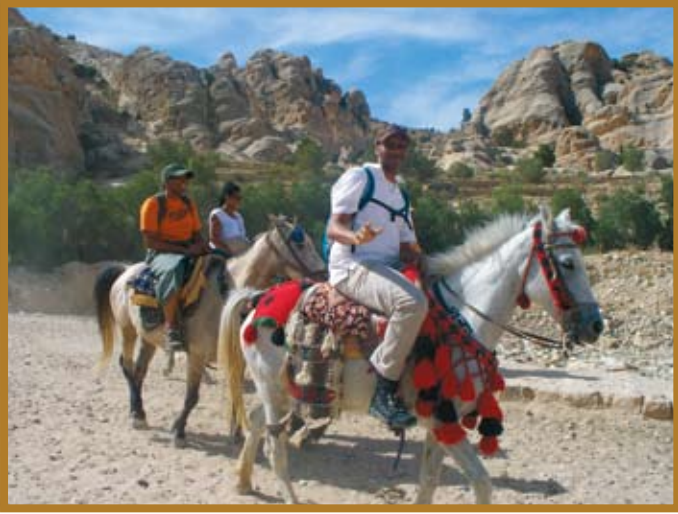


As you may imagine, we were all quite excited as we started in the pitch dark, only with our little head torches helping us to see a little distance ahead. It was just as well that I did not start the climb in the daylight, as I would have seen just how high I had to go and maybe reconsidered it. In our walk with God, he only allows us to see just enough of where He’s taking us; it is a walk of faith.

We were constantly being offered a camel ride; this became a bit irritating after a while and started to try my patience. (Be warned, when doing this walk, God will really show you some things about your character). The last few 100ft were the most difficult. Student journal

‘How Great thou Art’, is the song I’d ascribe to this experience, for I saw, touched, smelt and felt the greatness of God. I saw mountains that appeared to touch the sky, perfectly carved and set by the hand of God. The climb of Mount Sinai marked a life changing moment for me. It was a lonely walk, long and hard, and just when I thought ‘no more’ the Lord cloaked me in strength to continue. When I looked back across

New Heights!"



the bottomless mountains I declared, "How great and holy is my God" and vowed never to place any limits on his limitlessness ever again. Student journal

At the top of God's holy mount we were struck with awe. We prayed, cried, read the Psalms, sang - 'How great is our God, how great is his name...'

Day 5: Crossed the Gulf of Aqaba and Journeyed through the land of Edom

The sudden change from the mountainous region of Sinai, to the red, rocky land of Edom was amazing. The marked change in the land was reflected in the people.

Day 6: Explored the Nabatean City of Petra and the Wadi Rum

"We spent the morning in Petra...we rode horses and sang through the corridors of the rocks, some joined in and others commented on the beauty of what they heard... visit to Wadi Rum on the 4 x 4 rides was most exciting... racing to the finishing line still singing praises: "Good bye world",...."you can't catch me again".....today I was restored with the Joy of the Lord..." Student journal

Day 7: Moved up the Kings Highway, viewed Jerusalem from Mt Nebo, visited Jordan and rested at the Dead Sea.

"Driving on a road called the Kings Highway, it was only fitting to have sung the songs of Zion. We were led into morning manna on the coach... the presence of God left the tour guide speechless and tearful as we continued giving praise and testimonies. At the Dead Sea... floating..." Student journal

Day 8: Returned Home

Our lives will never be the same... Such sweet fellowship...

Thanking God for Answered Prayer!

We give God the glory for the completion of another BIBS year. Thanking Him for the Dean, teachers, secretaries and students; those that contributed through prayer, finances or whatever means of support and finally for BIBS prayer team who prayed without ceasing - Thank God for you!

This has been a year of mighty warfare, great challenges and victorious success.

We thank God for:

- The foundation, certificate and degree courses and the successful results they produced
- His ministering servants Dr. Cawley and Dr. Evans, who He sent to enlighten and empower us
- Taking teachers and their families abroad safely and back
- Joy Henry, her husband and all who suffered ill health during this period. Prayer was made and deliverance followed. By his stripes we are healed
- Sis Tracey, who the enemy tried to take out in a road accident but God was with her
- Adding new member to the prayer team
- Joshua Nathaniel who was born prematurely to Jenifer and Andrew Smith
- BIBS standing strong. Classes were cancelled in March but despite the massive plan of the enemy, we kept to what we know best - the Word, prayer and fasting and as a result classes resumed in April 2008. Jesus allowed us to triumph over the enemy by increasing our greatness and extending our borders victoriously

We thank God for the warfare that surrounded BIBS but we thank him more for the victory that ambushed it. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much! To God be the glory.

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