



40,000 and Growing!



A Message from Maury to our CBSI African Partners

Over the past five years we've been running full throttle launching and re-launching CBSI ministries into ten African countries (see short summaries) and

we're praying and planning for Ethiopia and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo) in 2012.

God has called many great leaders into CBSI, both from Africa and the U.S. to bring the Word of God throughout Africa.

What a year it's been! God is surely delighted and the angels are dancing as many 1000s now have the study of God's Word in their hands (see testimonies). What a privilege it is to serve together with "you all" helping our African brothers and sisters

come to experience the light and love of Jesus through CBSI. Many of you have even chosen to link with a specific country. We will continue to give you quarterly updates, however, if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact any one of our ministry team.

My heart is not big enough to adequately express my gratitude for your diligent prayers and sacrificial giving which makes all of this possible.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed and joyous Christmas. On behalf of more than 40,000 African CBS'rs, THANK YOU!

"It is for freedom's sake that Christ Jesus has set us free." Galatians 5:1

Burkina Faso ~ 7000 in CBSI Studies

In 2010, Pastor Michel, president of the AOG denomination, met with CBS Executive Director, Camilla Seabolt, and it became immediately apparent to Pastor Michel that CBSI was the answer to their great need for personal Bible study. Within six months, after



A CBSI study in Burkina Faso

intensive planning, Frank and Marian conducted a training and CBSI was launched. Jason and Lisa Bye responded to the call to oversee the ministry traveling

with their church to Burkina Faso. Lisa Bye conducted training for Children & Youth which will be implemented in 2012.

Major Developments

- TRAINED 100+ LEADERS IN KIGALI
- EXPANDED TO FREE METHODIST DENOMINATION IN BURUNDI
- EXPANDED TO NEW DIOCESE IN UGANDA
- ADVANCED TRAINING IN BURKINA FASO WHERE CBSI IS EXPLODING
- LAUNCHED AIC DENOMINATION IN KENYA WITH 400,000 MEMBERS
- THREE COUNTRIES STARTED BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT CBSI
- EXPLORING ETHIOPIA AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Goals for 2012

Launch the Children and Youth ministry

Finish the CBSI office building, funded exclusively by Burkina Faso donors

Develop a business plan towards self-funding

Translate and add more lessons.

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CBSI—Africa

Burundi ~ Over 9000 in CBSI Studies



Maury at the orphanage in Burundi

For me, here is where it all began. In 2003 we financed the expansion of an orphanage which sprang up as a result of the Rwanda/Burundi genocide of 1994. The orphanage was managed by a large Pentecostal (Swedish) denomination of over 1 million members; the leaders asked for Bible study material. In 2006 we conducted our first training of thirty pastors and in 2007 commissioned Pastor

Oscar Nkunzimana as our National Director. Matthew, Acts and Romans studies are now available.

In 2009 we expanded into Light University and the federal prisons and this year into the Free Methodist denomination.

In 2010 John & Lynn Axelson joined the team as Calebs and will be leading CBSI into the future.

Goals for 2012

Expand into Anglican Denomination

Form a Board of Trustees to move the ministry towards full sustainability.

Translate and print Genesis study.

Further develop the National Servants Team.

I AM MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN. I GREW UP WITHOUT KNOWING THAT JESUS CHRIST LOVES ME. I WAS A SINNER AND I COMMITTED MANY SINS. ONE DAY I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND A CBSI CLASS. FROM THE CLASS I HEARD HOW JESUS CAME FOR THE SINNERS AND THE SICK. THEY ALSO SAID THAT HE NEEDS MY RESPONSE .I REPENTED AND BEGGED HIM TO COME IN MY HEART. IMMEDIATELY MY FEAR, BURDENS AND ANXIETY RAN AWAY. I FELT PEACE AND RELIEF IN MY HEART. I CANNOT MISS A CLASS. I WITNESS JESUS EVEN IN MY NEIGHBORS.

UZIEL, CBSI STUDENT

Goals for 2012

Major launch in January

Develop a Board of Trustees

Develop a 2-3 year business plan to become self-funded

Begin translations into Swahili to expand into rural areas

Connect with other major denominations and conduct training

Implement Children's and Teen Ministry

Kenya ~ 20,000 by end of 2012?

Nearly eight years ago, Jonathan and Elizabeth Mwanja, leaders in the AIC denomination of over 4 million members, moved from Kenya to the Chicago area where Jonathan pursued a PhD at Trinity Seminary with the intent of returning to Kenya after graduation. During this time, Elizabeth joined a CBS study and recognized the value and desperate need for Bible study in the AIC churches in Kenya. Ultimately, Elizabeth was trained to become the CBSI Area Director for

Nairobi, overseeing the implementation of CBSI into the 400,00 AIC membership. Frank and Marian conducted the training in September 2011 and classes have begun in English with a major launch planned for January 2012.

Elizabeth, with Jonathan's help, expects to see tens of thousands in CBSI studies by the end of 2012. Elizabeth is committed to the CBSI 3-step philosophy: self-determined, self-directed and eventually a self-funded ministry in Kenya.

Malawi ~ Growing the Ministry, Over 1500 in Studies

Over the past decade, David and Gillian Mason have been working diligently with National Director, Rutherford Banda to stabilize and grow the ministry and they are succeeding. Over the years, they, along with U.S. donors, have raised funding and Malawi now has a Board of Trustees overseeing the ministry. They have embraced our philosophy of being self-determined, self-directed, and self-funded and they continue to move forward.

Recently many of us U.S. donors provided funding to start a vegetable farm along with raising chickens and pigs. The proceeds will be used to sustain and grow the ministry as most classes are in rural areas where literacy and funds are lacking. Participants are now also making small donations for lessons.

We are excited for the future as a new focus of partnering with a major denomination is being pursued in the capital city of Lilongwe.

Goal for 2012

Main goal is to move toward self-funding.



Piglets will bring in needed income.

Mozambique ~ Over 2000 in CBSI Studies

Over the past two years, Calebs Gene and Frances Shackelford have lived in Mozambique to develop a leadership team to bring stability and growth to the ministry. A Board of Trustees has been formed, a retail business founded which is beginning to show a profit, and participants are making

donations. There may be ongoing financial needs should they start a literacy program and also for translations.

Goals for 2012

- Self-Determined
- Self-Directed
- Self-Funded



New business called Fonte Fresca



Mercy and Pastor Sholy

Nigeria ~ Moving Towards a Fully Self-Funded Ministry

With over 4000 individuals in CBSI studies, Pastor Sholy Yusuf has been leading this ministry over the past decade and is committed to grow the ministry into major denominations.

Along with his wife, Mercy,

who leads the Children & Youth ministry in Nigeria, they have been diligently toiling in the dangerous city of Jos where violence is common with many of their fellow Christ-followers being killed.

Goals for 2012

- Move to self-funding
- Build the NST (National Servants Team)
- Grow the ministry into major denominations
- Continue training class leaders

Rwanda ~ Over 10,000 in CBSI Studies

In 2008 we received an invitation from the Anglican denomination to train leaders and implement CBSI into two dioceses. We did our first introductory training in 2008, followed up by a major training in 2009. We commissioned Reverend Agnes Kamashara as the Area Director. Paul and Debbie Annett joined us as Calebs in 2010 and have a deep love and passion for our brothers

and sisters in Rwanda.

Matthew and Acts are completed with Genesis to follow. This year, Paul and Debbie arranged for an expansion of CBSI into the capital city of Kigali, with the Anglican and Association of Evangelicals representing over 10 million believers. Frank and Marian did the training in September.

Goals for 2012

- Form a multi-denominational Board of Trustees to oversee the ministry.
- Develop a comprehensive business plan to move toward self-funding.
- Grow to over 20,000
- Launching CBSI in capital city of Kigali, into many denominations.
- Form a Nat'l Servants Team

"I THANK GOD WHO SAVED ME, I WANDERED IN SIN FOR MANY YEARS TILL I EVEN GOT HIV/AIDS. PEOPLE REJECTED ME BUT THE CBSI STUDENTS OF THE BENIBYIRINGIRO CLASS PRAYED FOR ME. THEY TAUGHT ME THE WORD OF GOD AND I GOT TO KNOW THAT JESUS LOVES EVEN THE SINNERS LIKE ME. I REPENTED AND RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST IN MY HEART. I JOINED A CLASS AND NOW I HAVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I HAVE PEACE IN MY HEART. I CANNOT STAND TO MISS A CLASS EVERY WEDNESDAY AS I SEE JESUS WHENEVER I READ THE BIBLE. I WILL NEVER GO BACK IN SINS. I AM A BELOVED CHILD OF GOD.

EMMANUEL, CBSI PARTICIPANT

Tanzania ~ Translation Complete

While on a visit to the U.S. in January 2011, Mama Tesha, Headmaster of St. Margaret's Academy, became aware of Children's CBSI and immediately requested materials for her 500 students. She attended CBSI C&Y training and this December completed the translation into

Swahili and is ready to implement C&Y in her school. Meanwhile, Stacey Davis and Cathy Travis are trained Calebs to oversee the C&Y programs along with launching an adult program. Stacey already has launched an English class in Morogoro.

Goals for 2012

- Print and Launch C&Y into St. Margaret's
- Make contacts with major denomination to introduce CBSI
- Identify a Tanzania leadership team.



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Uganda National Director,
Reverend John

Uganda ~ 9000 in CBSI Studies and Growing

In 2009 Pastor John Guest from PA, along with Susan Krance, asked Frank and Marian (CBSI Int'l Directors) to bring CBSI to the Anglican denomination in Northern Uganda where his church had been involved in humanitarian work. A major training was held subsequently, conducted by Frank & Marian in 2009 and Rev. John Kitalibara was

commissioned as National Director. Bob Mann joined as a Caleb in 2010 and has already travelled to Uganda on four occasions helping to establish a Board of Trustees along with providing guidance to fully develop the leadership team to assure continued growth into the future. We expect the ministry to grow well beyond 10,000 in 2012.

Goals for 2012

- Form Board of Trustees and register the ministry
- Expand into four new regions.
- Develop National Servants Team

Zambia ~ Beginning to Blossom

April Carlock has a passion for the Zambian brothers and sisters and sees the need for CBSI. She started a pilot class with Pastor Francis, who is requesting a major training be planned in 2012. Our National director in Nigeria recently met with a Nigerian pastor who is serving in Zambia and shared the CBSI Ephesians study with him.

Goals for 2012

As the Holy Spirit leads, develop a comprehensive plan to assess the viability of a CBSI launch into Zambia



Receiving Bibles for the First Time!
Caleb and Anna Kapsner sold Kool-Aid this summer to raise money for bibles.

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Your continuing partnership is critical. God is using us together to partner with our brothers and sisters throughout Africa to bring the richness of God's Word into the lives of tens of thousands.

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The success of this ministry is completely attributed to the enabling and power of the Holy Spirit and the obedience of followers of Jesus. Your prayer support is invaluable. We also need your financial support to continue growing this exciting ministry.

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