



BBC UPDATE

BBC/BBTS Ministry Reports

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The ministry of BBC and BBTS has had global outreach in the recent days of September and October through our Adjunct Professors and missionaries. We appreciate what the following adjunct professors accomplished in their respective ministries in last several weeks teaching in Europe and the Philippines: Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, Pastor Cas Reeves, Pastor Jed Raquintan, and Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla. Also, the following are alumni of BBTS: Pastor Aniceto Balinas, Pastor A. Cadusale, Pastor David Ellsmore, Mr. Mark Jacobs, and Dr. Bob Zemeski.

Europe

West Basingstoke Baptist Church, Hampshire, England. Pastor David A. Ellsmore

We were greatly blessed by the recent visit of three men from Community Baptist Church, Pennsylvania. Noel Meadowcroft and Bill Gotwals preached good messages for us and Mark Jacobs gave a good testimony. The members were greatly encouraged by the visit from these dear brothers and enjoyed great fellowship with them. What a blessing to be able to share together with those who have a passion for the Lord's local churches and understand the Lord's program through His local assembly's for this present age.

Eastern Europe Ministry Bill Gotwals

A team from Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA, recently returned home after a two-week trip to Europe. Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, Mark Jacobs and Bill Gotwals visited two of their supported missionaries, Jon and Emilie Rettig in the Czech Republic and Dr. Robert and Kathi Zemeski in Ireland. The team also spent time with Pastor David and Devene Ellsmore outside of London, Pastor John Anderson also near London, and Pastor Gene McKinley in Ireland.

The first stop was in London. The team had an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the work of Pastor John Anderson, an American missionary in the

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Save the Date!



BBTS Fall Lecture Series Friday, November 9 "Biblical Worship"

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*Ministry in Tigbauan Iloilo, Philippines.
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Mark Jacobs, Devene & Pastor David Ellsmore, Noel Meadowcroft and Bill Gotwals in England



*Pastor Cas Reeves, Pastor Jed Raquintan,
See their report on pages 4 & 5.*

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UK for over four years. God has provided a meeting place and a good group of that is responding well to the preaching of the Word. At Pastor Ellsmore's church in West Basingstoke, the team was able to meet and fellowship with the members as well as spend time with Pastor Ellsmore and Devene. Brother Ellsmore has paid the price for taking a stand upon the truths of scripture. His concern for the flock is that they resist the temptation to grow at the expense of pure doctrine. Other concerns for the London area are the many groups of believers without properly trained and seasoned pastors and the influence of Calvinism on many "Baptist" assemblies.

Next was the Czech Republic. Jon and Emilie Rettig have labored there since the days of Communism. That atheistic regime was very effective in bringing many Czech people to a state of total denial of God's existence. The Rettigs worked hard learning the language and establishing small Bible studies. The process of using the scriptures to prove that God exists was just the first step in a long journey for many who would eventually come to Christ. Now the Rettigs are beginning to see a harvest. Their dedicated body is hungry for God's Word. Dr. Meadowcroft's classes on Baptist History were well received. We marveled that there was such a thirst for the scriptures that it put many American churches to shame. There are many opportunities for this body. They have a fine facility that their own members support financially without outside aid. The central location of Prague in Europe makes it an ideal place to consider it for module studies.

Finally, we stayed with the Zemeski's for three days. Brother Bob and Pastor Gene McKinley worked together along with several other like-minded pastors and missionaries to host a conference on Biblical Separation. The team fleshed out this import doctrine over the course of the three evenings. In our private time with Bob and Kathi we got to see how much of their lives has been given to reaching the people of Ireland. They have served their over 31 years with many trials put before them to endure. They still desire to see the Irish come to Christ and disciple to stand for the next generation.

Our goal for the trip involved encouraging these servants and look for opportunities to serve them. While we tried to be a blessing to them it turned out they truly blessed us more than we could ever imagined.

Philippines

Tigbauan Bible Baptist Church

Pastor A. Cadusale, MBS (BBTS)

Warm greetings from Tigbauan Iloilo, Philippines. The work in Sermon Bible Baptist Mission is going on despite the fact that some young people were forced to stop attending church services because of their parents' disapproval. We (my wife and I) also conduct Bible studies during Fridays. The road there is bad, but we enjoy walking along the road (muddy and with holes) to our Bible study in one of the houses there. Every week we commute going to and from Sermon and back to our mother Church which would take us hours, when in fact it will only take



Prague Church Family & Team



Two friends with Pastor Bob and Kathi Zemeski's serving in Ireland.



Muddy roads in Iloilo

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Occasions for OT Prayer #4

Bible Baptist Church

Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

Various situations in the lives of OT saints occasioned them to pray. Here are some of them.

1. **Prayer for Divine Defense:** *"Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them"* (Jer. 18:20).
2. **Prayer of Despair:** *"O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me"* (Jer. 20:7).
3. **Prayer of Gratitude:** *"Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee"* (Jer. 32:17).
4. **Prayer about Pain:** *"Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword be-reaveth, at home there is as death"* (Lam. 1:20).
5. **The Prayer Sanctuary:** *"Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come"* (Ezk. 11:16).

PRAYER PROMISES

6. **The Prayer of Faithfulness:** *"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime"* (Dan. 6:10).
7. **The Battle in Prayer:** *"Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words"* (Dan. 10:12).
8. **The Prayer for Illumination:** *"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?"* (Dan. 12:8).
9. **Prayer for Return:** *"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up"* (Hos. 6:1).
10. **Sincerity in Prayer:** *"And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me"* (Hos. 7:14).

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less than 30 minutes to travel if we have a vehicle.

Last September 21-23, Tigbauan Bible Baptist Church held a Missions Conference with the theme 'One Heart, One Soul for Missions'. We didn't invite other churches to attend, nor our former supported missionaries due to financial restraints, but we invited only two new local missionaries to be supported. Pastor Aniceto Balinas Jr., our speaker preached and challenged the Church with the message from God's Word. We praise God, there were a good number of renewed commitments from the members to support to missions.

Please also pray for our situation here because now that it's rainy season, it's always flooding, because our church's floor level is lower than the drainage level of the street outside, when the drainage overflows, it comes directly to our area. We are praying that our church area will be elevated but it costs so much, but for the mean time we need a submersible pump. Please include our prayer requests in your list.

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Above: Special music during the Tigbauan Bible Baptist Church's Missions Conference



Left: Pastor Aniceto Balinas Jr., speaker at the conference preached and challenged the Church with the message from God's Word.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Philippines' Report:

Pastor Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

I had the privilege as an adjunct professor of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut to be able to go to the Philippines from September 21 to October 1, 2012 for the purpose of teaching a module class on Baptist History II. The following is a report of my time in the Philippines.

I arrived after a twenty-six hour flight in the Manila airport where I was met by Pastor Jed Raquintan and one of his men from the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City. They took me directly to my hotel, arriving around at 11:00 PM. Following a good nights rest I was picked up by Pastor Raquintan at 8:30 AM and taken to the church. I had the privilege of preaching in the morning service. Following the service there was much fellowship with the members of Cornerstone Baptist Church. We had an afternoon lunch and then drove two hours north to Pampanga to a church plant. Again I had the opportunity to preach to the new church assembly. I praise God for these churches and the dear brethren who desire to hear the word of God and serve the Lord.

My hotel was very pleasant and comfortable. It was always refreshing to return to my room, which was air-conditioned. I had a panoramic view of one of the business districts of Quezon City. I counted seventeen different cranes used in construction of skyscrapers. It seems from observation that Quezon City seems to be abounding in construction of new buildings.

On Monday we began the module class that was held for the next five evenings. Each night we would begin with a meal then teach for two hours and take two breaks, teaching till 10:00 PM. The class went very well and was well attended with a number of pastors from various locations around Manila. We appreciated each of the students and their love of truth. I enjoyed my time of fellowship with the students during the breaks.

The weather was extremely hot and humid. The rain was off and on during the week, but fortunately no ty-



Quezon City Business District

phoons. The Philippines is a naturally beautiful place. However, it does not match the graciousness of the brethren at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Their hospitality and graciousness to me was truly Christ honoring.

I also had the privilege of meeting and sharing the hotel room with Pastor Joel who is a Filipino missionary to Vietnam and also the newest student of BBTS in Quezon City. He has been in Vietnam for six years and has a wonderful ministry, which the Lord has given him. This was his first module and has also committed to return for further module classes.

On Saturday Pastor and Mrs. Raquintan took me out for lunch and then we went to the mall to do some shopping. I found the mall an interesting place. Many many clerks were on hand to help.

In just one small area of the mall I counted seventeen clerks, and all very well dressed both men and women. Armed security abounded, just as you would find at an airport these days. The parking garage was the length of the mall and five or six floors high.

Again on Sunday, Pastor Raquintan picked me up at the hotel at 8:30 AM. I preached in both the morning and the evening services. In the afternoon I was taken out to eat with several families in the church. It was a pleasant time of experiencing different Filipino food dishes. As well the fellowship was wonderful with the dear brethren.

On Monday Pastor Raquintan picked me up at 5:00 AM to take me to the Manila airport. We ate breakfast a McDonalds across from the airport. Then at 7:00 AM I was dropped off at the airport and at 9:30 AM I left for Tokyo, then to Washington DC and then to Binghamton, New York, arriving at 7:00 PM on Monday night after traveling for twenty-six hours. It was good to get home and rejoice with those whom I love over the things, which the Lord had done. Truly, it was another adventure in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.



Above: Pastor Cas Reeves taught Baptist History II in Quezon City, Philippines

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Class Photo or BBTS module class on Baptist History II taught by Pastor Cas Reeves.



Pastor Cas Reeves teaching the class.



A very large (36 inch diameter!) Pizza was enjoyed by Pastor Reeves and the seminarians!

Quotes From the Past:



William Holmes McGuffey

William Holmes McGuffey , 1800-1873

American Educator - "Schoolmaster of the Nation"
Publisher of the McGuffey Reader

"The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our prevalent notions of the character of God, the great moral governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions."

BBC Member Honored at Work!

Elena Sherwood was recently honored at her job with KinderCare by being chosen as the top teacher in the United States by her peers and superiors. Praise the Lord for what he has done! Thank the Lord for Elena's testimony!

News of Elena's award was highlighted on our local television's news broadcast!



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Cornerstone Baptist Church Pastor Jed Raquintan

We thank God for His goodness in sparing QC from typhoon. We had a good weather so far even as we finish today the 11th module with Pastor Reeves as our teacher. For your information we had 12 MBS students who are taking this module. They are the following;

1. Florencio Ragsac
2. Joel Malvar (Filipino missionary to Vietnam)
3. Lito Binas
4. Lester Raquintan
5. Ron Raquintan
6. Robin Santiago
7. Eric Matig-a
8. Leonardo Salgado
9. Roy Raquintan
10. Louie Hitoris
11. Pilipinas Quising and
12. Diane Agbayani

The rest of the module attendees are 10 CBMS students. May I ask you to pray for Cornerstone to be able to construct another building where it could provide comfortable housing for guests, teachers, and students as well that we may save for lodging and improve teaching hall facility for everybody's convenience in studying the word.



*A baptism at Cornerstone Baptist Church
in Quezon City.*

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents
The Third Annual Fall Lecture Series

“Biblical Worship”

Pastor Cas Reeves
*“Heavenly Music in
Worship”*



Pastor Cas Reeves

**Friday,
November 9, 2012**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Courtyard by Marriott
4 Sebeth Dr.
Cromwell, CT 06416**

Pastor Steven Bates

“Biblical Preaching in Worship”



Pastor Steven Bates

Dr. Thomas Strouse

“False Worship within Christianity”



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Lunch will be provided
with free-will offering.
A book table will be available with
relevant material.

RSVP by November 2, 2012 with
total number in your party.

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THE BOOK CORNER

Manchester Bible Study

Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



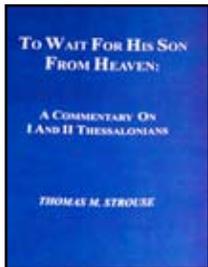
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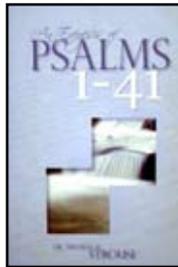
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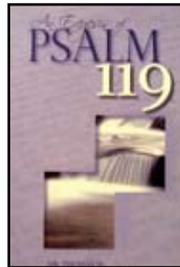
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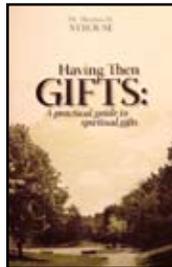
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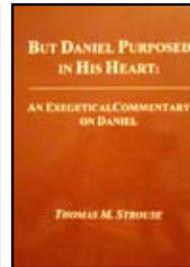
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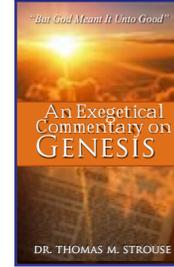
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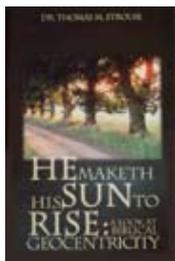
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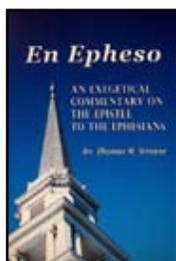
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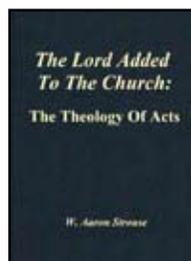
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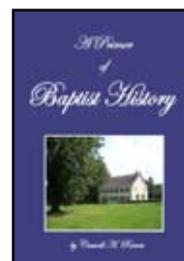
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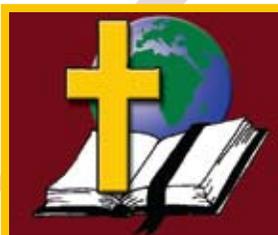
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