

Telling Others about Portable Bible School

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ” (Acts 5:42).

“...Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine...” (Acts 5:28).

With the world population exploding, something must be done to train more disciples in a short period of time. In congregations around the world we have an abundant labor force that needs to be mobilized to meet the needs of the ripened harvest fields. It is time for the “Body of Christ” to reach its potential of “turning the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

As we reach around the world, our goal is not only to bring people to a point of decision, but to transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We must train them to be disciples who can pass their new found faith along to their people. The Apostle Paul put it beautifully when he wrote, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

Jim Russell, in his book *Awakening the Giant*, wrote, “Biblical illiteracy spawns serious weaknesses in Christian character. Hosea 4:6 states, ‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.’ Lack of knowledge leaves Christians today without any sense of Biblical vision, mission and strategy. They remain ignorant of the central purpose of discipling that brings Christ centered meaning and power into their lives.”

It is with this in mind that “Portable Bible Schools International” is designed.

Portable Bible Schools International

1. Takes the training to where people are. This is different from bringing people to you.
2. It provides training on every level of the church membership.
3. It is designed to mobilize the church for “every believer ministry” or “Body Ministry.”
4. It can be offered in the local church, a village within access to students, a zone of a large city, or a central location in a region of your country. It could be offered in a home, cell group, school, or prison. The key to Portable Bible Schools is its flexibility and portability.
5. It is unique because it is portable and can be easily and quickly moved. It requires no permanent classrooms, high maintenance costs, large staff, or large sums of money to pay for it. Many times students do not require a desk and can use benches or pews already available.
6. It can be taught at any time of the day or evening.
7. There are no educational requirements or age restrictions.
8. Grades are calculated based on faithful attendance and completed homework assignments (Study Questions).
9. The program is taught in English or the official language of the country involved and interpreted into the local language. Translations of this program are available.
10. The program is open to people from all denominations. Special precautions are taken not to criticize other churches in our classes.
11. This program was developed and written in Ghana, West Africa by Rev. James Poitras.
12. The program is quickly expanding to many countries of the world.

General Pentecostal Studies

13. The author is interested in getting the Word to as many as possible and in as many places as possible.

This program is an excellent resource for those who cannot attend a full time Bible College.

The program consists of a total of two hundred lessons. The curriculum is totally based on the "Acts of the Apostles." This great book of the Bible is relevant to the Church throughout all ages. The textbook for the program is entitled, "ACTS: God's Training Manual For Today's Church."

The entire textbook is divided into four books for the four levels. Each level consists of fifty lessons. Each lesson has a key Scripture from "Acts" but verses from all over the Bible are used in the body of the lesson.

The lessons do not follow the style of other courses on "Acts." Each one is relevant, life applicable, and useful wherever they may be studied. The material is deliberately written for easy understanding and contains "Study Questions" at the end of each lesson.

At the completion of each level a beautiful certificate is awarded. When all four levels are completed and the certificates are displayed together they spell and highlight A. C. T. S.

This program will soon become available through correspondence studies and the Internet.

If you have been blessed by this program we encourage you to tell others about it. If necessary they can write us at:

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Study Questions

1. What did Paul say about discipleship in 2 Timothy 2:2? _____

2. What does Biblical illiteracy cause? _____

3. What did Hosea 4:6 say? _____

4. How is PBSI different from a full-time Bible School? _____

5. What makes PBSI portable? _____

6. How are grades calculated in PBSI? _____

7. What are the educational requirements? _____

8. What is the language of instruction? _____

9. The program is open for which denominations? _____

10. What is the textbook for the program? _____

11. How many levels are there in PBSI? _____

12. What are each of the levels called? _____

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