



Taking the Gospel Into All the World

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18–20)

The Great Commission, as given by our Lord, contains three major parts: evangelism, edification, and equipping. The first two parts are mentioned specifically, but the third part is implied.

The first and most obvious concept is **evangelism**. We are instructed to make disciples, "*baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*" Initial teaching is required to fulfill this task.

The second part of the Lord's command is **edification**. Jesus said, "*. . . teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.*" Edification goes beyond

A Baptism in Australia



A Peruvian church of Christ

baptizing and making disciples. Christians are edified when they receive guidance on keeping the Lord's commandments and on how to live for Christ. Of the three components in the Great Commission, edification is probably the most difficult to accomplish. It takes thorough and patient teaching to bring about growth in new Christians.

The third part, **equipping**, is implied by the Lord's phrase "*Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" This promise implies Christ's desire that this commission continue to the end of time. Truth for Today World Mission School is especially strong in preparing teachers and evangelists. TFTWMS implements this aspect of the Great Commission by helping to equip national servants with printed materials that are expository studies of the Bible.

All disciples of Jesus are under the Great Commission. "Every heart with Christ is a missionary, and every heart without Christ is a mission field." Practically speaking, the Great Commission is not complete until the evangelized are evangelizing. "The things which you have heard from me . . . entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Truth for Today World Mission School specializes in equipping those who are evangelizing and edifying others. We are attempting to strengthen the efforts of preachers and teachers around the world by providing curriculum materials and by offering a new online Bible school called "Through the Scriptures," which is designed to reach out into every nation.

The Basic Work of Truth for Today World Mission School

Assisting those who are evangelizing and teaching their own people has been the major emphasis of TFTWMS since 1989. Teaching materials are being sent to 146 of the approximately 200 recognized nations in the world. In these nations, 33,000 preachers and teachers are receiving Bible-based, expository instructional materials. Twelve studies per year are being sent to them to aid them in teaching Bible classes and preaching. Recipients are also using the lessons in their local preacher/teacher guidance schools.

One of the best ways for churches in the US to evangelize the rest of the world is to send out thousands of missionaries. However, currently only about a thousand missionaries are being sent for long-term service. This method is good, but it is not strong enough or broad enough to effect the spread of the gospel throughout the earth. TFTWMS sends biblical studies monthly, assisting missionaries and encouraging national teachers and preachers in the majority of the earth.



Haitian students are learning from the periodical entitled Truth for Today. The pictured copies are published monthly in French.

Each month, a new Truth for Today publication is produced in fifteen different languages. Mailing the materials is simple. Translation is the most challenging part of the work. A team of translators continually works to prepare an issue for each language. Two proofreaders check the translation, and a polisher reviews it to make sure it is very readable. The material is then compared to the English text to determine if the work is a faithful, equivalent translation of the original message. Then the material is formatted as a periodical or formed into

a book. These studies last ten or so years in the hands of diligent servants. All the lessons are also made available on our website (www.biblecourses.com).

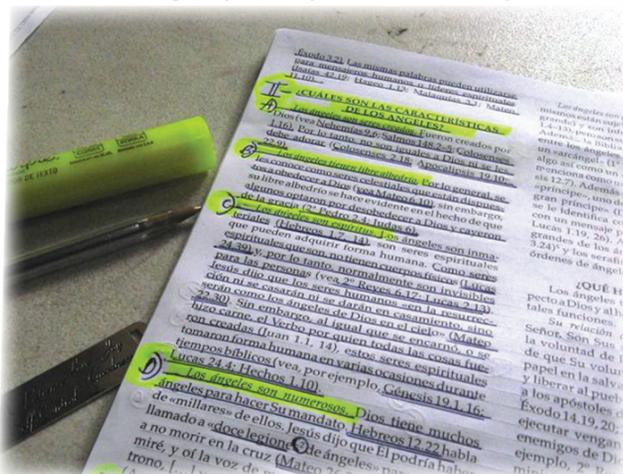
This curriculum for instruction and study is sent around the world. TFTWMS delivers biblical materials to preachers and teachers in 75 to 85 percent of the populated land area of the earth. Very few church works have this type of outreach. The people who receive these teaching materials use them for sermon preparation, Bible classes, and personal studies. Many are using them as a basis for gospel meetings and personal evangelism seminars in their area. The materials are also a valuable resource for local church libraries.

The languages chosen for translation are those spoken by the majority of the people of the earth. TFTWMS produces materials in English, Arabic, French, Indonesian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. Studies are also translated into Mandarin Chinese, which is spoken by 1.3 billion people in China alone. For those in India, the material is translated into Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu, for a total of fifteen languages. Plans are being finalized for translating into Bengali, Gujarati, Nepali, and Urdu. This will soon culminate with a coverage of all of India, something that has not been done since the first century.

A Broad Outreach

One translator in India recently shared the following story. His wife was undergoing chemotherapy; and during a recent trip to Chandigarh to receive a treatment, he met a doctor who receives material from TFTWMS which has been translated into the Hindi language. "It was a pleasant surprise that the man who gave chemo knew Truth for Today though he had never met me. I talked to him and he told me that he has been a reader ever since 2000 and is a great admirer of that work. He also shared with me that he was immersed after be-

A preacher recently sent this photo of how he is using the Spanish-translated Bible materials sent from Truth for Today World Mission School. The lesson pictured is "What Christians Believe About Angels" from the journal "Basic Beliefs."



help to teach me how to prepare a biblical lesson every time I preach. Also, I have come to understand the Bible properly and effectively every time I read these lessons which I receive on different themes in the Bible. . . .

"My wife also uses these lessons to help her bring other women to Christ who have believed and are baptized, including some of their adult children.

"It is a great joy. Since I have taken up these lessons I have baptized many Christians now and I'm truly thankful for these wonderful lessons of Truth for Today. I have never been so happy. . . .

"I hope and pray that our good Lord will help you all to reach out to those who use these lessons to convert as many souls as can be around the world. May the Lord Jesus bless each of you for His word as you are fully committed to His work."

Reports such as these are very encouraging. They are indicative of the success many national preachers are seeing as they preach God's Word with the help of Truth for Today lessons.

Very few people on earth have actually

ing convinced through the Truth for Today books. Not only this, but he proudly said that when he preaches in the hospital chapel, people are amazed about the messages he delivers; but then he disclosed that he takes his messages from Truth for Today books."

Recently, a brother in Australia said to us, "I would like to say many thanks for these great and wonderful lessons on various themes. I have grown spiritually for the last few years since I took up your lessons. They are a great

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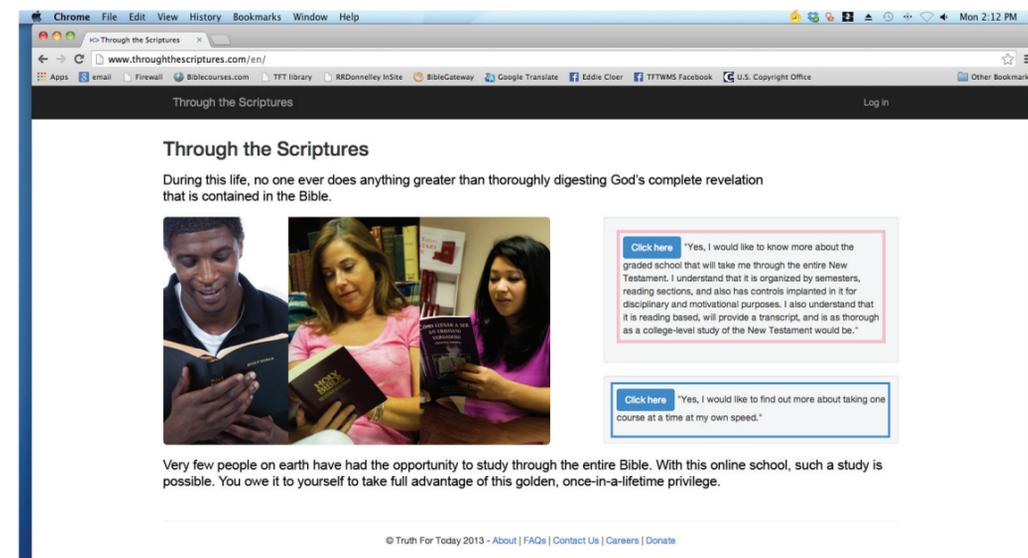
gone through a study of each book of the Bible. It is estimated that over half the population of the world has never read any part of the Bible. However, a new day may be dawning! Today, more than 40 percent of the world's households are using the Internet. The CEO of Google estimates that in four years, two-thirds of the world will have Internet access. He also projects that, by the year 2020, the Internet could possibly be available to every home on earth, an estimated eight billion people.

TFTWMS is developing an online reading-based Bible school titled "Through the Scriptures." Once the website is active, students will be able to enroll and study through every book of the New Testament in English or French.

The Truth for Today Commentary series is the basis of these studies. Students who enroll will receive a digital copy of each text being studied. The enrolled student will be tested online, and the tests will be graded and reviewed immediately. In addition, a transcript will be maintained for each student.

Two options will be available. The first will be a three-year study of the entire New Testament. For those who do not wish to follow this schedule, a study of individual books will be possible.

This opportunity will soon be accessible for much of the world. Such extensive outreach has not been possible in the past, but technology is opening new doors for the kingdom of God.





Return Service Requested

Truth for Today World Mission School is conducting a massive effort to send the Lord's Word to teachers and ministers of the gospel throughout the world. As a result, many souls have been converted, and the church worldwide has been edified by the availability of these scriptural studies. In order to provide the necessary materials to continue this effort, your generosity is needed.

As Americans, we have experienced more financial prosperity than most of the world. We are no doubt the wealthiest Christians the world has ever seen. What will we do with our abundance? Let us live our lives with special consideration for the Great Commission of Christ. It is said that God's church does not have a mission; rather, God's mission has a church. As you consider the customary generousities of the holiday season, please remember the great work and efficiency of Truth for Today World Mission School. Would you assist us as we teach the world the message of the Bible?

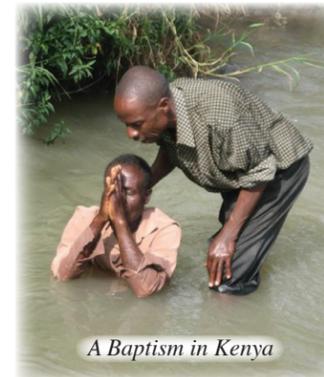


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You can help us in the following ways:

- Pray for the success of our present and future works.
- Consider sending a monthly or one-time contribution to Truth for Today World Mission School.
- Encourage your leadership to remember this work when they plan the church's budget for the coming year.
- Consider including TFTWMS in your long-range estate planning.
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A Baptism in Kenya