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The Perfect Plan

By Pastor Carl H. Stevens

The plan of God's love is a tremendous principle. Billions of years before we were born, the Lord Jesus Christ knew each of us by name. He knew every single problem we were going to have. He knew every single sin we would commit. He knew every single thing about our weaknesses.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit sat down in an eternal convention before the foundation of the world (see Acts 2:23; Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:4) and perfectly planned the provisions we would receive the moment we accepted Christ as our Savior. Everything we need to live in Him was provided for us at the point of salvation (see 2 Thes. 2:13).

There isn't a single thing that we can do to defeat God's plan. We can live in unbelief regarding it but it can never be challenged nor remotely defeated. It can not be defeated because God knows our end from the beginning. He chose us before the foundation of the world. He deals with us on the basis of the fact that what Jesus did is a Finished Work.

Given these truths, there is not a reason in the world for anyone to ever feel defeated. No matter what you have done, no matter how much you have failed, you will never be defeated if you have accepted Christ. In His program, our training and development comes by grace through faith according to His Word. He is the Author and Finisher of all that we are.

This should give us great comfort and security. His plan, His purpose, His promotion will come to us always in His time.

God's Unfinished Business: Training for Missions

By Pastor John Hadley
President MBC&S

Mary scolded Jesus because she, Joseph, and the relatives anxiously spent three days searching for Him. When they finally found Him in the temple, He was "sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions." Luke writes, "And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers."

God's Unfinished Business

Jesus undisputedly finished His redemptive work—His Father's business—on the Cross for all of mankind. This was His all-consuming focus. However, God has unfinished business. This business He has delegated and entrusted to us, His church, to finish, by the leading and power of the Holy Spirit. This is the church's mission.

Pastor Hadley and Nancy

The believer's call to the Father's "unfinished business" did not end with the apostles. After commissioning His apostles to go into all the world, Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Seeing none of the apostles are with us, and the "end of the world" has not yet come, this can only mean that the Great Commission is still on!

Training – Vital for Missions

Training is vital if we are to be effective in the mission. Not even Jesus was exempt from training. Luke says that Jesus grew strong in spirit, that He was filled with wisdom, and that the grace of God was upon Him. He also learned obedience through suffering. Jesus then chose twelve disciples and began training them.

The first area of training for a disciple is in God's Word. This is always God's first order of business for His disciples. According to Dr. Morris, Mary's "Magnificat," alludes to over a dozen OT Scriptures in those ten verses" (Luke1:46-55). She was meditating on God's Word, day and night. It was perhaps because she was a disciple of God's Word that God chose her

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His Will Has Become Hers

By Eija Vanhanen

Her round smiling face and open heart melted ours—she was an elect of God in that small town in the Tien Shan Mountains north of the Himalayas. We met Aijan, a 20-year-old Kyrgyz girl, in Karakol, Kyrgyzstan,

Team Devotional in Karakol

during a short summer missions trip in August 2003. She came to a Bible study and was then glued to us for the next 10 days. She saw us off early Saturday morning along with 16 other young people who had followed us everywhere during those 2 weeks—most of whom had also received Christ then. Tears were in our eyes and theirs as we left to go back to Bishkek 250 miles away.

Four days later, I got a phone call at 10:30 p.m. saying that Aijan was at the bus station in Bishkek. She had arrived with one plastic bag and said she couldn't live without us (the church).

Her family, living in a village, is against her faith and studies, and sometimes threatens her… "We are Muslim. You have betrayed your family's religion. Changing your religion—unpardonable sin." Sometimes other relatives say, "Don't go visit home—they'll kill you.... " But it hasn't been true.

The Impact of Bible College Training

She is now finishing her second year in Bishkek Bible Institute. When I came to visit Baltimore, she gave me letters to Pastors Stevens, Schaller, and Scibelli. They are her favorite teachers (by video) at BBI, besides Pastor Gromov. She loves the Word, the Body, soul-winning, and missions.

How is it possible that in 15 years God has planted 5 Greater Grace churches in Central Asia—among the culturally Muslim Turkic people groups in Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan? How is it possible that Aijan, today a disciple of Jesus, has learned to think with God, make decisions with Him, walk in His footsteps, and be used of God to reach others? His will has become hers - thanks to Bible College training, the Body, and Pastors.

Eija with BBI Students, Aijan and Nuriya

Taught With Tears

My life was transformed at MBC&S, working in the Missions Office and doing outreach here in Baltimore. We have received training, been discipled by Pastor Stevens and others who have laid down their lives for us, taught with tears the full counsel of God, whose wisdom we have seen in crisis situations and whose faith we have followed… The Finished Work has been engrafted into our hearts; we have learned how to be encouraging team members, to win the lost, to lay down our lives for the brethren and to rebound when we fail. This life has no cultural barriers and reproduces itself all over the world.

Many missionaries from other organizations have asked me, "What is Greater Grace? How is it that your teams so quickly plant churches in Muslim areas? You are a bit radical; your methods remind us of the book of Acts…" I could only tell them of the miracle of our church here in Baltimore, MBC&S, our Pastor(s), and the great grace of God.

Pastor Niels with a TESOL Class

Using TESOL to Spread the Gospel

"I thank God I had the opportunity to take TESOL at MBC&S. The TESOL certificate has supported me staying on the field in Thailand and provided me with many beautiful occasions to share Christ." Ildiko Kokeny, TESOL graduate 1997.

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is a dynamic approach to teaching the English language, culture, and life-style to those wanting to become outstanding English speakers. TESOL has also been used as a tool to spread the Gospel around the world.

At MBC&S, we train students to become qualified ESOL teachers in our 1-year program. We equip our students with versatile teaching tools, which the teachers can adjust and adapt to a number of teaching situations in different cultural settings. Since its inception in 1987, this program has successfully trained a good number of teachers, of whom many currently are teaching ESOL or are directing ESOL programs in some capacity nationally as well as internationally.

TESOL is a great practical tent-making skill, which can offer you opportunities and means of support in many countries around the world. Beyond that, TESOL can also be used as a fishhook to draw many unsaved to a saving knowledge of Christ. Why don't you pray to the Lord of the Harvest, to see if He would want you to become part of our growing and effective program? We would love to see you here at MBC&S.

Pastor Niels and Anita

In His Mercy,

Pastor Niels de Jong,
Director of TESOL & Christian Education

"MOVING BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY"

Impacting the World

By Adam Speedy

Wow! My third year at MBC&S was unique: a special time for many of the students. We experienced a tremendous momentum of Body Life, during which we felt "addicted" to the ministry (1 Cor. 16:15). Also there was spiritual growth, expanded capacity and corporate hunger for the Word of God.

Despite Pastor's health condition, God was faithful to meet our insatiable spiritual appetite by providing heavenly manna through him, Pastors "Sciballer" (Schaller and Scibelli double whammy!), and many others. Raps spontaneously broke out even on snow days. They went on through all times of the day from early morning until late in the evening; after classes, after outreaches, on the phone, in the parking lot... whenever, wherever. And then we'd continue to talk about it into the wee hours of the night in the dorm apartments across the street. Some would even record what they heard into voice messages on their answering machines.

We Saw the Grace of God

John "beheld His glory" in John 1:14, and Barnabas saw the grace of God in Acts11:23; we observed both of these phenomena as part of our Bible college training! And we were changed! We literally experienced amazing transformations in each other. I love that the point was to simply get to know the Living Lord Jesus more deeply and more intimately. This was what drew us to Bible College, and the life that, derived as a result, kept us there.

"*Come, Know, Grow, and Go!*"

The impartation we received was so great it continues to carry us now and into the future. We keep living in the Finished Work, in the same "grace life", and in the anointing and flow of the Word wherever our location may be. All that we have received in Baltimore is brought to recollection and regurgitated here on a daily basis. The examples from Pastor Stevens' life, and the gems embedded in our souls from training like Pastor Schaller's "Preacher Boy" class before Sunday evening services remain. We find the very life we have received blesses the many hungry souls we are reaching out to here in Zambia... and to those in Peru, Ghana... or wherever we are in the world.

Our training at the "Moving Bible College & Seminary" in Baltimore is something so great, so precious, and so powerful that we can't forget it, we want to encourage you by saying, "Come, Know, Grow, & Go!"

Team Zambia: Adam, David Ryan, Pastor Chris & Julie Arman, Pastor Renato Brown

Summer Bible College

By Pastor Steve Andrulonis

Those who have visited Baltimore in summer know that this season is invariably a hot time. For that reason, we at MBC&S see no reason to cool off our program of study.

Dr. Wright & Pastor Steve A.

Last year, we inaugurated a free summer program that carried students through the books of Galatians and Ephesians. Classes began the day after the close of the International Convention and continued into August. On some days, more than 100 students gathered at Fellowship Hall to study the Word.

That program will return this summer. Plans are now being made to offer free daily classes, raps, and outreach throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more details.

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to be the mother of Jesus of Nazareth.

We Call This 'Body Life'

The corporate focus of disciple training is also central to completing the unfinished business of the Father. We call this "Body life." Body life is the experience of being with other believers, filled with the Spirit, worshiping and serving God together with one mind and one heart. This is a disciple's way of life.

The outreach aspect of discipleship is the purpose for training in the Word and in Body life. God's purpose is that all have the opportunity to hear the glorious Gospel.

God has showed Himself to all people. This He does through the conscience and through nature. Through creation the reality of God is "clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."

When people live in the light that God has given them, God finds a way to get the Gospel to them. This we see in Acts chapter 10. The Gentile Cornelius responded to the light that God gave to him through his conscience, through nature, and through the Scriptures. God even sent an angel to speak to Cornelius. The angel told him to send for Peter who was in Joppa.

Accepted of Him

After Cornelius' salvation, Peter said this: "But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of Him." (Acts 10:35). This "acceptance" is not salvation, but it potentially leads to salvation. Notice that there is no mention in this verse of faith in Jesus Christ or of redemption. The phrase that is used in this verse is "accepted of Him." This can only mean that Cornelius became a prime candidate to hear the Gospel because he was living in the light given to him. Therefore, God made sure that he heard the Gospel.

Every nation and every people group have people like Cornelius. God sends His messengers to them, just like Peter was sent to Cornelius. This is why training and going in the will of God is vital. Wherever God sends us, we can be confident that He has people waiting to hear.

Life at MBC&S

The Extension School Revival

By Pastor Glen Cannon

Pastor Cannon with his assistants: Narj from Nepal & Jong Il from Korea

How dearly I remember my days of serving as the Bible college director of Baku Bible Institute in Azerbaijan, sitting in our ABD classes with at least 2 translations going on at the same time. Hundreds were glued to the T.V. listening to the content and anointing as Pastor Stevens communicated life-changing principles and years of wisdom to the students. God was working deeply in all our hearts.

Disciples continue to be made through these Bible college video classes!

At the European Conference, the students would sometimes get to meet Pastor in person and thank him for the impartation. "You're our teacher," they would say through a translator. "I'm in your class!" I then saw the importance of showing these video classes, why we labored in Baku to stay connected and in sync with home base. These classes produced great disciples. These classes saved our lives. These classes perpetuated the teaching ministry of our Pastor. These classes, taught in the classrooms of MBC&S, continued to minister life years after they were recorded.

Little did I know that God would soon bring me back to work at MBC&S as the Director of Extension Schools to facilitate this life-changing process. Our mission in the MBC&S extension department is to serve our 150 extension schools worldwide. We work hard to provide our schools with a variety of classes, in a variety of formats (DVD, VHS, Audio, mp3) they can offer to their students. We're laboring together with Pastor Capello and our A.V. Department to "keep people connected" to the vision and direction that God is leading us through our Pastor.

We also have had a "Spanish Translation Team", led by Pastor Adam Nathanson, who for the past 5 years has been dubbing many of our classes into Spanish for our teams in Latin America, as well as the growing Latino population here in North America. A local church of Quechuan Indians here in Baltimore has been offering these classes to their congregation with amazing testimonies of how the Living Word is transforming their church.

Testimonies abound from our African Extension schools, those in Central Asia, India, Europe and beyond; speaking of the power of the recorded Word in their students' lives. Please continue to pray with us that the "highest form of education" would continue to penetrate the uttermost parts of the world, and that disciples would continue to grow together with us in this Word of God revival.

Calendar of Conferences/Harvest Trips

- contact Missions Office, Baltimore, for details -

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Jun 2-5	Baku, Azerbaijan	Symposium
Jun 4-12	Hungary (many cities)	Traveling Seminar on Gospel Magic
Jun 17	Carlisle, PA	Africa Missions Night
Jun 17-19	Sotkamo, Finland	Summer Bible School
Jun 19-26	Baltimore, MD, USA	International Convention
Jul 1-5	Christiana, TN, USA	Missions Conference
Jul 1-31	Albania	Summer Harvest
Jul 1-Aug 31	Istanbul, Turkey	Summer Outreach
Jul 4-8	Kpalime, Togo	Youth Trip
Jul 5-9	Klaipeda, Lithuania	Summer Camp
Jul 6-10	Cherkassy, Ukraine	Summer Seminar
Jul 7-10	Croatia	Summer Camp on the Coast
Jul 8-10	Rockland, ME, USA	Missions Weekend
Jul 11–16	Sofia, Bulgaria	Summer Bible School
Jul 16-22	Prague, Czech Republic	Summer Camp
Jul 20-22, 25-27	Jyvaskyla, Finland	Summer Bible School
Jul 21-24	Stockholm, Sweden	Summer Camp
Jul 21-Aug 4	Togo	Summer Classes and Outreach
Jul 22-24	Finland	Youth Camp
Jul 25-27	Oulu, Finland	Harvest Trip
Jul 25-Aug 4	Lome, Togo	Summer Bible School
Jul 28-31	Helsinki (Kiljava), Finland	30th Anniversary Seminar
Aug 1-6	Hungary	Summer Conference
Aug 1-6	Polanczyk, Poland	20th Anniversary Seminar
Aug 1-14	Montpellier, France	Summer Bible School
Aug 2-8	Medvezhegorsk, Russia	Summer Harvest
Aug 5-7	Togo	International Summer Conference
Aug 8-16	Croatia & Bosnia	Summer Harvest
Aug 10-14	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Central Asian Summer Camp
Aug 12-19	London, UK	Summer Harvest
Sep 2-4	Tacoma, WA, USA	West Coast Conference
Oct 21-24	Bangkok, Thailand	Seacon
Oct 14-16	Montreal, Canada	Canadian Conference
Nov 4-6	London, UK	UK Conference
Nov 10-13	Stronie Slaskie, Poland	Fall Seminar

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MISSIONS NEWS

People on the Move

From Home Base:

- Pastor Pavel & Marina Gailans back to Siberia in July
- Pastor George & Carol Arman to Croatia in July
- Pastor Chris & Gosia Moore to Croatia in the fall

To Home Base:

- Cobie Bloemink back from Bangalore, India
- Eija Vanhanen from Kyrgyzstan
- Minna & Liam Healey from Finland
- Pastor John Orlandello back from Zambia
- David Ryan back from Zambia
- James Vanderwalker back from Ashaiman, Ghana
- LaTasha Brown back from Takoradi, Ghana
- Pastor Zoli and Agi from Bangkok Thailand

Elsewhere in the World:

- Pastor Jack & Janice Driscoll from Mexico to Texas, USA, continuing ministry in Matehuala, Mexico
- Pastor Mike & Sue Stevens from Quito to Guayaquil in August; Pastor Juan Franco will be in charge in Quito
- Pastor Joe Hallie from Monrovia, Liberia to Tema, Ghana
- Arul A. from Bangalore to Goa, India
- Pastor Melvin Soans from Nepal back to Bombay, India; the church in Nepal will be under Pastor Rajan
- Pastor Maxim & Nadya Ivanovs from Mogilev, Belorussia back in Kaliningrad; the church will stay under Pastor Vitalyi Zaika
- Pastor Mróz from Wroclaw, Poland, to London
- Pastor Sznajder from Krakow, Poland, to London
- Arto Niukkanen & family from Helsinki to Kyrgyzstan in August
- Pastor Dennis Hulett & family from Malta, NY, to Bulgaria in August
- Ellen Adler from Malta, NY, to Bulgaria in August

New Teams

- Pastor Roman & Elmira Abramov from Baku to Vladikavkaz, Russia
- Pastor Francois Boudreau & family from Budapest to Pecs in Hungary
- Pastor Jean François & Marie Louise Lardy from Albania to Turkey in June
- Pastor Matti Sirvio and team from Kazakhstan to, Istanbul Turkey in July
- Pastor Mechti Suleiman and team from Almaty to Astana, Kazakhstan in July
- Jozsef Marian & family to Tajikistan in July

Missionary Marriages

- Andy Valaitis & Banga Kiaunyte in Lithuania on June 11
- Jediah Tanguay & Sarah Palmieri in France on July 16

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