

Truth For The World

Newsletter

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Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

You may have sung the song “Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom” before. And if you look at your songbook carefully, you will notice that the words do **not** read “*Are you sowing the seed of the King, dumb brother?*” as my dad thought the lyrics were when he was a kid! At any rate, sowing the seed is something we are to be doing as Christians, as our Lord clearly taught.

I am happy to report that the seed continues to go out from Truth For The World. We printed several hundred Spanish tracts recently, which were distributed in Peru. Also, during the first week of November we worked with the Duluth Church of Christ and Memphis School of Preaching to knock doors and distribute literature throughout Duluth, Georgia and the surrounding area, while Don Walker preached an excellent gospel meeting. It was really encouraging to me to go out into the community with the preaching students and speak to people one-on-one in an attempt to teach them the gospel, and I know the rest of the congregation and TFTW staff feels the same way. We averaged over 1,000 doors knocked each day, and several contacts and possible studies were set up as well.

Despite what was accomplished, it's easy to feel disappointed and discouraged. Of those thousands of people who were invited to the gospel meeting, only one actually came from the community. And I can't help but wish that there had been more people interested, and fewer people shutting the door in our faces.

But the simple fact of the matter is that we did what God expects of us—we gave people the opportunity to hear the saving message. Now that we have done this, the responsibility falls upon those we reached to accept or reject that message. Unfortunately, many are like the Israelites, as Isaiah prophesied:

“Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed.” (Isaiah 6:9-10 ASV)

This passage comes right after Isaiah's famous statement “*Here am I; send me*” (vs. 8). This is the kind of attitude we should have, and attitude of excitement and willingness to go forth and accomplish God's mission! And God did send Isaiah, but not before informing him of the state of the hearts he would be preaching to.

As we sow the seed, we do not discriminate. Instead we do as we see in the parable of the soils: we broadcast the seed far and wide, knowing well that it will not all germinate, but that the good soil out there will receive the seed, take root, and bear fruit thanks to our efforts and the increase given by God.

So if you are spreading God's Word, don't give up! Keep on teaching people and giving them the opportunity to obey. If you have been keeping the good news to yourself, think about those around you who need it, and make sure you at least give them a chance to see the truth of God's Word.

—Benjamin Bruce



Thanks to Our Volunteers

As the Thanksgiving holiday has recently come and gone, we want to let you, our volunteers, know how much we appreciate you. We thank God for all the effort you put into making Truth For The World what it is.

Thank you to all who keep in touch with online BCC students day by day, grading their lessons and answering their questions.

Thank you to those who painstakingly listen and re-listen to the audio of TV programs in order to get every word right in the transcription.

Thank you to those who translate and proofread our materials, so that they can go out to a larger audience in the world.

Thank you to those who work and donate funds so that our staff members can continue doing their work.

I know we say it a lot, but that's because it's true: We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for sacrificing your time, energy, and money for the kingdom. We pray that you will continue to work with us in 2017 and beyond.

And of course, if you are not currently volunteering, we can definitely use your help! Just get in contact with us, and we will let you know how you can contribute.



TV for 2017

We were glad to have Kendal Rasnake back this summer to record TV programs with us. In one gruelling week, we recorded all 52 TV programs for 2017! Topics include such things as “Does God Hear the Prayer of the Alien Sinner?”, “What God Can't Do,” “When Was Saul Saved?”, “What Is the Meaning of Life?”, among many others. We will be running various topics including these through July 2017, and after that a series on the book of John called “Portraits of Christ” will take us through the end of the year. We are excited to share these new lessons with you, so stay tuned! They will be available on truthfortheworld.tv as well as select stations in the United States.

The TV programs are recorded, but there is still more work to be done before they are ready to go out! We have a small group of volunteers that is working hard to transcribe the programs, and sync the captions with the video so that they can be broadcast.

If you can listen to audio and type what you hear with good grammar and punctuation, then you can become part of our army of transcribers! Not only will you be helping spread the gospel, you will also get a sneak preview of the lessons that you transcribe before they go out on TV.

If you're interested in volunteering in this way, please contact Benjamin Bruce at benjamin@tftw.org for more information.

Want to know more about how we put our financial resources to use?
Take a look at the *global* evangelism of Truth For The World.

Television

- Available in the U.S. and the Republic of Palau
- On-demand on Roku® in U.S.A., Canada, Ireland, and the U.K.
- Online 24/7 TV channel

Radio

- Available on AM and FM in the U.S., Nigeria and the Philippines
- Online 24/7 radio station

Podcast

- Discussing mission work

Print

- Tracts, Articles, etc.
- Questions and Answers

Bible Correspondence Courses

- 6 courses, averaging 9+ new students a day!

Cell Phones/Tablets

- Android and iOS apps
- Bible texts in the US and UK
- Radio listening via phone calls

Online

- truthfortheworld.org
- English, Spanish, Indonesian, and Chinese websites
- Social Media (Facebook.com/TruthfortheWorld, Twitter-@Truth4theWorld, Google+, Pinterest, and LinkedIn.)
- YouTube channel (TFTWTV)
- Issuu.com/truthfortheworld