

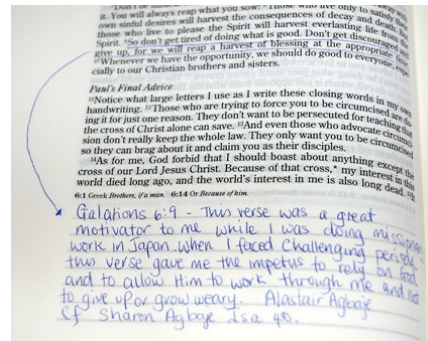
EXCITEMENT FOR CHURCH FAMILY BIBLE [BUC News #624 13 February 2009]



Newbold church families are excited about the Bible. A special 'Family Bible' has been doing the rounds of church families since the beginning of the year. Alastair Agbaje, a theology student and one of the church elders states, "we have seen an excellent response from families and individuals who have participated in the project." The brilliance of the project to him is that "it's a very simple idea, which has brought the church members a lot closer to each other, by sharing and expressing words of inspiration and encouragement from the Bible."

Alastair and Dr Roland Karlman are overseeing the project and families are queuing up to have the Bible in their own home. During that time they underline and comment on their favourite Bible verses and children illustrate their favourite Bible stories.

Senior pastor, Patrick Johnson has thrown his weight behind the project. "I think what is brilliant about this project is how it combines our individual relationship with God with the whole church family. My children found it quite exciting to be making a personal comment in a Bible that others can be encouraged by." Associate pastor, Kirsten Oster-Lundqvist says that the church family worship committee was inspired by the idea of the GC travelling Bible and so decided to have their own Newbold family Bible "travel the world in Newbold church during 2009". She said, "It's a way of binding the church together and encouraging families to read the Bible."



The aim is to pass the Bible to as many families and individuals as possible throughout the year. There will then be a special presentation towards the end of the year.

Alastair adds, "I have particularly enjoyed the creative input of the children from our church, some as young as four years old have contributed by sharing their favourite Bible stories in picture, I am impressed with their knowledge of the Bible."



The Newbold Bible Project is just one of the initiatives being taken to help members "Follow the Bible" in 2009. During the month of February the church is running a special programme in all three of its Sabbath morning worship services. Entitled 'The Words and the Word' the series looks at the origins of the Bible, the theories of inspiration, and the practical impact of the Bible on individual lives. These are available on the Newbold church website: <<http://newboldchurch.org>>. For more on 'Follow the Bible' and a free reading guide for adults or children church visit <www.followthebiblesda.com>.