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Director's Desk

To God Be the Glory—More Workers for the Kingdom

June 10th was an exciting day at the Kansas Expressway church of Christ (KE) building. On that day two more men graduated from the Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM). After two years of diligent studies and work, Kent Eakins and Uriah Greer met all the requirements necessary to receive their degrees in biblical studies. It culminated two years of intense study. We are proud of both men, not just for the work they did but for their demonstration of a proper Christian desire and spirit throughout their training. Kent is presently looking for a full-time work but is preaching every weekend at different congregations where he is needed. Uriah is also preaching every week as he prepares himself to better serve the Lord wherever the opportunity may present itself. If you know of any congregations looking for a full-time man please contact me. One or both of these brethren might meet the need you have for a faithful gospel preacher in your location.

Our new class will begin on August 20, 2012. Two have already applied and have been accepted to train at BIM. Houston O'Hara from Aurora, Missouri will join us. He is married and has two children. He shows a great desire to train to be a preacher of the gospel. He is a veteran and a faithful member of the Aurora church of Christ. Ethan Young has also decided to come to BIM and train to be a gospel preacher. Ethan is my oldest grandson and shows a great desire to dedicate his life to God's service. He is committed to doing God's will, and this is reflected in his dedication to the cause of Christ. Both of these brothers and possibly others will need our support in prayer. They will also need financial support when they start their studies. The time is growing near for them to raise the necessary funds to maintain their lives while they are in school. The studies are so intense that it is not possible for someone to work a secular job and do the work required at the school. Taking six subjects each quarter and being in class six hours a day for five days a week (plus the outside work required in the courses) make it impossible for them to work and still do the school work required.

If you or if you know any individual and/or congregation that would be willing to help support either or both of these students while they are in school (August 2012 to June 2014), please contact me as soon as possible at 417-619-8197 or at jerrysullins@juno.com.

Great gratitude is extended to all of you who are supporting those who attend BIM.

Together, we can make a difference in where multitudes will spend an eternity. May God richly bless you all. —Jerry Sullins

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

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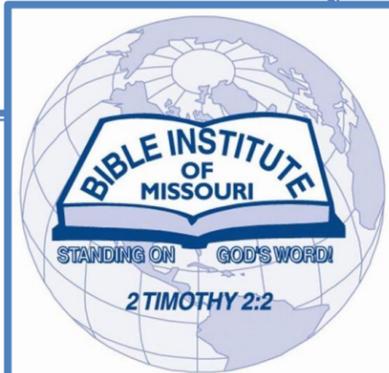
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Congratulations Class of 2012



Uriah Greer and Kent Eakins both recently graduated on June 10, 2012.

Thank You Notes

“It’s hard to believe that nearly a month has passed since graduation. Though I’m working with some part-time positions at the moment, I’m still looking out for preaching and teaching opportunities. It’s good to be back home—the time has been a blur. Sometimes I wonder if I’m busier now with the family business than I ever was with the school. But my studies continue, and I find myself working every opportunity I can get to pass on the knowledge that I’ve received while up there in Springfield at the Bible Institute of Missouri. And I just wanted to thank all of you for giving me that opportunity. I said it at the graduation, and it still stands in my mind as the truth: Being there has been the greatest privilege of my life. And not just because of the school—that’s only a small part of it. It’s also been for all the wonderful members of the church I’ve become attached to—for the love and support you’ve given me. I find myself thinking about ya’ll every day. And with every thought, there is a sadness that I’m no longer there with you. You’ve given me a foundation that will last me a lifetime, and the only way I know how to repay you is to do the work that my hands find to do. Thank you again, and rest assured that I will do exactly that. I pray God’s grace, peace, and mercy be with you all.” —Uriah Greer

“Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
The journey my family and I have taken the last two years is possibly the most rewarding of

anything I have ever done in my lifetime. To be able to sit at the feet of such devoted men was a blessing. It was a blessing learning the gospel of Jesus Christ and acquiring the tools to teach and preach. The Bible Institute of Missouri and its staff are carrying out the words found in the book of Timothy: “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). Just as the apostle Paul did, these good Christian men also are doing today.

My gratitude goes out to all of those who support the school and even more so to those who took a personal interest in me and my family in supporting us while I was attending school. Without the funding from you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you again! Please keep Angel and me in your prayers as we search for a full-time position preaching and working with a congregation. In the mean time, I will be preaching most every weekend, filling in for others and traveling to spread the message of the Bible and of the great work the school is doing. I owe the school and its staff a debt of gratitude as well for the many hours they invested in training me.

I received some great words of advice from a fellow preacher that I have spent some time with over the years. He quoted Paul in the book of Timothy as well: “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). These are good words for everyone to remember. Thanks dad; I will. Being a Christian is the greatest feeling in the world and being called a servant of His makes it even better. Thank you everyone for the love, prayers, letters, cards, and support.” —Kent C. Eakins and family

From the Field

Jesus told His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Upon graduating from the Bible Institute of Missouri, our graduates go out into the field to labor for the Lord. In this issue and in upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer*, we will be sharing with you where some of our graduates are and what they are doing now.



Adam Orr was born in Winfield, Kansas and graduated from high school in Mexico, Missouri. He attended Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) where he received a B.S. degree in General Business and Finance in May 2003. In August of that year, he began his studies as part of the first class of the Bible Institute of Missouri. After completing his first year, he married, Julie (Detwiler), May 29, 2004. He graduated from the Bible Institute of Missouri the following May. Adam now preaches full-time for the Fordland church of Christ where he has been since June 11, 2005. Adam and Julie have two sons, Evan and Alan.

“It has been seven years since I graduated as part of the first class from the Bible Institute of Missouri. The week following my graduation I began my first full-time work with the Lord’s church in Fordland, Missouri and have continued there until the present. It is with confidence that I can make the following statement, ‘I would not be where I am today without the instruction and guidance received from the godly men at the Bible Institute of Missouri.’ The school is overseen by the elders of the Kansas Expressway church of Christ, a congregation that I was proud to be a member of for six years. These are men who are only interested in promoting the teaching of God as found in His word, the Bible, and striving to ensure that it is taken to a world in need of hearing it. To ensure that this work continues, men with the desire to proclaim the gospel need to be sent. It is with whole-hearted endorsement that I recommend the Bible Institute of Missouri for any man willing to receive the tools and instruction that will assist him in being a preacher and leader in the kingdom of Christ.” —Adam Orr

Your Faith Has Made You Well

Adam Orr

One of the favorite of all the five senses that God has given to us is the ability to see with our eyes. Following a recent rain, our family was able to look into the sky and see the full arc of a beautiful rainbow. Several weeks ago, on a clear night, a full moon hung in the sky with an orange tint just above the tree line. It was a sight that one could sit

and take in with awe and admiration for hours. With the eyes, countless fathers and mothers have received the first view of their beautiful babies. With sight comes the ability to know there is a God and that He is truly the Creator of all (Romans 1:18-20).

Imagine for a moment, however, being born without the ability to see. Imagine not having the ability to navigate unfamiliar territory without the assistance of others. We are told about one blind man in particular in the Bible whose name was Bartimaeus. Be reminded of all that this man was without the ability to see. Through inspiration, Mark writes in Mark 10:46, that he was reduced to sitting by the road and begging people for money. Now imagine the joy that he must have felt on that blessed day when someone he knew could give him what he so desired came walking by—Jesus the Son of God. Bartimaeus, after hearing that Jesus was coming by, began shouting for Jesus—wouldn’t you if your sight could be restored? After being told to be quiet, he shouted all the more for Jesus to have mercy on him!

Jesus did have mercy on him. He simply asked the blind man what He could do for him. The request was simple: “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” The Great Physician, the One with the power to heal, replied in a tone that was no doubt gentle and sincere, “Go your way, your faith has made you well.” Mark 10:52 tells us that immediately he received his sight and began to follow Jesus on the road.

What is it that we desire more than anything? Friends, it better be heaven...it better be HEAVEN! The words of Jesus are penned for our reading and understanding, and the words of the Lord are as true today as they were to Bartimaeus. In the end, it is your faith that will make you well. Faith in the Bible is never defined as a simple statement or declaration that we believe. It is seen in a total submission to His will and plan of salvation, followed by a life of dedicated service (Revelation 2:10). It has its roots established in the word of God and not in the teachings of men (Romans 10:17). He will reward those who diligently follow Him (Hebrews 11:6). Do you have a faith that will make it well in the end? Are you living a life of putting Him first? Get on the road and follow Him today!