

# New LTBS Presentation, Outreach

In the News at Let the Bible Speak

## New Deputation Presentation

Our four deputation secretaries are presently arranging meetings for the work of LTBS. On past occasions these meetings have taken the form of a slide or video presentation and a fresh challenge from the word of God. Such meetings are essential for the furthering of this work. They provide up-to-date information for those who take our radio ministry upon their hearts in prayer. During 2004 a new deputation presentation has been compiled.

Commenting on the new presentation, one of our deputation secretaries, Rev. Thomas Murray of Markethill Free Presbyterian Church said, "It has always been the policy of Let the Bible Speak not to make financial appeals over the airwaves. Funds down through the years have come from gifts, covenants, and

deputation meetings. A new presentation for showing at deputation meetings was launched in February 2004. It is a PowerPoint display tracing

the history of the work from its beginnings in 1973. In those early days Rev. Alan Cairns, one of the founders of LTBS, was the sole preacher. However, with the ministry extending to Toronto in Canada and to Greenville and

Philadelphia in the United States of America, other ministers soon got involved.

"Documenting the progress of the work, [the presentation] brings us right up to date, pin pointing the various stations across the world on which we are currently broadcasting. It also takes us behind the scenes showing the making of a programme. It is a virtual who's who of LTBS, introducing us to the programme director, the various speakers, and also to those who work behind the scenes. A special word of thanks is due to Dr. Stephen McClean and Mr. John Currie for their invaluable help in



Stephen McClean



John Currie

making this presentation. Those who have seen it have commented on its high quality and have been amazed at how many are involved in the work. If you would like to organise a deputation meeting for LTBS contact the programme director."

## New Broadcaster

Rev. Andrew Patterson is the minister of Garvagh Free Presbyterian Church, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland. He is also the chaplain to the Coleraine campus of the University of Ulster and serves on the mission and education boards of our presbytery. Recently LTBS director Rev.

Leslie Curran asked Mr. Patterson to consider contributing to the expanding radio ministry. Mr. Patterson agreed to help with weekly messages for Radio North which is based in County Donegal.

The LTBS broadcasts go out each morning Monday to Friday at 9.30 a.m. with the messages preached by Mr. Patterson being featured each Wednesday morning. Modern technology enables him to preach the messages in his own study and record them directly onto computer disc. He received invaluable help from Mr. Curran and Rev. Andrew Foster (Penticton, British Columbia, Canada) with the setting up and fine-tuning of the equipment.

Commenting on this new form of evangelism, Mr. Patterson stated, "At first it seemed strange preaching into a microphone which was linked to a computer, yet the Lord has enabled me to look beyond the screen and see the much wider picture of hundreds of potential listeners each time we preach. In the preparing of the messages I seek to keep in mind that not only are there many unsaved listening in, but also those who know the Lord and who need to be fed upon the undiluted and unadulterated word of God."

The response to the radio ministry from Garvagh has been encouraging. During one of his pastoral visits in a home for the elderly, one of the residents approached Mr. Patterson with the comment, "I recognise your voice. Are you on the radio?" As the conversation developed it became clear that this elderly Christian was listening and rejoicing in God's word as it was preached. On another occasion, Mr. Patterson received a telephone call from a lady who personally thanked him for a particular message that had just been broadcast.

In another telephone conversation, a man testified that he too was listening to the broadcasts and that through them had come to learn more of Mr. Patterson's ministry. As Mr. Patterson notes, "This is



Rev. Andrew Patterson

the work of a sovereign God. It is my prayer that through the preaching of the cross and the uplifting of Christ over the airwaves, many souls will be wondrously and gloriously saved and God's people will be built up in their most holy faith." Do please continue to pray for all the contributors to LTBS radio ministry.

### Possible Dublin Broadcast

Programme director Rev. Leslie Curran has been exploring the possibility of broadcasting LTBS programmes from a radio station in Dublin. The initial response from the station has been encouraging and it is hoped that details can be finalised quickly. We ask that readers remember this new opportunity in prayer. A further update will be provided, God willing, in the next edition of *LTBS Quarterly*.

### Indian Interest

The LTBS mail bag recently included correspondence from a listener in India. The writer recalled that he had been born and brought up in a Hindu family but had received Christ by faith and was seeking to serve him amongst his family. In his correspondence he expressed deep

appreciation for the *LTBS Quarterly* and also for the radio broadcast saying, "Greetings to all of you. I heard your Radio Programme "Let the Bible Speak" and received a full coloured magazine "LTBS Quarterly January 2004" explaining the church that Christ built. I found practical things for the church and its mission. The marks of the church, the government of the church and the authority of the church . . . Thank you for this wonderful magazine and these teachings on the doctrine of the church. I am really encouraged by these studies . . . I am really blessed by this magazine but we need more teaching." It is always heartening to learn of God's blessing upon the witness of LTBS. This is truly a worldwide ministry and eternity alone will reveal the impact and influence the radio broadcasts and quarterly magazine have had in the lives of many.

### Your Comments

*LTBS Quarterly* would like to hear of the Lord's blessing on both the radio ministry and the quarterly magazine. Those involved in this work are thrilled to learn of how God has spoken to hearts, saved the lost, encouraged the weary, and edified His own people. We are conscious that some depend on the radio ministry for their spiritual teaching, and we would be especially delighted to hear from individuals, families, or groups who have been richly blessed through the preaching of God's word.

If you have comments to make regarding this ministry, please forward them to Rev. Colin Mercer at 5 Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel, Co. Down BT34 4NE, Northern Ireland, or send him an e-mail



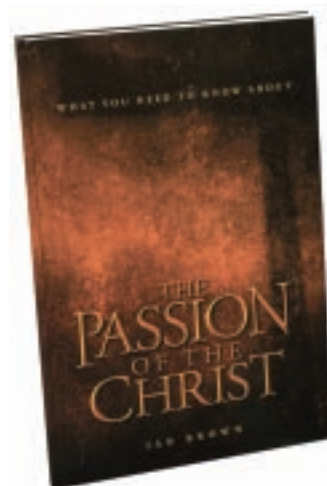
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at [rev.mercer@mournefpc.co.uk](mailto:rev.mercer@mournefpc.co.uk). All correspondence will be acknowledged.

Those who wish to support the *LTBS Quarterly* or any of the broadcasts may communicate with LTBS treasurer Rev. Alan Lamont, 9 Knockarna Grange, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

### New Publication by Rev. Ian Brown

Rev. Ian Brown (Londonderry FPC), who is a regular contributor to *LTBS Quarterly* and an LTBS broadcaster, has published a ninety-page book on the subject of Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* film. In his own distinct style



Mr. Brown has examined the basis for the film and has ably exposed its unmistakable Roman Catholic theology. Extensive research is evident throughout, and the warnings that are sounded are clear and certain.

The attractive book, published by Ambassador Publications and priced at £4.99 (postage extra), has already enjoyed a wide circulation and is an important reference on this vital subject. Details on how to order copies can be obtained from Rev. Ian Brown or the LTBS office. ■