

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

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Dear supporting Pastors and churches,

Happy New Year! We'd like to start the new year by sharing some of the recent blessings at Global Baptist Bible College. One of our key goals in starting the online college was to support missionaries and churches that share our faith and practices. This vision began to take shape earlier this year when a member of a supporting church reached out with a unique opportunity.

This individual felt called to minister in Poland and had planned a short trip to witness to English speakers there. Seeking support, he asked if we had any contacts in the country. Thankfully, we connected him with three promising individuals. Upon his return, he shared some exciting news about two key connections: Szymon (pronounced "Shee-mon") and Grzegorz (pronounced "G-zheh-gosh"). Both are highly educated and already active in translation work.

Since the trip, one of them has been in regular contact with his home church. The member is now preparing for an extended stay in Poland next year, lasting several months. While we don't yet know where this opportunity will lead, it's encouraging to see God opening doors for potential ministry in Poland. A door may also open in the Netherlands with student contacts asking for further discipleship.

Another blessing came through an email from a new GBBC student. He shared an incredible testimony: he had been a famous rapper in the Philippines until God saved him last year. Brother Lange looked into his background and found his old videos online, verifying his story. After his conversion, this young man joined a Baptist church and began preaching the gospel. Recently, he found our website and enrolled in our program. In his message, he expressed deep gratitude for the free Bible training he is now receiving.

Please continue to pray for East Timor. Our student contact there is still faithfully meeting with a group of people and contacting us regularly about a potential ministry. I would like to share some quotes from a couple of other students:

"I have a few points to confess; first is that I have been seeking to find such a forum where the word of God is taught based on the bible. These teachings at GBBC have challenged me so much. There have been topics that I was very much against but on investigating the issues further I have found out that your teachings are correct. I also see the reason why I should not continue with counterfeit Christianity and its church." "I see a crisis in the church in my country. Some people support ecumenism, some are fascinated by charismatic movements, and others seek rescue in Calvinist theology. What is missing is a very simple explanation of what the Bible says. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for enabling people from other countries and continents to get to know God and His Word."

As of this week, we have registrants from 10 new countries of the 23 we are currently advertising in. That brings the total to 160 countries. There are others I could share about and some we cannot for their safety because we have students that are underground in closed countries. Bible training is going into places we cannot go!

On the home front, Myra finished her first book, *Sacrifice of Praise*, and published it at the end of October. She has seen some improvement in her health, and we appreciate your prayers that it will continue to improve this year.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement.

In His Service,

Rob Johnson