

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...”



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Dear brethren,

As you well know, one purpose of our report is to express appreciation to those who support us through prayer and through monetary means. We truly do appreciate you and are thankful to God for your sacrifice. We realize that without you, we would not be able to accomplish our work. And we pray that your sacrifice is an odor of a sweet smell, acceptable and well pleasing to God.

In some ways, this past month has been the most trying since coming to the Bible Institute of Missouri. In early December, we were forced to let a second year student go. Over a year ago, he was warned because he was caught cheating and plagiarizing. Sadly, he did not learn his lesson and was caught plagiarizing again. Students are required to develop their own lessons and preach during chapel. He turned in his outline for a chapel lesson, and it was nearly word for word from an article in a brotherhood publication. Like all schools, we teach to give credit where credit is due. However, he did not learn the lesson, and we were left with no alternative than to dismiss him. Such dishonest actions cannot be tolerated in any school but especially a school of preaching.

Also, when we returned from our holiday break, a first year student resigned which left only one student, and he came in about seven weeks late. We talked with him and mutually decided it would probably be best for him to begin school with the next class. He did not want to be the only one in class, and the instructors thought that would not be best. So in the end, we are currently without a first year class. As you could imagine, these events are rather disheartening, but we keep on keeping on.

Now for some good news! Next year looks promising. We have had many inquiries and now have four men who have committed themselves to come. We also have others who have expressed interest. So hopefully, we will have a nice size class. Brent Green, our school representative, is doing a good job.

Another exciting thing that is happening is the broadcast of our evening school. Last month, we reported that we hope to broadcast our evening classes on the internet. The first night of classes are now history, and we have had a tremendous response from different individuals via the internet. During our second hour, we had eleven online students. One man emailed me and said his “whole family watched all three of them...even the kids.” He went on to say they plan to make it “a family routine on Monday nights.” We also received an email from a brother who lives in Japan who watched the videos. Just from the individuals I know, we had people from Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Though I have not calculated it exactly, I don’t believe that we doubled our class size, but we came close to it. If you would like to view the classes, you can do so at the following link: http://www.bim-us.org/Evening_School/ES-classes.htm.

As Porky Pig says, “That’s all folks!” We truly do appreciate your love and concern for our work, and we constantly ask God to bless and keep you in His tender mercy and care.

Your fellow laborer,

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