

The ECS Connection

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2016 Prison Ministry Conference



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The 2016 Prison Ministry Conference brought together coordinators from across North America. From June 1-4, prison coordinators met in Dubuque, Iowa to

fellowship, learn from one another, and hear testimonies from former inmates about how God dramatically transformed their lives. This year, ECS live-streamed all conference sessions.

These recorded sessions are still available for you to watch—just visit the web address below or scan the QR code.

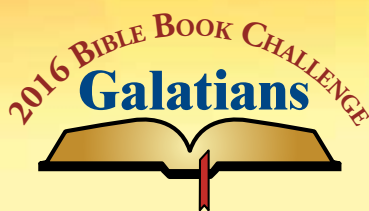
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CHECK OUT VIDEOS AND PICTURES FROM THE PRISON CONFERENCE AT
WWW.ECSMINISTRIES.ORG/PRISON-CONFERENCE-2016



2016 BIBLE BOOK CHALLENGE RESULTS

Congratulations to all those who participated in the 2016 Bible Book Challenge! This year 1,050 people signed-up to study Galatians. The study has been a great blessing to many—



even here in the ECS Dubuque office, we have been blessed and encouraged to read how God is working in the lives of the participants.

A number of people, including some

from Lake Community Church and Fellowship Bible Church, have written to tell us how much their group enjoyed the study. “Our discussion meetings were lively and beneficial.”

See the final standings on our website at www.BibleBookChallenge.org.

NEW DIRECTOR

The ECS Ministries Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry Wilson to the role of Executive Director of ECS Ministries, following Rob Tyler’s retirement this summer.

Terry brings to ECS over 25 years of experience in print / publishing, organizational management,

networking, and strategic growth. For the last seven years, Terry has served as Administrator at Camp Li-Lo-Li in New York state. During this same time, Terry served on the board of ECS Ministries, the last four years as chairman. To find out more about Terry, visit the ECS website at:

www.ecsministries.org/terrywilson



By The Way...

Most of us are familiar with the phrase “Time flies when you’re having fun.” The idea is, of course, that time appears to pass quickly when you are engaged in something that you are enjoying. For me, this is definitely true. It does not seem that it has been well over 15 years since my wife Sue and I moved from warm Houston, Texas to the cold mid-west of Dubuque, Iowa to join what was then the Emmaus Correspondence School.

It was a couple years later in 2002, that Emmaus Bible College separated the Correspondence School from the college to establish it as an independent organization called ECS Ministries. The Bible correspondence course ministry continued and other ministries were added including Christian book publishing—especially when Walterick Publishing merged

with ECS. We embraced digital distribution opportunities and now offer around 125 eBooks. We also adapted our Bible courses for smart-phones and tablets. Truth and Praise, publisher of three hymn books, joined with ECS, further expanding our ministries with hymn books and Sunday school material.

Within the past year, we enlarged our eCourse offerings so that they are available on PCs and smart devices. We also introduced diplomas and certificates for specific curriculum studies. And all the while these things were happening, we increased the number of Bible courses available to over 100 in English and 60 in Spanish. Worldwide distributions now number over 1,400,000 per year!

Where has the time gone? Serving the Lord here at ECS alongside a great group of people has been very

enjoyable. The 16 years have slipped quickly by, and now I hand the reins of leadership over to Terry Wilson, confident that the Lord will help him fulfill the responsibilities of the role.

Thank you for joining me on the journey so far. Please give Terry the support he needs as he leads ECS in the years to come.

Rob Tyler, Director



PRISON MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The Iowa weather was perfect for exploring various sites along

the Mississippi River in Dubuque. Coordinators continued to get to

know each other better during these informal activities.



Relationships are built during mealtimes!



Terry Wilson, incoming Director;
Mark Wainwright, Publications; Rob Tyler, current Director



Patrick Molina, former prisoner, shared his powerful testimony of years of homelessness and imprisonment.



Louis Dooley, former prisoner and current Illinois coordinator, shared how the Lord continues to work in his life.



REACHING THE MIDDLE EAST WITH BIBLE COURSES

BY JIM FLEMING

A day seldom passes without news of a crisis in the Arabic-speaking world. However, we are going to share some good news about ECS working amidst that crisis.

ECS has had Arabic courses for 40 years. There are 24 currently in use, and there will be 36 in the curriculum soon. Although the courses originate in Palestine, the majority are used in Egypt. Online students add another 50 countries where our Arabic courses are studied. The best news is that Emmaus schools are being opened physically in multiple Arabic-speaking countries! Security issues restrict me from giving names, places, and details, but here are a few things that I experienced in the Middle East.

The conference center was in the heart of ancient Decapolis, just over the hill from the birthplace of Elijah the Prophet. This is a relatively open and safe country for Christians, allowing us to invite Emmaus teams and potential new workers from countries stretching from North Africa to the war zones of recent history. What a thrill to see a face, shake a hand, and talk with believers who live and serve—sometimes suffering under persecution—in these lands. These are our Emmaus colleagues; they share our vision and passion of reaching the lost and discipling converts.

Lives are being transformed by Christ, resulting in local church plants! During the conference, a goal of establishing ECS centers across north Africa emerged. Additionally, these Arabic brothers and sisters exhibit little fear discussing who is able and willing to penetrate every war-racked country you can list in the area. There are already Emmaus

correspondence students in many of the most dangerous cities!

Finally, add thousands of refugees to the equation. Crisis or unprecedented opportunity to reach them for Christ? Every Tuesday evening, some 700+ Iraqis and Syrian refugees meet in a church in a capital city. Emmaus is on duty! Hundreds are now students. Many are coming to Christ!

ECS Arabic leaders discussed emerging north-Africa Bible centers.



ECS Arabic Language Director
George Khalil



There were many good discussions about moving the Arabic work forward.



ECS Arabic Team at the Training Conference



Checking out the selection of Arabic Bible courses



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN ISRAEL

BY JIM FLEMING

Two thousand years ago, a Carpenter (Jesus) grew up in Nazareth, and after His resurrection explained to His disciples “the things concerning Himself” on the road to Emmaus.

In the 1950s, a young man grew up in Nazareth and became a carpenter. He came to Jesus, evangelized using Emmaus courses in England with Operation Mobilization, and in 1967 started the Emmaus work in Israel.

Meet George Khalil (and wife Ros), who for the past 40 years have seen the Emmaus work thrive.

On April 2, 2016, a 40th anniversary was celebrated in Nazareth with 15 people telling the “ECS Israel story.”

Highlights during these 40 years include:

- Translation of courses into Arabic.
- Distribution countrywide.
- Self-supporting—never in debt.
- Public presence—the courses are well-known in the country.
- Teamwork—success comes when many are involved.
- Hebrew courses—they exist, but a dedicated ECS Hebrew director is needed.
- Church Planting. ECS Arabic courses have resulted in people being saved and local churches being established.



The Carpenter is crafting new lives spiritually right where He lived 2000 years ago
—for the last 40 years—using Emmaus study courses!

Shawel and George at work in the Nazareth office

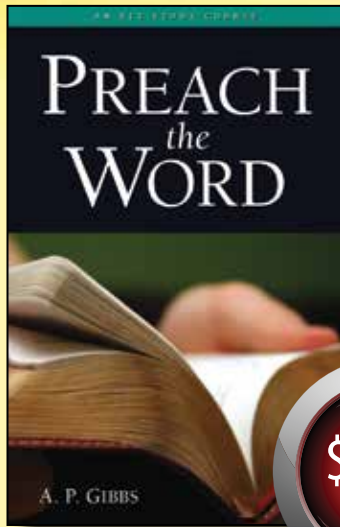


Emmaus Nazareth Team
top: Ros, Jasmine, George bottom: Nuha, Shawel, Michel



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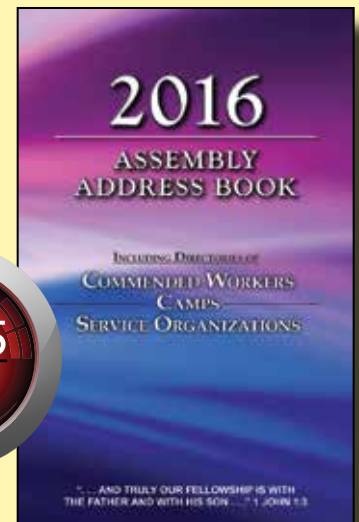
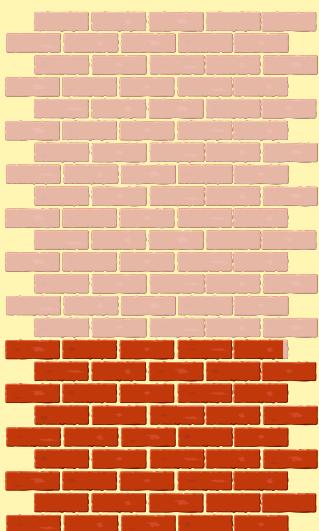
This study course is designed primarily for those who feel called to preach. However, it can profitably be studied by all who have a desire to open up the Bible for the benefit of others. Most of the material in this course applies just as much to the teacher as to the preacher.

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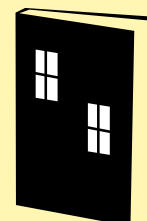
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WORLDWIDE PRAYER GUIDE

JULY

WEEK 1 (BEGINNING 7/4)

Intenational Directors, South America

Doris Zambrano – Ecuador
Eliseo Zuniga – Bolivia
Ruby Jean Campbell – Colombia
Roger & Rosana Escuin – Brazil
Loida Salas de Gilli – Venezuela

WEEK 2 (7/11)

Associate Instructors, Southeastern US

Phil Guikema – FL
Sellers Jenkins – NC
Earl Detwiler – TX
Robert Hoffman – TX
Andrew Shelor – VA

WEEK 3 (7/18)

Special Funding Areas

Scholarship Fund
General Fund
International Ministries Fund
Course/Book Development Fund
Building for the Future Fund

WEEK 4 (7/25)

Regional Directors, Eastern Europe

Yuri Yur – ZAM, Ukraine
Markar Mardirossian – Bulgaria
Elen Mikesova – Czech Republic
Zoltan Oroszlany – Hungary
Jan Hudec – Slovakia

AUGUST

WEEK 1 (BEGINNING 8/1)

Associate Instructors, Northwestern US

Rick Cook – OR
Nathan Cedarland – WA
Bill Ridgeway – WA
Fred McHugh – WA
Need for Associate Instructor's

WEEK 2 (8/8)

Prison work, Western US

Dan Olney – AZ
Peter Dailey – MT
Shadow Mtn. Comm. Church – CA
Cathy Stallings – NM
John Martin – WA

WEEK 3 (8/15)

International Directors, Africa

John Finegan – Malawi
Patrick Mulenga – Mozambique
Philip Moodley – South Africa
Bob Cullen – Uganda
Marilyn Campbell – Zambia

WEEK 4 (8/22)

Special Needs

Rising costs
Work in closed countries
Overseas prison ministries
Released prisoners as they continue
taking courses
Replacements for retiring workers

WEEK 4 (8/29)

Translation Work

Shona, Zimbabwe
Japanese, Japan
Portuguese, Brazil
Nepalese, Nepal
Kirundi, Burundi

SEPTEMBER

WEEK 1 (BEGINNING 9/5)

Dubuque Office Staff

Jim Fleming – International
Coordinator
Mindy Stiles – Communications
Coordinator
Ellen Volgarino – Administrative
Assistant
Melody Marshall – Student Services
Terry Wilson – New ECS Director

WEEK 2 (9/12)

Associate Instructors, Mid-West

Jaime Silva – IL
Donald Williams – IN
Ron Beard – IA
Eleanor Westman – MI
John Headrick – MO

WEEK 3 (9/19)

International – Asia

Gerd Spies – ZAM, Nepal
Ling Ching Leong – Malaysia
Insun Park – Cambodia
Kap Cin Chang – Myanmar
Asai Tripura – Bangladesh

WEEK 4 (9/26)

Spanish Prison work

Ed Goodwin – SC
Don Dunkerton – NJ
Doug & Jeanne Crabb – CA
Carlos Botello – NJ
Need for more Spanish graders

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