



🌐 **An outline of our Missions Training at SIBI**

When a student finishes level one of SIBI's Residential Program, he or she can choose one of the tracks such as Family and Youth, Preaching, Deaf Ministry, Missions, etc. A student choosing the Missions Track will study *Introduction to Missions, Planting & Maturing Urban Churches, Gospel and Culture* and *Growing the Mission Church*.

Following the Missions Track, we encourage graduates to enter our **Advanced Missions** program. This is designed for individuals and teams. They will study *Mission Partnerships, Evangelistic Techniques and Mission Strategy Development, Team Building, Holistic Small Groups, Marriage and Family Preparation, Church Planting, and Counseling Strategies for Cross-cultural Evangelists*. A **Final Mission Project** will summarize and unify the **Advanced Missions** preparation into written form and will be defended before a Mission Project Review Committee.

The object of all this is to send well trained reapers into the fields of the world. When qualified men and women are sent to the nations, everyone wins.

- First, the thoroughly prepared **evangelist** is more confident in the Word, the use of his or her gifts and aware of God's power and provision. The result is a more efficient and stable missionary.

- Second, the **sending church** can be more assured that the resources they devote to evangelizing a city will be maximized.

- Third, the **citizens of a city** will hear about the Way of Christ more quickly and converts will be disciplined better.

The missionary trained by SIBI will work harder, smarter and longer. They will enter their chosen field knowing that the prayers and resources of SIBI will be there to assist them as the labor far from all that is familiar.

This is the work you do as partners with us as you encourage us, pray for us and provide resources for us. Together we are making a difference!

🌐 **Paul and Michelle Hillier** are prospective students for Advanced Missions beginning in August. They are from Edmonton, Alberta in Canada where Paul has taken SIBI courses in a Satellite School (where Sunset courses are presented in video form) and is due to finish in July. *They have seriously considered doing work in New Zealand or Australia.* Paul is an excellent speaker and did very well preaching in chapel during their visit here on the 8th of this month. This is a high quality couple with a great future wherever they decide to do evangelism. They are now looking for a sponsoring congregation and support to live in Lubbock while they receive further preparation for the mission field. *Please take a moment and pray for Paul and Michelle.*



🌐 **Teaching men how to preach** is part of our work here at SIBI. Whether they will be working with an established church or mission point, they still need to know how to effectively proclaim the word. Our preaching labs consist of a student preaching for 20 minutes or so and then being critiqued by both me and his fellow students. It can be a daunting and humbling business! They are rated on their introduction, organization, vocal and physical delivery, use of scripture, illustrations, grammar and conclusion. Wayne Kitchens (pictured) is one of the outstanding preachers in my last preaching lab. During April through May, I will be teaching men how to preach evangelistic lessons. Important for the mission field and home!



🌐 **"Migrants to kickstart economy"** is the headline for an article about a *very encouraging development* in Australia's policy regarding immigration! *It may provide major opportunities for us to place our graduates in the country not only as evangelists, but people whose skills are needed by the Australian workforce.* Below is an excerpt from the article by Steve Lewis and Elizabeth Colman that appeared in **THE AUSTRALIAN**, a national newspaper on the 3rd of this month:

THE Howard Government plans a dramatic increase in its migrant intake to the highest level in decades, as part of a bid to help plug the national skills shortage threatening economic growth. Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone is pushing for a massive one-year rise of 20,000 in skilled places, taking the overall migration program to about 140,000 in 2005-06 - the biggest in nearly 20 years.

The Vanstone plan, which has yet to be formally considered by cabinet, would see the number of skilled migrant places rise to almost 100,000, compared with a forecast 77,100 this year. The migration plan is expected to focus on areas of greatest need, including doctors, mechanics, boilermakers, hairdressers, pharmacists and accountants. Migration experts stress that the ageing population and the record levels of emigration and skills vacancies require a drastic increase.

Senator Vanstone...is understood (to be) advocating a relaxation of rules on skilled migrant visas to try to improve prospects of attracting new workers.

Business groups have been urging the Government to relax restrictions on skilled migrants to address glaring labour shortages across Australia. Coalition MPs have also raised concerns at the difficulties many employers are facing in hiring workers in the bush.

I provide seminars for interested groups as time permits. They are available to churches both in the USA and in Oceania

Seminars available:

- **Back On Track** (recapturing the mission of the local church)
- **Local Evangelism for Missional Churches** (how to reach the lost and equip the saved)
- **Workshop for Missions Leadership Teams** (how to organize and function as a team)
- **Sending Church Seminar** (finding, sending and supporting missionaries effectively)

Reminder: We are in immediate need one-time (one-off) contributions toward our travel funds. Please earmark your checks: "Whitsett travel" and send them to **Woodland Oaks Church of Christ**, 7300 Crownridge, The Woodlands, TX 77382

Brenda and I are very grateful for your prayers and support. God is good to us through you!

Love,

Dwight and Brenda