



# WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTADELPHIAN FOUNDATION

*FOCUS ON PREACHING - WINTER 2004*

## ***New Opportunity for Full-Time Preaching***



*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

John 4:35

*"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."*

Matt. 9:37-38

### **India Calls**

Photo by  
Steve Johnson

And he said  
to them,  
"Go into all  
the world  
and preach  
the gospel  
to the whole  
creation"  
(Mark 16:15)

When you ask those actively involved in preaching what they consider the greatest barrier to spreading the Gospel, the answer is consistently manpower.

The White Fields Project takes its name from John 4:35 where Jesus describes the missionary field as being white and ready to harvest. We are left with the mental image of a field full of ripe produce with no one available to reap.

In a busy world, there are many reasons why there is a labor shortage of qualified harvesters: family or work obligations, a lack of practical knowledge or confidence, financial issues and so forth. While organizations such as the Christadelphian Bible Mission attempt to address many of these obstacles, WCF has turned its attention to the financial barrier.

### ***Mission and Objective***

The purpose of The White Fields Project is to provide funding for serious and committed preachers of the Gospel so that they can assist in the harvest.

### ***Process***

***Candidates:*** We invite participation of brothers or sisters in Christ with a desire to preach, but who are hampered by financial constraints. Applicants should be prepared to make a twelve month commitment and demonstrate a willingness to adapt to the mission field (i.e. learn the local language, live modestly, demonstrate the attributes of a deacon (1 Tim 3), etc.).

***Application:*** The application is on-line at [www.wcfoundation.org](http://www.wcfoundation.org). The applicant will be responsible for detailing their preaching project and estimating the costs involved.

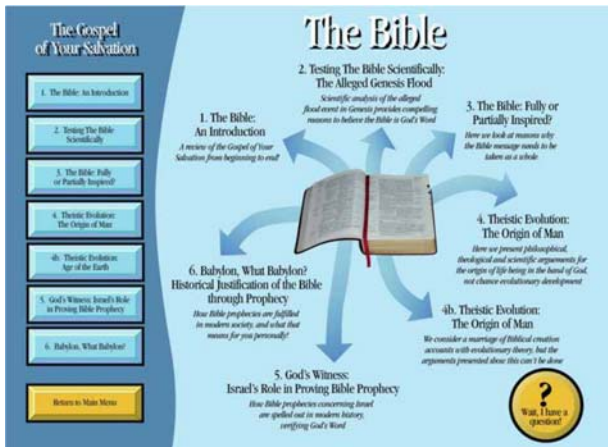
***Selection:*** The selection committee is comprised of the WCF directors.

***Funding:*** Allocated funds are available for the White Fields Project. These funds are for both living expenses and project costs. An initial grant would be supplemented with stipends for ongoing expenses. If the applicant is working under the auspices of a Bible Mission, funds would flow through that organization.

# On-Line Preaching Tool: *The Gospel of Your Salvation*

The San Francisco Peninsula ecclesia has created a new Christadelphian correspondence course with financial support from WCF. Unlike many other Bible study courses, *The Gospel of Your Salvation* addresses the reader's own questions and allows the student to follow his own particular path of interest.

Rather than simply discussing standard Bible subjects in a linear fashion, this course is designed to engage readers by posing questions that are in the forefront of their minds. "If there is a God, why is the world filled with hate?" "What's in this for me?" "How do I know there's a God?" "Everyone goes on about the Bible, but how do I know it's more than just another book?" By addressing the questions of 'the man on the street', it is hoped that the course will capture his interest and create an opportunity for him to learn the Good News.



In addition to answering the concerns of people today, *The Gospel of Your Salvation* is designed to maintain interest by being interactive. After reading the introductory lesson, the student may then choose one of six responses tailored to his particular field of interest. In much the same way as we would discuss the Truth with friends, the issues that the enquirer raises are addressed first, followed by a fuller discussion over time.

## How does the course work?

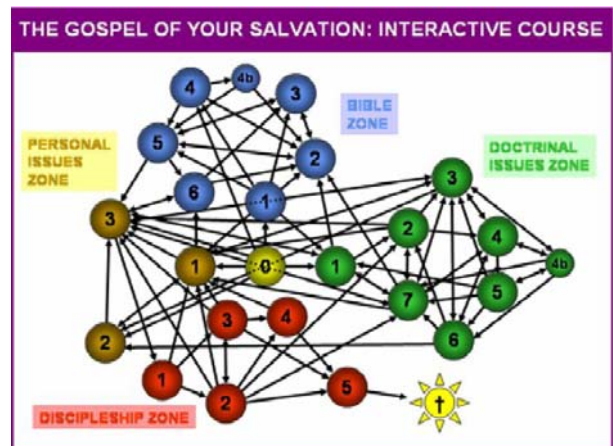
After reading the introductory lesson, in simple but challenging language, the reader would be directed to one of four different modules listed below, based on his response to the initial article. Within each of the four

modules, the reader progresses in the same way – his response to the article he has just read triggers which article he receives next (which is usually, but not exclusively, within the same module).

- **The Bible:** This section encourages those with little or no Scriptural knowledge to examine what the Bible says and its claim to be the inspired Word of God.
- **Doctrines:** Traditional Christians who may have embraced erroneous teaching are challenged to revisit the 'First Principles'.
- **Personal Issues:** For those who are looking for answers to problems in their own lives, the Gospel has the solution and provides hope in a world bent on destruction.
- **Discipleship:** These lessons are for those who see themselves as disciples of Jesus. The student is prompted to examine his life and follow in the steps of the Master.

## How does *The Gospel of Your Salvation* progress through the four modules?

There are a set number of lessons in each module. As illustrated in the diagram below, arrows indicate the path on which the reader would be led to associated lessons dealing with a similar line of thought. The yellow circle represents the common introductory lesson. As the diagram shows, it's quite possible to get to the end of the course by only reading half a dozen articles. This is another deliberate consequence of the courses design, that each student gets 'what they need.' Some students will read more articles, some less, depending on what responses they gave to the articles as they went along.



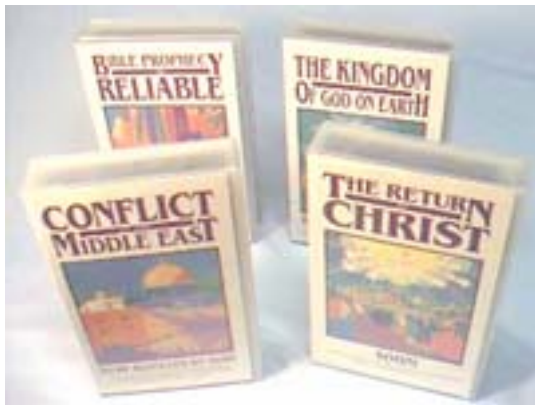
### **Do I need a computer to view *The Gospel of Your Salvation*?**

Yes, it's an online resource. San Francisco Peninsula plan to have printed pamphlets available in the future for those who are not online. Initially, the course will only be available at the web site (web address pending) and the user will be able to access the different lessons with the click of a mouse. There will also be opportunity to e-mail the web master with specific questions or comments.

### **When will it be available? And where can I get more information?**

The web pages are currently being composed, and the project should be launched, God willing, in the next few months. For further details on this course, including a full listing of lessons and their links, e-mail Bro. John Pople at [madenglishscientist@yahoo.com](mailto:madenglishscientist@yahoo.com).

### ***The Middle East and Your Future – Video Program Series***



It is not surprising at all to Christadelphians that the Middle East continues to be the epicenter of world conflict. Perhaps it is so familiar to us that we fail to fully realize how few of our friends, neighbors and co-workers really know the origins and the final resolution to this conflict. The *Conflict in the Middle East – to be resolved by God!* video may be the perfect introduction to this hot topic and be an excellent way to introduce them to the topics of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is part of a four-part series called *The Middle East and Your Future*. The tape is available from WCF at [www.wcfoundation.org](http://www.wcfoundation.org) and costs \$10 US, postage included. The cost for all four programs is discounted to be \$30 US.

### ***“God’s Family Around the World” video series - Nigeria***

The next video in the *God’s Family Around the World* video series is near release. Filmed by Bro. Steve Johnson in April 2004, the video features our brethren in Nigeria.

The video offers an insight into an area of the world that has suffered through strife, economic instability and disease. It has been rated the second-most corrupt nation on the earth, by one watch organization. Yet, despite these obstacles, a small group of believers has prospered. Nigeria currently has 28 ecclesias and about 700 Christadelphians!

According to Bro. Steve, our Nigerian brethren manifest a great spirit. They are committed preachers and enthusiastic Bible students. They sing hymns all the time.

The film features a trip to the caves in Biafra where several brethren hid during their war in 1969. As they revisited their hideaway, they spontaneously broke out in hymn singing with the walls ringing with their voices. Join Bro. Steve in a boat trip across the Niger River to a remote village where Bro. Chris Furniss speaks for an hour and a half to fifty villagers and their children about the Truth. It makes you feel as if you’ve gone back in time to the first century and are watching as the apostles preach in one of the cities of Asia Minor.

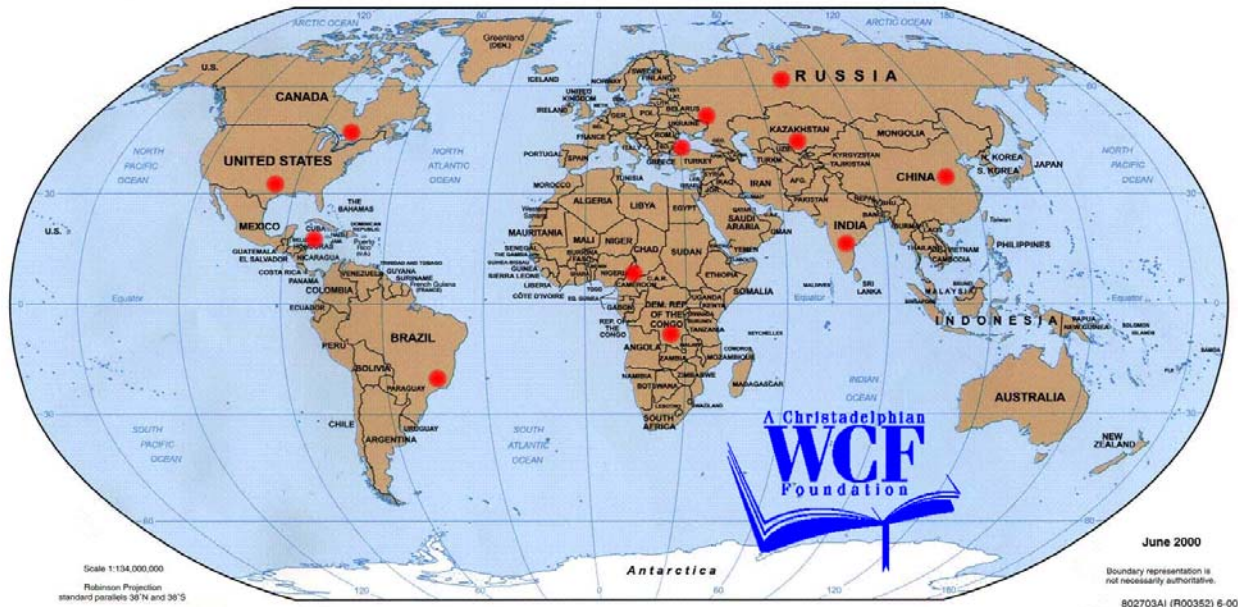


This and other video programs (as listed on [www.wcfoundation.org](http://www.wcfoundation.org)) can be ordered via the Inquire Further link or by calling the WCF Resource Center at (800) 689-8273. Cost is \$10 US, postage included.

## ***New Audio Tapes and CDs Available***

The WCF Tape Library has several new offerings. They are listed on-line at [www.wcfoundation.org](http://www.wcfoundation.org) or can be determined by calling the WCF Resource Center at (800) 689-8273. The unit price for a tape or CD is @\$1.75 US + postage.

<b>WcfNo</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>NoTapes</b>
8602	Downer, J.	Grace from Beginning to End	OH	2004	5
8597	Tucker, K.	A Journey to Apostasy	OH	2004	5
8607	Drabenstott, M.	The Potter's Hand	OH	2004	5
8263	Lawrence/Morgan	Law, Our Lord, His Followers	SW	2004	4
8225	Morgan, T.	Ezekiel, God's Watchman	FCBS	1997	5
8535	King, C.	Rising Tide of Islam	CBS	2004	1
8534	Castillo, E.	First Coming of the Messiah	CBS	2004	1
8532	Elliott, D.	"Be Ye Doers of the Word"	CBS	2004	1
8258	Vincent/Owen	Mystery of His Will/Ephesians	SW	2003	5
8254	Ram/Long	Major Issues in Minor Prophets	SW	2003	4
8250	Buckler/Smith	Show Me Thy Glory	SW	2004	4
8536	Farrar, R.	Christian and Litigation, The	CBS	2004	1
8230	Morgan, T.	Exhortation	FCBS	1997	1
8533	Various	Theme Exhortations	CBS	2004	1
8221	King, P.	When the Judges Ruled	FCBS	0	4
8215	Curry, K.	Faithful Stewardship	EBS	1996	6
8210	Lloyd, B.	"You Can't Stop the Clock"		1990	5
8231	Yutzy, C.	Reading of Elpis Israel, A		0	19
8575	Lawrence, D.	Paul's Letter to Ephesians	WBS	2004	5
8591	Pogson, D.	Paul the Apostle	PCBS	2004	6
8531	Johnson, S.	"Not a Hearer That Forgets..."	CBS	2004	1
8580	Zilmer, P.	Living Sacrifice	WBS	2004	5
8537	Farrar, J.	Divine Genius in Creation	CBS	2004	1
8570	Pople, J.	Suffering of a Righteous Man	WBS	2004	5
8564	Pople, J.	"In the Beginning"	PCBS	2004	6
8563	Zilmer, P.	Prayers of Paul, The	CBS	2004	5
9575	Smoke, M.	Choir Program	CBS	2004	1
8553	Johnson, S.	Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	CBS	2004	5
8548	Farrar, B.	Thoughts on Law of Moses	CBS	2004	5
8543	Estey, D.	Come Boldly to Throne of Grace	CBS	2004	5
8585	Palmer, S.	Deuteronomy/Heart, Soul, Might	PCBS	2001	6
8538	Briley, M.	Yashua's Glory and Reign	CBS	2004	5
8558	Pinkston, D.	Lessons from Letter to Hebrews	CBS	2004	5
8527	Opitz, C.	"God Whispering"	ONT	2004	1
8529	Tucker, B.	"My Bible"	ONT	2004	1
8530	Horton, J.	"Damascus Imperative"	ONT	2004	1
8528	Murray, S.	"Not Righteousness of My Own"	ONT	2004	1
8519	T. Johnson	Preparing for Departure	GLBS	2004	5
8508	R. Harrison	Preparation to Meet the Lord	GLBS	2004	5
8491	N. Zilmer	The Man Jesus Christ	GLBS	2004	5
8496	B. Tucker	The Hope of Elijah	GLBS	2004	1
8497	K. Tucker	The Will of God	GLBS	2004	5
8502	T. Galbraith	Caution! God at Work	GLBS	2004	5
8507	Choir	Choral Presentation	GLBS	2004	1
8525	R. Harrison	Fishers of Men	GLBS	2004	1
8513	Various	Theme Exhortations	GLBS	2004	1
8524	R. Lansing	Is Your Body Suffering IBS?	GLBS	2004	1
8523	T. Galbraith	Preaching With Power	GLBS	2004	1
8522	M. Drabenstott	Living in Spiritual Economy	GLBS	2004	1
8521	C. Wubbels	The Real Life	GLBS	2004	1
8520	B. Sheesly	Contending for the Faith	GLBS	2004	1
8514	D. Davis	The Grace of God Thru Christ	GLBS	2004	5
8489	Zilmer, G	Subject to Change	GLBS	2001	1
8490	Gould, P	"Nothing Will Be Impossible"	GLBS	2001	1

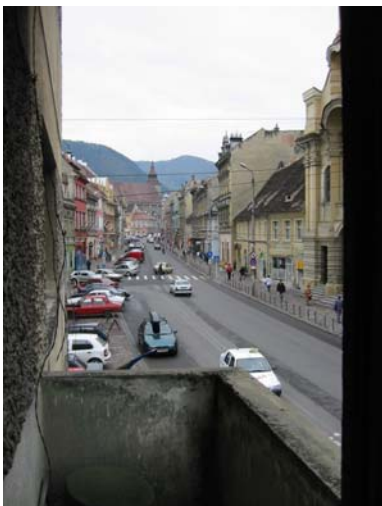


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## WCF Projects from Around the World

Here are a few examples of how your money is being spent helping brethren throughout the world:

1. **Romania:** Assisted the Brasov ecclesia purchase a meeting hall
2. **Bulgaria:** Provided funding to run a local Bible School
3. **China:** Enabled preaching and translation efforts
4. **Brazil:** Provided financial and pastoral support to a brother in need
5. **Russia:** Funded the purchase of a storage facility for Christadelphian literature
6. **Congo:** Encouraged self sufficiency among local brethren through the purchase of a poultry farm
7. **Cameroon:** Furnished four ecclesial halls
8. **Moldova:** Enabled a sister, through financial support, to preach full-time
9. **USA:** Assisted an ill brother and his family with emergency house repairs
10. **Kazakhstan:** Discharged a brother's debt incurred when his son was robbed
11. **India:** Underwrote the purchase of two ecclesial properties
12. **Jamaica:** Funded ecclesial renovations and replaced a sewing machine



View from new flat in Brasov, Romania purchased for the brethren there.



The Tsybin family in Kazakhstan standing in front of the house they were about to lose until WCF funding discharged their debt.

## **More Information about WCF**

### **What is WCF?**

The Williamsburg Christadelphian Foundation is a corporation chartered in the state of Virginia in 1976, and a legal structure recognized by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt corporation. It was established “...for the benefit of the **Christadelphian** community”, and while initially focused on North America, has now become worldwide in its welfare and outreach efforts.

WCF has two primary objectives: to **Help the Household of Faith** (Galatians 6:10) and **Preach the Truth to the World** (Mark 16:15).

### **What are earmarked funds?**

Earmarked funds are funds that you recommend where they are spent. For example, if you want to recommend that your funds to go specifically toward the *White Fields Project*, simply mark it on your check or in an enclosed letter.

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### **Income Statement (as of November, 2004)**

<b>Income Statement</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>Income</i>		
Contributions	\$ 865,965	204,168
Interest & Dividends	11,788	69,350
Video/Audio Sales	3,251	4,874
Other (return of funds)		69,350
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>881,006</b>	<b>291,669</b>
<i>Expenses</i>		
Pastoral	292,980	299,019
Welfare	238,985	53,031
Services (incl. Seminars)	34,375	19,837
Administrative	21,387	17,693
Depreciation	9,215	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>594,943</b>	<b>395,581</b>
<b>Total Income/Expenses</b>	<b>286,062</b>	<b>(103,912)</b>

### **What You Can Do To Support WCF**

You can *personally support* WCF projects by prayer, volunteering your time and expertise, and ordering WCF resources (video programs, audio tapes, *Discover Your Bible* booklets).

You can *financially contribute* to WCF through cash donations, stock transfers, charitable trusts or the designation of your United Way contribution (USA only). **Contact WCF Treasurer** Ray Pratt by phone (217-664-3511) or regular mail (335 North Western, P.O. Box 86, Deland, IL 61839) or e-mail: [rbpratt@mchsi.com](mailto:rbpratt@mchsi.com)

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