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Bible First: The Final Lessons

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After seven years of development, the core curriculum of Bible First is now complete. The manuscripts of lessons 19 and 20 were recently finalized, and these lessons are now being prepared for print in English and Ukrainian.

Pebruary and March have been busy months here at ETO. Among other ministry activities, our editing team met twice for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on Bible First lessons 19 and 20. The completion of these two lessons represents a major milestone for our team as they are the final lessons of our core curriculum.

Lesson 20 is particularly interesting in that it provides an overview of seven primary characters in the book Genesis, explaining how each illustrates a particular aspect of the Gospel. In the coming weeks, we'll be publishing a series of blog posts on *The Seven Pillars of Genesis* where you can read for yourself the amazing parallels to Christ which God has provided in the Bible's opening book. If you're a subscriber to our blog (www.OFReport.com) you'll receive an email notification when the first post is up.

The Seven Pillars of Genesis section makes up the first half of Lesson 20. In the second half of the lesson, we offer one final call for students



But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:4



Lesson 19 completes the chronological tour of Genesis which makes up the heart of Bible First. Lesson 20 provides a recap of the course (The Seven Pillars of Genesis) and also practical next steps for new believers. Be sure to check out our upcoming blog series on The Seven Pillars of Genesis – www.OFReport.com

to believe the Gospel, followed by a presentation of several Scriptural commands to new believers. These include things like fellowship in a local church, water baptism, good works, and continuing Bible study.

While there is still quite a bit of editing and formatting to do on *Bible First!* as a whole, we are excited to have reached the completion of our curriculum development. As always, we are grateful for your continuing prayers for our team as we point Ukrainians to Christ through the pages of Scripture.

CMO 2013

We recently received our first two applications for CMO 2013! Roy Byler and Isaac Coltrain have officially joined the team, and we expect more applications to be arriving soon. We are grateful to all of you who



have played a part in promoting this project. Many young men have contacted us to express their desire to come to Ukraine this summer, and we are praying that God will bless us with a strong team.

Registration Update



Every year our team has to run the bureaucratic gauntlet of registration. This is basically the process of applying for temporary residency here in Ukraine. We are pleased to announce that this year five of our

seven team members have received permits! The remaining two, Nathan and Katelin Day, are not due for renewal until June. Please pray with us that their new permits will be issued without incident.

Pysannya Videos

Last year we began a new ministry project which we call Pysannya (meaning *Scripture* in Ukrainian). We've set up a Vimeo channel at



www.pysannya.com which features short Bible teaching videos in Ukrainian. Due to work on other projects, such as Bible First, the Pysannya project was put on hold for a while. Over the last couple of months, however, we've restarted it, and now we're producing a new Bible video every week! If you're reading this, chances are you wouldn't be able to understand what's being said in our Ukrainian videos, but we welcome you to take a look anyway. Most of all, please pray that as our video library grows, its Ukrainian audience will grow as well.

How You Can Pray

- Pray for a strong team of men for CMO 2013.
- Praise the Lord for our successful registration!
- Pray for the Day family as they prepare to submit documents for registration in May.
- Pray that the Pysannya ministry will be effective amongst Ukrainian viewers.
- Pray for success for new *Bible First* distributors.

To God be the Glory

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