



CHRISTIAN LIFE TRAINING

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Dear Pastor, Dean and Administrator,

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New publications: **Phase 1 Reader a** is now available (46p) code: **P1Ra** at R25 each.

2010: “A Year of Refreshing” — 2011 = “Genesis”

As you all know the year 2009 stood for a time of **Different things**. For CLT that year was characterised by the word “**Different**”. It truly was. The Church Life curriculum came into full swing for a few Bible Schools. It is still not a “must” but everyone realizes that the old is being phased out. It will still be available for quite a few years. You are allowed to stay on it, but as others now use a different curriculum, our attention will be focused on the new curriculum. That includes the new e-learning platform, taking a different approach.

This year also would include sadness as we let Lorenza go ahead of all of us. For a month she watched from her bed as the most beautiful Jakaranda tree bloomed and then rained its beauty on the ground below to form a soft carpet of petals. Just then the end came. Perhaps she will talk to the Lord about the breakthrough we really need. But He knows all about that already. No, she will be enjoying the most beautiful gardens and vistas as she experiences the peace, without the fear and the hardship she so often had to deal with in her life. Thank you Lord, for sending gentle Lorenza to help us for these past twelve years.

We experience the direction and love of the Lord this year and are going forward with confidence, to complete the task the Lord has laid before us many years ago – the road we have taken we will complete with diligence, as we work in His vineyard, together.

Here at CLT we see things starting as if all is new and a birth is taking place. Expectations were “New”, then development brought Refreshing. Now a “**Genesis**” will start **the things to be!**

Material Development

Various people attached to CLT are working together towards new material. One group in Modimolle is working on the type-setting or desk-top publishing of the old material into the new A4 format. In the East Rand we have someone working on a whole new range of books that are needed for the future programmes that we have planned to publish. This has to do with the correct understanding of the 5-fold ministry who form the leadership structure of the church — and for that matter, the same kind of people lead businesses.

Here at CLT the focus last year was on Post-graduate hand-outs. Then this year the praxis books, discipleship books and the Bible chapter readers became the focus. The first text books are now being finalised: Introduction to Psychology, Sociology and Interpersonal Communication. Perhaps not very visible, but very significant for the future.

Other Development under CA

Calvary Academics is being established as both a curriculum and a platform for undergraduate learning. The Calvary Academics Matric Certificate is now accepted in several Universities. Great plans are under way for Skills Professions training under CA. Then there is the steady progress being made on the e-learning platform. We were told that it will be ready in January to register the names of students on it. Marks will also be loaded on a “grade book” and from this we will run off certificates in a very efficient fashion. Later this platform will facilitate on-line testing as well as a very sophisticated way of learning material delivery. Interactive capability will be added to offer learning for toddler to PhD!

CLT Prices – Increase on 1st of Jan. 2011

We announced a price increase to R25 per book. The larger A4 format books are not increased in price. To even out the costs we looked at the price-to-weight ratio of each book and tried to bring the smaller books into line. The prices are fair and will allow you to accommodate an optimal number of students on an affordable course. The cost of Phase 1 or Phase 2 is around R1300 and the recommended fee is around R2,900 per phase.

Comments on Church Life

In general it is reported that students are very happy with the new improved material. Some Bible Schools found it necessary to fit in an extra Saturday to complete within the year. The course is very full and this makes it challenging. It is certainly not a stroll in the park. The practical aspects brought in through the Praxis book has been received well. The exercises are deemed to be very appropriate for the course. All this is worthwhile since the students save one whole year to obtain the Diploma or B.Min.

Bible School Packs Updated

Whenever a new school starts, we send them seven e-mails with lots of attachments. The packs were developed some years ago and contain everything needed to run a Tuition Centre. The titles are: New Tuition Centre, Starter Pack, Accreditation Pack, Information Pack, Guidance Pack, Admin Pack, Reporting Pack, and Graduation Pack. We work till deep into the nights to complete them and will send them to you piecemeal.

The Bible Chapter Readers

This is a new development. We now **require** students to read Bible chapters. Four chapters per Module. There are always seven modules, therefore they are required to thoroughly read 28 chapters per year. Over three years that will be 84 chapters out of 1189 chapters of the entire Bible. That is 7%. A novel idea? Perhaps, yes. You may say why only 7%? Students should do much more Bible reading any way. This is required reading and it must be done thoroughly. With diligence. With careful thought about what is being read. With comparison to other translations. Comparing commentaries, etc.

The selection is novel. The idea of reading in a non-linear way, alternating in the testaments or jumping around. The criteria of selection is also a matter of theological importance. After the 84 chapters have been read, most of the doctrines will have been covered.

The translation is unique. Copyright prevents us to print one of the Nelson versions. So, the **Calvary Literal Translation** was born – CLT. To bring out the meaning present in the original text, words are added, set in italics in a different font, to indicate the additions.

The explanations are new. Matthew Henry plays a role, but it is not directly him. Illustrations are added and poems that expound the truths in rhythm and rhyme. A sermon does it in 35 minutes, a poem in three. A poem has strong structure. Being so short, you can read it again. Many people have asked that the poems be published. This is a start.

Take a Rest — I will ... perhaps

We all should wind down a bit. On a personal note, it was a tough year-end. I have learned so much by compiling and translating for the reader. This learning will continue for two years. The waiting for funds and fate also took its toll. But God is in control. Take a rest. God bless your work (and leisure),

The CLT Board