



SPREAD AUGUST 2009

News for Friends of SEAN International

From the Chairman—Tony Thompson

We continue to appreciate very much the support of all our Friends, for the valuable world-wide ministry of SEAN International.

Once again we are pleased to be able to share with you illustrated reports from several TEE*/SEAN Programmes—some of which we have not reported on for many years. May these stories not only inform you, but also encourage you in your life, faith, and ministry.

SPREAD is published three times each year. We believe that is often enough to keep you in touch, but not so frequent that reading it becomes a burden. If your interests or circumstances have changed, however, and you would rather not continue to receive SPREAD, please let me know.#

Now please read on, and offer prayer for the Lord's work outlined here. Thank you!.



Tony Thompson

(* TEE = Theological Education by Extension)

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Countries where SEAN Courses are in use: (some are not named for security reasons)

AFRICA
Angola
Botswana
Dem Rep of Congo
Eq. Guinea— by radio
Ethiopia
Ghana
Malawi
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
South Africa
Sudan
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia by radio

ASIA
Afghanistan by radio
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
India
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan + others in Central Asia
Mongolia
Nepal
Pakistan
Russia
Sri Lanka

AUSTRALASIA
Australia
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Tonga

CENTRAL AMERICA
Belize
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Mexico
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Panama

SOUTH AMERICA
Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Surinam
Venezuela

NORTH AMERICA
Canada
USA (including videos for the deaf)

EUROPE
Albania
Bulgaria
France
Germany
Hungary
Italy
Latvia by radio
Netherlands by radio
Portugal
Romania
Spain
Sweden
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom

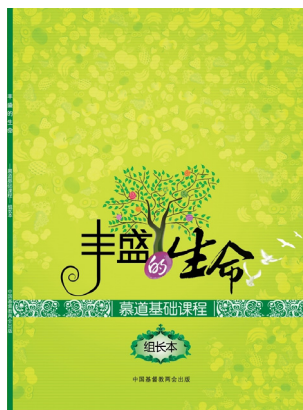
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CHINA

In our March 2009 SPREAD we included two of the very moving student testimonies given at the first ever SEAN 'Life of Christ' graduation in China. We are thrilled to be able to report now that the 20 graduates are currently leading more than 30 new *next generation* "Life of Christ" classes!

Also, SEAN recently signed an agreement with the government's highest publishing department in connection with two SEAN Courses: "Abundant Life" and "Light of the Bible". This will give a major impetus to the publication and distribution of both of these courses.



Front cover of the newly published 'Abundant Life' Course. →

ANGOLA

Our March 2008 SPREAD featured the story of the setting up of a TEE/SEAN programme in previously war-torn Angola, Africa. Scores of dedicated and hard-pressed leaders in the rapidly growing Anglican Church there desperately need the training materials that TEE/SEAN has so effectively provided elsewhere.

Here is a progress report on this Portuguese version.

There are 6 books in the 'Compendium of Pastoral Theology—Life of Christ' Course.

Books 1 to 4 have been completed in an experimental version.

Book 5 is ready for final editing.

Book 6, with the Tutor's Manual, is in preparation.

A network of SEAN partners and colleagues drawn from the UK, Chile, Portugal and Spain is hard at work on this project and is co-ordinated by our International Director, Terry Barratt.



and MOZAMBIQUE too!

Once completed, this Portuguese version for Angola, will also have enormous potential for use in Mozambique—another Portuguese-speaking country in Africa! (See also news from Spain—on the back page)



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MIDDLE EAST

Several countries

FAR EAST

Cambodia

China

Hong Kong

Indonesia

Japan

Laos

Macau

Malaysia

Myanmar

Philippines

Singapore

South Korea

Taiwan

Thailand

Vietnam

COURSES

For SEAN courses in US English, and courses around the world, contact SEAN International at: contact@seaninternational.com

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NORTH INDIA

In North India, the **SEAN 'Life of Christ' Course**, is used in a large TEE Programme known as TAFTEE. The Director of the North India Leadership Initiative, Revd Dr David Samuel, writes,

"As part of the first phase of our North India Leadership Initiative we have used this course to train about 6000 grassroots leaders."

Phase two of this Initiative was launched in April 2008. Different projects were prepared to meet the needs of different language groups and some of the results are narrated below.

Healing to 'BIMAROU'

This project was initiated with the vision to equip the first generation Christians of the 'BiMaROU' states, Bihar, Madhyapradesh, Rajasthan, Orisa and Uttarpradesh States, so that they can minister and bring healing to their own people. (The meaning of Bimarou in Hindi is 'sickly'). This is the Hindi belt of our Nation.

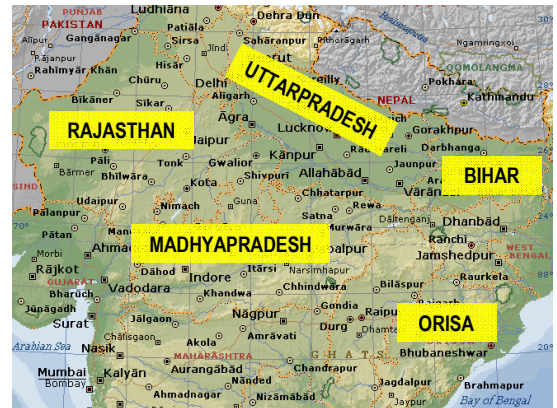
1000 new students were enrolled last year for the Foundational Programme making the total student number 2500 in the BiMaROU states. Among them 33% are local evangelists.

Gayatri Devi, a recent convert and a member of the GEMS church in a village in Bihar (Gospel Echoing Missionary Society - an indigenous Mission agency) says,

"The TAFTEE course has equipped me and motivated me to witness. Through my witness 6 people have come to the Lord and have been baptized"

Gayatri enrolled herself for the TAFTEE foundation programme and is now doing the second module.

Mr. Benjamin, a BTS student in Patna, Bihar started a Church in the suburbs and within a few months he also started a TAFTEE study group in his church.. The church has experienced tremendous growth in numbers and in quality and this has paved the way for the starting up of another Church and another TAFTEE group. The result of this is that the third congregation is about to be born along with the third daughter group.



TAFTEE students of Mr Benjamin's Church



The group leaders of TAFTEE Study groups in India Mission during their training programme on 12th Feb '09.

'India Mission', another recently started indigenous Mission agency in Bihar has felt the need to equip their evangelists through the TAFTEE foundational Programme. 350 of their workers have been enrolled in this programme.

Your prayers will help transform the Churches in North India which will result in greater harvest.

ITALY

How's your Italian?

Set out below is material from SEAN Italy's brand new website www.seanitalia.org

We have selected material from the web page that gives details of SEAN courses in Italian on offer by SEAN Italy. Even those of us who don't know any Italian, can be informed and encouraged by what we see here.



S.E.A.N. ITALIA

Corsi di studio e formazione biblica a distanza

Programmi

I **corsi** sono alla portata di chiunque sappia leggere e scrivere e abbia un sincero desiderio di conoscere meglio la Parola di Dio. Il metodo usato è volutamente semplice, progressivo e ripetitivo.

Il **metodo di studio** prevede un Manuale di studio programmato, da studiare a casa, e un Incontro di Gruppo settimanale (o quindicinale) di verifica ed approfondimento, condotto da un "Tutore" che seguirà il relativo "Manuale del Tutore". Pertanto i corsi non sono in vendita al pubblico, ma solo a chiese e gruppi che si impegnano ad organizzare un corso seguendo la metodologia stabilita.

Corsi disponibili in lingua italiana:

[Luce sulla Bibbia](#)

LUCE SULLA BIBBIA

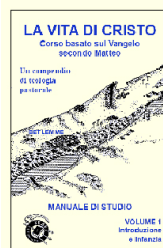


Corso di "Introduzione alla Bibbia", adatta soprattutto per i neo credenti, ma anche a tutti coloro che non si sono mai cimentati seriamente con la Bibbia ...

[Vita di Cristo voll. 1-6](#)

VITA DI CRISTO, VOLUMI 1 - 6

Un "Compendio di Teologia Pastorale" in sei volumi, basato sulla vita di Cristo raccontata nel Vangelo di Matteo, ma con ampio riferimento anche agli altri Vangeli e (per l'ultimo volume) gli Atti degli Apostoli.



[Scarica il depliant di "Luce sulla Bibbia"](#)

Tassa di iscrizione al corso, comprensivo di un Manuale di Studio: € 10,00 Manuale del Tutore: € 3,00

TEE Conference — September 2009

Over the weekend of 25th—27th September, SEAN International and Matheteuo, will host a conference that will enable some of our TEE/SEAN partners and colleagues to share their experiences and to learn from one another.

Our Conference venue will be Weycroft Hall, Axminster, Devon, UK. We are most grateful to TASK and SEAN (UK) for their willingness to welcome us all to such a beautiful house and grounds. We hope and pray that this conference will encourage and inspire all who attend.

There will be major presentations about TEE/SEAN Programmes in Colombia, China, Chile, Nepal, Russia and Central Asia. We will also hear from SEAN France, SEAN UK, TEE Uganda/Matheteuo, SEAN Italy and the Philippines.

Conference participants will include:- our Trustees and Executive Committee; partners in long-established TEE/SEAN programmes, colleagues in the process of getting programmes underway, representatives of funding agencies which have generously supported a range of TEE projects; members of Mission agencies; and friends and supporters.

We hope that experience gained at this event will lay foundations for future regional or world events.



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THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all' - Philippians 4:23

CHINA Give thanks for the 30 new 'Life of Christ' Courses led by last year's graduates.
Praise God for the potential for wider use of 'Abundant Life' and 'Abundant Light'

ANGOLA Pray for the team working on the completion of the 'Life of Christ' Course in Portuguese.

NORTH INDIA Pray for the 'Healing to BIMAROU' Project and all in the TAFTEE training programme.

ITALY Pray that the courses available in Italy will be used to equip God's people there for service.

SPAIN Give thanks for the church in Ibiza now carrying the banner for SEAN in Spain.
Pray for their other ministries in Morrocco and Mozambique.

TEE CONFERENCE—WEYCROFT HALL

Pray for the final planning and preparation for this important event.
Pray that all who participate will be encouraged and strengthened in their calling.

SEAN INTERNATIONAL

Please pray for our Trustees' Meeting on 28th September, as we plan for SEAN's ongoing work of helping equip and train God's people in life, ministry and leadership.

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SPAIN

The death in 2008 of our beloved friend and colleague, Pastor Dr Pablo Rois Dios, was not only a tragic loss to his family, but also a major blow to the SEAN programme in Spain, as Pablo was its prime mover.

Earlier this year we said that we had a potential new partner in Spain to take on this work—a church in Ibiza.

Last month, Terry Barratt visited the church and writes:-

*We are thrilled that SEAN courses are now distributed by our new agents in Spain - **La Iglesia Cristiana Bíblica de Ibiza.** (Biblical Christian Church of Ibiza)*

This lively congregation, not only serves Spain but, under the leadership of Pastor Ricardo del Arbol and his secretary Raquel Ríos (Photo), it runs an Educational Foundation that is building Christian Schools, and will be promoting SEAN courses in Mozambique and amongst the nomadic tribes of the Sahara Desert in Morocco.

Editor's Note: We'd like you to see a beautiful photo of one such school showing a group of children and adults in a mobile classroom—newly opened for use in Morocco with the Amatzighs—a nomadic people.

Just go to the website: www.dignidad.es. Once there look at the left hand side of the opening page and click on '[Agosto 2009 La primera escuela nómada de Marruecos. El 3 de agosto de 2009 se inauguró.](#)'

The photo will appear and in it you will see, in the back row, Pastor Ricardo del Arbol himself. We are delighted that SEAN Spain is now going forward under the direction of him and his secretary. May God bless them richly!



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