



Key-Way-Tin
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Dear Friends of Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute,

Exciting things are happening at KBI and we want to let you know what God is doing. First, let us give you a little background.

NCEM has observed that for some time the number of people applying to serve with NCEM has been far short of the number leaving through retirement and resignations.

With that in mind, NCEM leadership began seeking the Lord and asking, “Lord what needs to happen in NCEM so that we regain our initial focus as a mission, and we see ongoing vibrant reproducing churches?” With that prayer, the Lord led NCEM to some men in an organization called Worldview Resource Group (WRG), who assisted NCEM in evaluating its ministry and focus. NCEM realized that it needed to get back to its roots of church planting, and that we needed to take more time in understanding Aboriginal people and their perception of reality. When we communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we need to be understood so that the truths will penetrate to the very depths of their being, totally transforming their lives and renewing them in the likeness of Christ. Has this not already happened? Yes, but at the same time there have been misunderstandings, and some have a mixture of biblical and underlying unbiblical traditional beliefs. NCEM wants to be more relational in communicating so that unbiblical beliefs are kindly challenged, and God’s Spirit will not only truly convict of sin leading to repentance and acceptance of Christ’s atoning sacrifice by faith, but that believers will also have great desire for submission to the lordship of Christ.

WRG did not tell NCEM what to do, but rather was used of God to guide NCEM leadership in its thinking as we sought the Lord. WRG conducted a number of seminars for NCEM and KBI staff and students, introducing us to some very effective biblical principles that will enhance the effectiveness of NCEM’s ministries.

As you may know, Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute (KBI) is a department within Northern Canada Evangelical Mission. Throughout the years the Lord has used KBI to disciple many believers.

In the last few years KBI has experienced some intense pressures due mostly to staff shortages. Staff are realizing that they are not able to handle all the responsibilities, and still have time and energy to be involved with students on a personal, relational level. This has been one of the strengths of KBI – a life involvement with students. The NCEM Executive and KBI have been meeting to seek the Lord. We believe God is giving KBI time to re-evaluate and introduce a number of changes to enhance the ministries of discipleship and developing leaders.

KBI leadership and staff, together with NCEM Executive, sought the Lord’s direction through a number of open discussion meetings to find a solution. As a result, NCEM Executive, in agreement with KBI staff, have arrived at the following conclusions:

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1. KBI staff want to be more relational in and out of the classroom, taking more time to understand students and their core beliefs, and then addressing those beliefs Scripturally with a continued view to seeing lifelong inner change.
2. In light of #1, KBI cannot operate effectively with its present and upcoming staff shortages – it needs a cook, a business administrator, maintenance help, and possible other areas.
3. KBI will be extensively evaluating its current curriculum with a view to making it more chronological and in depth, while still maintaining its strong Scriptural basis and emphasis on the heart as opposed to outward behavioral conformity. Chronological teaching is teaching from a story and life context starting in Genesis, and then sequentially through Scripture. This style of teaching is less abstract and more concrete relational.
4. KBI will not hold classes this next school year (2010-2011). KBI staff will be taking additional training in preparation for the vision God has set before us. After the training, much work will be needed in either reworking the present classes or developing a new curriculum.
5. KBI will be re-examining its whole structure (the guidelines, ministry outreaches, schedules, student life, etc.).
6. It is our desire that KBI will resume classes in the fall of 2011. However, if adequate staff are not in place or the restructuring is not complete, we will hold off until we see the Lord's provision.

In the meantime, the staff will stay on the KBI campus. For some, there is much physical work that needs to be done on campus. Others will be very involved in curriculum preparation, as described above. Staff will continue to be involved in local outreach in the Lac La Biche area.

KBI will continue to need your prayers and financial support during this period. Although some costs are down when classes are not in session, there are still many continuing costs such as utilities, taxes, insurances, maintenance, communication, staff outreaches, transportation, etc.

The journey for NCEM and KBI is a walk of faith that the Lord has led us on. In some ways, we feel like Moses leading the people toward the promised land. Moses knew the end goal and God's promise to faithfully lead them there, but the details of it all were unknown. However, God was faithful and He did bring them to the fulfillment of His promise. God is leading us, and we choose to exercise faith that He will also bring these things to pass at KBI and NCEM. If we knew all the details, as Hebrews 11:1 declares, it would not be faith!

Will you continue to partner with us in these exciting days ahead? Feel free to contact NCEM Executive or KBI leadership in these regards. (NCEM: 306-764-3388 / KBI: 780-623-4565)

Because of God's mercy,



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