

Channels Only

*Channels only, blessed Master—But with all Thy wondrous power
Flowing thru us, Thou canst use us every day and every hour.*

For Such a Time as This!



Lincoln & Jamie Simmons

Do we understand the times we are living? In 1 Chronicles 12:32 it states, “And the children of Issachar who were men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...” There have been many changes over the years in the ministry of Children’s Bible Ministries. Some have probably caught this ministry by surprise. Surely those who ministered back in the 1950’s could not have imagined the time when you were not allowed to teach the Bible in schools. Yet in spite of the changes, CBM has met the challenges of the times in which we now live. Since last September through the end of August of 2013 there have been over 1300 decisions to trust Jesus Christ as one’s personal Savior. How thankful we are that this ministry is still seeing responses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They have also seen many young people disciplined in the Word of God by the over 20,000 correspondence lessons per year being completed. We should be so thankful for the time we are living and the window of opportunity God has given to us to reach this generation for Christ.

We now approach the year 2014 and CBM has a new National Director, Lincoln Simmons, along with his wife, Jamie, who will assume the role of the Director of Ministry Development.

Again we see this as understanding the times we live in and recognizing that CBM needed a special couple to lead this ministry through the open doors God has provided. I am reminded what the apostle Paul said to the church at Colossae: “praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the Word...” Col. 4:3. Paul continued by saying that the purpose was that he would be able to speak forth the Gospel and that he would make it clear! There are so many voices calling out to the children of this age. We need a leader that knows the time is short and that the only thing that is able to save their soul is the Gospel!

Who are these new leaders in the Ministry of CBM?

Lincoln is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College in 1999. Lincoln has owned his own business for 10 years and has been a manager in other businesses. He has been involved in CBM for many years, first as a camper, then as a counselor, TEAM Leader, Board member, and Program Manager. Presently Lincoln is the Business Director, Operations Manager, and Outreach Director which includes the Bible Correspondence program and the After-School Bible Clubs at our CBM camp in Polk City, FL, Camp Gilead. Obviously, his experience has prepared him well to assume the role of National Director of CBM.

Jamie was a graduate of Southeastern University in Lakeland Florida in 2010. Jamie and Lincoln met at Camp Gilead in 1999, when both were counselors. The next two summers, they served together as TEAM Leaders, Jamie has also served as a Territory Sales Coordinator, Business Manager, as well as Coordinator of Conference Services and Admission events for Southeastern University. Since 2011 Jamie has been Camp Gilead’s Registrar, and in 2012, was appointed as the Director of Development, working in areas of advertising, social networking, fundraising, and public relations.

Together, Lincoln and Jamie Simmons are a great team for the ministry of CBM as they lead the way **for such a time as this**. Let me share some of their goals for CBM.

- a. Desire to see the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, TN develop a ministry of their own as part of CBM.
- b. Desire that the ministry would move forward in a way that would be done with excellence, reflecting the awesomeness of our God.
- c. Desire to see the salvation of the unsaved, especially children, and to develop a ministry of discipleship to help these new believers grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.
- d. Desire to minister to, encourage, and develop a greater unity among our missionary family in all 12 CBM areas.
- e. Desire to see the Lord lead CBM into new areas to share the Gospel.

I believe both Lincoln and Jamie come with a great level of enthusiasm for the CBM ministry as well as ministering to the needs of others. It is my prayer that God would protect and bless the lives of Lincoln and Jamie Simmons and that He would use them to direct the ministry of CBM. Also it is my prayer that they would see new doors of ministry opened to reach this generation for Christ. Please keep this couple in your prayers and let’s expect that God’s work will go forward in power and in the Spirit of the Lord.

In Christ,
Rev. Greg Kain,
CBM National Board President

Wow! Look what God has done for...

- ◆ **CBM of Florida, Camp Gilead**, - Wow! God has provided quality staff replacements to fill the shoes of departing staff, Lincoln and Jamie Simmons!
- ◆ **CBM of Virginia, Camp Red Arrow**—Wow! God provided some unexpected money toward the staff house at the Camp! It's now under roof and plumbing and electrical work is next.
- ◆ **CBM of Maryland** - Wow! the Baltimore City Committee recently raised \$1000 at the annual prayer breakfast that 40 people attended!
- ◆ **CBM of MID-ATL, Camp Grace** - Wow! A young boy surprised Chita Martens by wanting "to be saved" after the first Released Time class this fall!
- ◆ **CBM of SWPA** - Wow! God has blessed us with five new teachers in Released Time this year! We anticipate starting an intern program in January and have two young ladies already committed to the program.
- ◆ **CBM of South Alabama, Camp Victory** - Wow! An area youth pastor and his wife, who are good friends of Camp Victory, provided a three story house near Destin beach which was stocked with food and snacks, for all of our full time staff and families (24 total) to have a time of rest, relaxation and spiritual encouragement. What a blessing!!!
- ◆ **CBM of Great Southwest** - Wow! God has opened the door for a possible partnership with Camp Joy in Guthrie, OK, and, after a good meeting with one of the camp board members, appears to be moving us in that direction. Thanks for praying!
- ◆ **CBM of North Carolina, New Life Camp** - Wow! God sure has blessed us more abundantly than we could ever imagine. Our 2014 campers are now registered for their week of camp!
- ◆ **CBM of North Alabama, Ponderosa Student Ministries** - Wow! We broke ground on November 14th for our first new staff house! \$25,000 has been raised and \$40,000 is needed to complete this project.
- ◆ **CBM National/TRC, Townsend, TN** - Wow! The Simmons attended our last Fellowship in October and God led folks to give over \$3,000 in donations! Hallelujah! The CBM mortgage is now down to \$18,400.
- ◆ **CBM of Tennessee, Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go** - Wow! Nearly every weekend at camp was booked this fall with many church, teen and college retreat groups!
- ◆ **CBM Outdoors** - Wow! We have been asking God to open the doors for four churches to run our Apologia Chapter program for grades 1-6 in 2014. We already have two churches committed! We expect to hear back from a third church soon.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Wow! Do you know that . . .

More than \$157,000 was given in Camper Scholarships this summer!
 5,724 overnight and day campers attended a CBM camp this summer!
 Released Time ended last year with 17,250 students attending!
 Released Time was taught in 113 public schools!
 CBM sponsored 58 after-school Bible Clubs with 1086 students attending!
 Over 400 CBM sponsored activities and outside rental groups used CBM camps for retreats and day activities from September 2012-August 2013!
 Well over 23,000 people attended the above activities!
 Five of our eleven CBM areas are in need of more staff to help spread the Good News of the Gospel!

Thank You for Praying and Giving to CBM!

(Philippians 4:17) "Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account."



The CBM Family wishes all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas and New Year as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

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