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“Framework for Living” is the theme of the *Know Your Bible* residential conference to be held in Derbyshire, **England** from 16th–18th June 2017. The speaker, Carol Dadswell, is Chairman of Trustees for *Know Your Bible* in the UK.

The annual weekend conference promises inspiring and challenging teaching, great fellowship and a beautiful location at Willersley Castle, Cromford.

Spring Day Conferences will also be held at Lichfield and Westborough during March.



Above: The UK KYB study groups team led by KYB Study Director, Maureen, centre.

Planning is underway for a visit by Sandra, the UK KYB President, to meet with team leaders and KYB groups in **Denmark** in May. It is hoped that several KYB contacts in neighbouring European countries will also be able to attend.

This day of encouragement will include Bible teaching, a practical segment and a KYB session using a sample study. The theme will be ‘Near to the heart of God’. There will also be time for questions and discussion about how KYB can be introduced or taken forward in those European

countries for which translated studies have been prepared.

KYB is well established in Denmark and there are now forty-five Danish studies available.

Several Czech studies have now been translated. In the **Czech Republic** five groups are studying the Bible using KYB. Czech translator, Marcela, coordinates the work from overseas, and so there is an urgent need for a local person who can take on this responsibility and keep in touch with contacts in churches.

A local KYB coordinator is also needed to take the work forward in **Germany**. Several people in Leipzig are involved in translating and checking studies. Thirteen German KYB studies are now available, and three more are being prepared.

KYB studies are also available in Albanian, Dutch, French, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Spanish.

Please pray that more opportunities to introduce KYB will open up throughout Europe, that word will spread as people benefit from studying God’s Word, and for the provision of committed, enthusiastic people who are willing to organize the work in their own countries.

In Brief

- Six Afrikaans KYB studies are now available for use.
- A translator is urgently needed for KiKamba language studies as groups have completed all of those available.
- Please pray that God will provide a Japanese Christian to vet the first translated KYB study in that language.
- There have been many enquiries for studies in Farsi. Potential translators are very busy, so people with the time and computer skills to do the work are much needed.
- Fifteen Mandarin studies have now been produced by five translators.



New Zealand

USA Bible teacher and author, Debbi Bryson, will speak on “Today I choose Joy!” as she tours New Zealand during February and March for the series of CWCI retreat weekends. Live-in conferences will be held in Auckland from 24th–26th February, in Queenstown from 3rd–5th March and in Christchurch from 10th–12th March, with a day meeting at



Matamata on 18th March.



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Above: Inise helps Palu with Fijian translation.

Fiji

Pacific KYB Director, Lorraine Harvey from New Zealand, visited Fiji again last November to speak with KYB groups and to introduce the *Ephesians* KYB study.

Meetings were held with groups at Kiribibe village, Lautoka, Suva and Nadi. Lorraine also travelled with Akosita and other leaders to visit a new group at Navua, an hour from Suva. This group began as a result of a weekend retreat held last May.

Celebration evenings were held in Suva and Nadi to give thanks for the new studies in Fijian.



Great appreciation was expressed for the work of translator, Palu, and Inise (87) who assists her. Both realise how helpful the translated studies are to the women as they study God's Word. Fijian studies now available are *Ruth, James, Matthew Parts 1 & 2, The Holy Spirit, Esther, Acts Parts 1&2, and Mark Parts 1&2*. As well, Asenaca has recently translated the *Good News* study. Lesilo, a good Bible teacher, is now translating the study on *Exodus*.

Palu was a member of the first KYB group in Fiji, started by Lute Powell in 1987. Lute's church at Lami, near Suva, began from a KYB group. Lute now leads a KYB study with a group of business and professional men from the church. All are excited to be studying God's Word.



Above, left to right: KYB leader Nunia, Lute who started KYB in Fiji, translator Palu, and Akosita, KYB Coordinator in Fiji.

In 1988 Nunia started a KYB study and continues to faithfully lead several groups each week.

At a meeting in Nasinu, near Suva, ninety women gathered to celebrate KYB and the new Fijian studies. Five new KYB groups were introduced. All have started from the weekend retreat arranged by Nunia and her team last year.

A lady from each group spoke of what KYB meant to her. After the talk, everyone was eager to begin studying *Ephesians*. There was a love offering for the work in Fiji, and a special cake prepared by Akosita's son was a highlight of the delicious supper. Inspiring testimonies were also heard when thirty ladies met for a celebration evening at Gina's café in Nadi.



"I have been so blessed and count it a privilege to meet with these dear ladies who love to study God's Word, who work hard through all circumstances and serve with joy", said Lorraine.

Recently Akosita was asked by the ladies of a church in Labasa (Vanua Levu island) to come and introduce KYB. The ladies now meet every Sunday afternoon. The men of the church have also formed a group which meets on Tuesdays. The groups are studying *Good News* and *1 Corinthians*. Akosita was also invited to a village near Savusavu to introduce KYB.

Two weekend conferences are being planned for 2017, one at the Lami Novotel in May and the other at the Coral Coast Christian Camp in June.

Below: Lorraine with a new KYB group which was introduced at the celebration night in Nasinu.



He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
(Psalm 46:10)