

## PICTURETHIS! MIINISTRY – OCTOBER UPDATE

*Even though it's not time for a newsletter, it is time for an update. This information is available to everyone who asks, we send this letter only to those whom we know are especially interested in the PictureThis! Ministry. We will sometimes refer to financial needs in project updates. Your gifts are the "wind in our sails" (when the funds stop coming, this boat stops moving), but we hasten to say, many of you who receive this letter are already giving. **You give as the Lord leads** - which is good stewardship. We try to use that same wisdom in ministry spending.*

### **HARDWARE – IPAD PURCHASE!**

After months of research, and as a step of (considerable) faith, we have purchased an Apple ipad. Many people invest in these devices to play games and movies. While we love games and (some) movies, the primary purpose for our investment was TPSB presentations. Apple now has the software which enables Dan to draw directly onto to the pad and, with our current projector, display the image to a screen. I pads are also helpful of course, to send and receive emails on the road. With our increasing staff of reps, real-time communication is increasingly important.

### **HONDURAS TRAINING TRIP- December 3-10:**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 20 years ago David Martinez and his wife, answering a call from God, sold their home in Oxnard, California and moved to Honduras to work with children. They now have a well equipped orphanage, situated on 1,000 acres, 500 children, and 30 staff. They receive the children no one else wants- abused, crippled, the outcasts. David wants us to come and train his teachers with The Picture-Smart Bible which we are delighted to do. We are also preparing to teach the children- transitioning from fun drawing to Biblical character traits- all done with cartoon characters.

### **AFRICA TRAINING TRIP**

Though we have been invited to teach TPSB in their new training compound, the project is currently on hold. Greg and Sonja Wood have been printing and distributing Picture This products along the southern coast of Africa for many years. We are currently waiting for best dates to make the trip.

### **INDIA TRAINING/TEACHING TOUR - November 2012**

God moves in mysterious ways. At one of our least attended conventions, He arranged for a man from India to see our curriculum. Abhijit, who is currently working on his doctorate at Fuller Seminary, informed us at the exhibit table, "This (pointing to TPSB) is why I am in America. God wants this material to be available to the 1.3 billion children in my country." We have subsequently had several planning meetings with Abhijit, and he is currently in India, making tentative arrangements for Dan to meet with pastors, church administrators, Christian school and Sunday school teachers, plus Christian bookstore personnel- all in the interest of reaching children in India with The Picture-Smart Bible. God willing, Dan will be making 8 different stops for this teaching/training tour. He will also be working with Abhijit to set up a PictureThis office from which our products will be printed and distributed.

### **2012 CONVENTION PLANNING UNDERWAY**

Much of our time right now is invested in preparing for 30+ conventions next year. The homeschool movement is growing exponentially and to meet this need; there are more conventions being created in more cities every year. We believe this is indicative of more parents seeing the dangers of secular education and we want to be where we can reach them (mostly in State conventions) with The Picture-Smart Bible. Equipping our 9 reps with promotion and product for these exhibits and sometimes workshops, is a monumental and expensive task. For the most part, homeschool parents are poor; we must keep our prices affordable and yet pay production costs, including representatives honorarium. We are, in name and in reality, a non-profit **ministry** (not a business).

Thanks for investing in us and with us for the sake of giving this picture-smart generation a fun and memorable Bible study. Only God knows the impact we are having, and only He can reciprocate your generosity.

Blessings to you and your house.

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