

## **NYI Bible Quiz Ministry 2007**

The program/activity/ministry of Bible Quizzing has been part of the tool kit for NYI leaders at all levels since 1964 and has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of our youth over these 42 years.

Today, the NYI BQM (Bible Quiz Ministry) continues to be a viable and proven tool to not only encourage the Christian Discipline of scriptural knowledge but also act as a living model for teaching and developing personal discipleship.

These core values of scripture knowledge and discipleship are the major elements being promoted and we seek to expand the awareness and use of this ministry tool in the Global NYI. In 2006, there have been a number of developments as we move forward to meeting this objective.

### **Ministry Strategy**

In the past year, the BQM ministry strategy was developed and distributed to the Global Regional Presidents and Youth Coordinators to lay a ground work of understanding, both for those familiar with quizzing and those that are not.

### **Missions Funding**

In the USA/Canada region, a tradition has developed over the last several years to collect offerings at the major events to help develop the quiz ministry in Global areas. In 2005-06 over \$5000 was raised using the JFANG project method to help with the anticipated cost of translating quiz materials into other languages. In 2006-07, those same offerings will be gathered to help with the equipping and training in Global regions where it is needed.

### **Exposure & Training**

Related to the strategy and funds mentioned above, training is being made available to help educate both NYI leadership and members to help spread the word in encourage the application of BQM. As these leaders show interest in using Bible Quizzing in their areas, the fund will be used as needed to assist when needed to overcome barriers that are found.

### **Web Site**

While our Nazarene BQM is the largest teen quizzing organization in the world, we have not had a defined presence on the Internet like many other member organizations in the WBQA (World Bible Quiz Association). That changed this year; a website has been created and is still being developed to provide useful information to encourage and support better understanding and use of this youth ministry tool. The site will be formally introduced at Third Wave.

### **Children's Quizzing**

Another developing area is the opportunity to bridge the gap between the NYI and Children's quizzing. Conversations and plans are moving forward to do a better job connecting and supporting these two areas that truly have the same objectives. Positive steps are beginning to appear in this area.

There have also been a number of BQM events that demonstrate the success and effectiveness of the ministry.

### **Q2006**

This bi-annual event is a USA/Canada celebration that invites all who wish to spend a week of competition, and also learn and live out the truth that has been studied over the past year. This year nearly 800 quizzers, coaches, leaders, and supporters gathered on the SNU campus. In addition to the usual 8 USA/Can regional A & B teams, there were 55 District teams, and 25 local church teams out of over 1400 groups across the country.

### **JUNAMEX**

This NYC for Mexico drew over 1000 youth to Oaxtepec, Mexico. Bible Quizzing has been active in the MAC Region for over 10 years and is well developed on all 12 Districts of Mexico. This ministry is well received and supported by the MAC Region. The NYI proudly points to the fact that 75% of their current leadership are past Bible Quizzers.

### **SEENYC - Macedonia**

Youth from the 6 major national districts of this field gathered for their first NYC. Workshops were included that presented the importance of a growing relationship with God and the need to know His Word. BQM was introduced as a tool to help in this area and the youth participated in a demonstration of the use of competition to encourage the study of God's Word. There is now growing interest in seeking ways to use the BQM tool in the youth ministry of this field.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wave**

After presenting this week I am greatly encouraged by the response from all regional areas. We are on the edge of significant growth in the use of this ministry. As training and advise is being requested on several fields in the coming months, I pledge to be available to do all I can to help these fields develop Bible Quizzing to fit their culture and language groups.

Based on the survey gathered this week, there are currently more than 2,250 youth groups using the Bible Quiz Ministry (This is 18% of our youth societies). We cannot help but be excited and challenged as we look forward with God's help to make this tool of ministry available to our Global organization.

I desire and greatly appreciate your prayers, support and assistance as we go forward. Those fields that have established BQM can help by providing equipment, sharing translation resources and funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

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