

Global Bible Quiz Ministry (BQM) Update 2008

The ministry of NYI BQM continues to demonstrate its value within youth ministry as a useful tool, not only establishing strong scriptural knowledge, but also developing disciples and training our future leaders.

2007 has been a year of moving forward to address the objectives of increased awareness among NYI Global Youth leaders, provide training for field/district leaders, and seek solutions for the obstacles that limit the use of this ministry in every culture and language.

Since last year's update after the Third Wave conference, BQM workshops and training were presented at – Philippines NYC, South Asia NYC, Argentina Youth Camp, and EJUNAP Peru. In each of these settings, BQM is enjoying a new or re-introduction with good acceptance and interest in its use. In all regions and fields, we are encouraging a level of organization by asking that a BQM coordinator be selected to enable communication and guidance for the region, field and district as the ministry develops. These coordinators then work together with Global leaders to support and help the local leaders get answers and materials, and share experiences.

Among the greatest obstacles for the effective expansion of this ministry is the issue of gaining access to translated materials. We are very pleased to state that a multi-year partnership has been established between the Nazarene Publishing House, World Mission Literature, and NYI to share in the funding of translations of Youth Ministry materials (including BQM). The NYI portion of this project related to BQM material will continue to rely on the missions offerings gathered each year across the major tournament events in the US. This is a well-established tradition that is made even more capable by the support of NPH and WML.

To help give a feel for the growth and excitement, the following is a random list of BQM related past year events, current status, and plans.

- NYC07 – USA/CAN - Again this year, the sub-regional teams came together to celebrate the Word in competition as one of the elements of this regional NYC.
- Mexico National Tournament - As in most off years (non-NYC or General Convention) during the last 37 years, this event drew teams and supporters from all the districts of Mexico. The celebration and competition was amazing.
- A US W&W team to Panama June 22 – July 2, 2008, has requested Spanish BQM materials to take. The Field contact is Eliezel Soto in Costa Rica.
- A Canadian W&W team did some BQM training and took a set of quiz equipment to a church in Cuba this past summer.
- Several requests from Peru & Argentina for Spanish materials to reintroduce and organize the ministry in South America as the result of leader workshops in early 2008.

- Requests from MAC wanting to purchase computer software and interface equipment. Interest has been expressed to take this much loved program to the next level in ministry development. The national Mexico tournament this year participated in their first BQM missions offering.
- We received a wonderful report from Missionaries in East Timor. With no equipment or materials they created quiz study material and questions in the native language and were having tournaments among 3 churches there. Within these youth groups, ex street gang members are excited about studying God's word!!! This spring, we responded to a request from East Timor for BQM material for them to translate for the next season.
- Training is being planned for Brazil in May08 with material in Portuguese.
- BQM Training is planned for Kiev08 in August.
- Plans are being made in response to a request for training in Columbia, Venezuela and Ecuador.
- Korea has presented BQM in all its zones and is excited to begin using the ministry in that district.
- Philippines are discussing organization and leadership for BQM at the national and district levels.
- India and South Asia fields are moving toward organizing with leaders that have received BQM training. Rules are being translated to a few of the local dialects.
- Africa has at least one set of quiz equipment in each District and is continuing to encourage the growth and use of the ministry across the region.
- Caribbean Region has a Regional BQM Coordinator and is expanding English and Spanish BQM and plans to move forward in French and other languages.
- US/Can has requests for Spanish materials in Latin congregations and French materials in Canadian districts.
- YIM request has been received to provide BQM training in Portugal.

All of these status and update details are representative of the vast number of young lives that are and will be changed as the purpose of BQM is achieved: "Guiding our youth into God's Word and The Word into their lives."

Thank you for the privilege of serving in this ministry.

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