



## BFF 2009 MINISTRY & FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

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Dear BFF Supporters ,

We rejoice with you, our partners in ministry. This has been a most eventful year. We have seen God working in more lives than ever before through the BFF ministry.

In one of Jesus' appearances to His disciples after the resurrection, early in the morning, after a long night of fishing, He called out to them from the shore, "You didn't catch anything, did you?" (John 21:5).

Jesus didn't ask them why they were not praying or proclaiming God's Word. He just reminded them of what it was like to live apart from His calling and strength.



In order to emphasize this message, Jesus told them to toss the net over the other side of the boat. The instant catch was enormous. In a similar way, this report stands as a testimony to God's grace and as a challenge to

continue to seek His grace to fulfill His calling for us.

We would like to report the Lord's blessing on each area of BFF ministry: international training, materials distribution, and multimedia materials development. We will conclude with a challenge for future ministries.

### ◆ Encounter the Power of God's Word

Renewal. Hope. A new plan of action. Repentance. This is what happens when BFF readers or listeners are exposed to the teachings of God's Word at the BFF website. Here are a few testimonies.

#### BFF MISSION

- ◆ To have people everywhere encounter the power and relevance of God's Word in their lives through challenging BFF articles,
- ◆ To equip the church with media-rich Christian training materials and programs for each level of maturity, and
- ◆ To provide instruction through advanced training material and programs for the development of strong and godly Christian leaders.

### ❖ Reader from England

“So when I read your article this morning I wept in repentance to the father asking that he would forgive me for ever doubting him.”

### ❖ Pastor from Myanmar (Burma)

“Thank you so much for your website, discipleship materials and your personal biography. It is wonderful to read about your ministry testimony and a letter from your family. It gave me wonderful encouragement for my ministry of church planting. Your website is spiritually rich and theologically updated. I have never read before such wonderful material from website. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry and also please pray for my ministry as well.”

### ❖ Disciple Maker from Ghana

“I am a young minister in the city of Ho-Ghana in the WEST AFRICA, finding my calling in of the area discipleship. God bless you for opening my eyes that it does not cover only one part of life but all parts. I hope the Lord will use me to restore the neglected discipleship in the church today especially in my part of the world.”

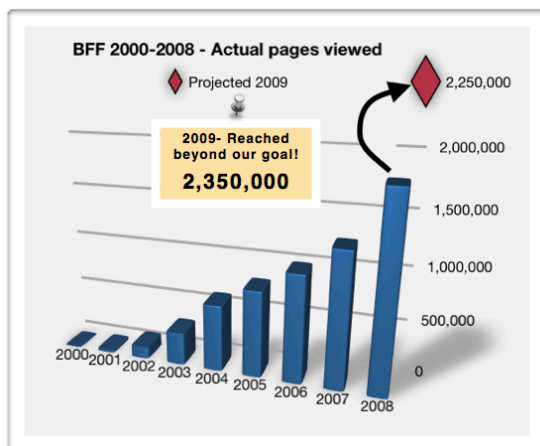


### ❖ Moved in the military

“I recently stumbled upon [“Finding Peace, Discovering God”](#). I just wanted to say Thank You for posting this material online. The contents have been a blessing to me and is allowing me to finally, finally step forward under the banner of Peace.”

God is speaking to His people around the world. We see the abounding ‘catch’ just through this small sample of email notes.

## ❖ Provide Training Materials



Last year we took a bold stand to seek our Lord for a much larger ‘catch.’ We got it.

We praise God that He enabled us to surpass our 2009 goal of 2 1/4 million page views. (Remember this is very different from hits which is almost 7 times that amount).

We have by God’s grace kept faithful to providing free materials and made a number of improvements that have helped increase our faithful readership.

### ➔ Continued free materials

We provide free resources on the web to all and free

DVDs to ministers in third world countries. We have quickly gone from sending CDs to DVDs and now to dual-layer DVDs (holds twice the content- The free DVD 3.0 right now is 6.18 gb). Notice below the impact of one of our DVDs in the hands of a strategic leader.

❖ **Pastor in Cameroon, Africa**

“Millions of thanks, I received the DVD and it is a real pearl. I am highly challenged by the teachings and have already started to teach my church from it. Thanks also for the right to multiply and give out freely. I will do so and give to as many fellow ministers as I can so they can also benefit from the blessings and treasure in the DVD. Thank you very much and I pray that God will richly bless you all for the input into the building of the Body of Christ.”

❖ **Pastor from Philippines**

“We are glad to inform you and your good office that we already received the fully packed DVD. For the past weeks we are working on it... I’m already building up 25 key leaders to work faithfully for God’s glory. We always include your ministry in our prayer list.

Thank you sir for this wonderful blessing it will help us a lot to work better for the expanding of the Kingdom of our God... our members are so very eager to learn as they have seen the materials.”

➔ **Added RSS feeds to new and updated web pages.**

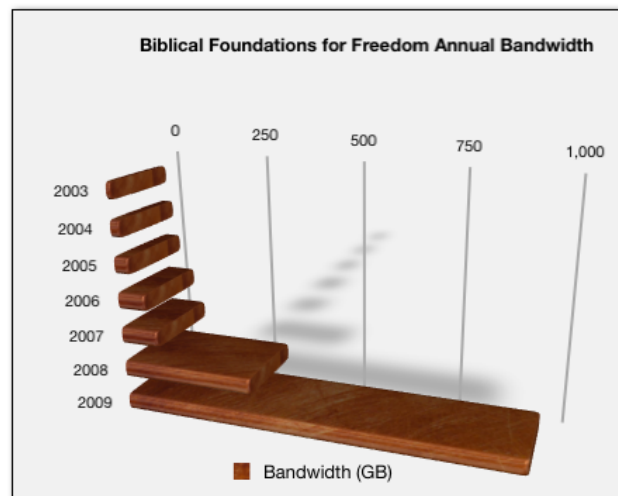
Through RSS feeds people can elect without cost to be notified of our [new or updated pages](#). This is a big improvement over only notifying people of a new series. For example, we have one RSS page that sends an automatic email out notifying people on the list of any new [Bible Studies](#). All without cost, of course!

➔ **Adding audio / video training**

Video is in! We have tried to take the challenge to keep up with as many technological advances as possible. Many new audio and video resources have caused our bandwidth use to surge (see chart at right). The longer the bar, the greater the usage.

➔ **More access**

Someone suggested that we should offer downloads of specific materials such as a book. We have done that as well in the remodeled [BFF Store/Resource page](#).



## ➔ More languages

We have begun to edit and upload bilingual training materials from the oversea seminars. One example is the '[Flow discipleship](#)' training that is offered in Swahili. You can listen to it too since it is bilingual, translated from English. We are making our resources open to the world as He gives grace (though admittedly we still have lots of materials to add). See the top 25 nations on the right.

## ➔ Update BFF Resource / Store page

Although our materials are offered free on the web, some people like to have them in one place. After updating our [resource/store page](#), it is much easier to locate and access the materials one wants. The Premarital Counseling materials were the next highest sought next to the DVD.

Countries		
	United States	us
	Russian Federation	ru
	Great Britain	gb
	Canada	ca
	Philippines	ph
	China	cn
	India	in
	France	fr
	Australia	au
	South Africa	za
	Netherlands	nl
	Singapore	sg
	Malaysia	my
	Germany	de
	Hong Kong	hk
	Kenya	ke
	Nigeria	ng
	European country	eu
	Romania	ro
	Taiwan	tw
	New Zealand	nz
	United Arab Emirates	ae
	Ireland	ie
	Ghana	gh
	Mexico	mx

## Summary

Each year we face increasing competition from the plethora of materials out there. But praise God for search engines. About half of BFF pages are read from direct links while the other half are found by search engines. A brother from our church came up to me the other day and remarked how delighted he was when he saw our page come up first when searching for something that had to do with the Reformation. I was too!

## ◆ Leadership Training

The ability to influence pastors, church planters and missionaries around the world is a great privilege. Not only do we reach leaders through the website, but also through mailing DVDs. We sent 96 free DVDs out in 2009 alone. These were sent to places I will most like never be able to go to in person!

### ❖ A pastor with contacts in China

"Thank you for the DVD , I had got the CD last Sunday. I am feeling very bless for your Cd , also I would like to encourage you further , I had also pass some of the Chinese teaching to our China classmates and they feel it is a useful tool to teach them. They can use it for the teaching when they are back in China. God bless and will keep in touch."

### ❖ "I was forwarded your website from a missionary friend of mine last week.

I've gone through the website and am amazed at the vastness of the material. Very encouraging for a person who knows that discipleship is crucial in the church and wants to make disciples



but has never been disciplined myself. Im going to start a bible study at a local restaurant next week and plan to use your Ephesians study first.”

#### ❖ Pastor in the Philippines

“I and my leaders in the church are very excited...we have been praying for almost 2 weeks for the dvd...and thanking the Lord our God for that great blessing indeed. We give glory to God... And we are very much thankful I and my staff for your consideration... May the Lord our God bless your ministry and your whole family exceedingly and abundantly... we will keep in touch with your ministry and whatever results upon using the materials we will send reports... I as the leader is very much excited.”

I have visited village pastors in Africa and India as well as in the mega cities such as Singapore. There are many hungry ministers of the gospel who are looking for Biblical materials that emphasize renewal. Each leader that receives the materials is impacted and passes it on. The ‘catch’ is getting larger each year. [For more testimonies from these pastors.](#)

#### Social Needs – Our ‘love’ fund

Floods, poverty, and persecution, sickness are real needs that I become acquainted with when I speak at pastor/leader training seminars. Our last Indian seminar in south W. Bengal flooded at the time of our seminar. Fortunately, we were in another part of the region.

We like to provide a good meal for the pastors at our seminars, but they cannot take that back to their people.

As donors provide, we are able to contribute to other needs. We received and distributed \$22,000 this year through local pastors that we have worked with and can trust. One pastor, touched by the ravaging flood in Andhra Pradesh, India (see above), rented bulls and rickshaw to bring supplies (see left).



He had opportunity to preach to many unbelievers as well as assist the believers. Most of these funds reach desperate pastors who then pass aid on to needy brothers and sisters.

I am very sensitive not to attach these monies to our ministry. We want to disconnect BFF and the western world from these donations so that the people do not become dependent on them.

## ◆ Future

We have a challenging year or two ahead. We need your continued support!

### ➔ Pastor Training Seminars 2010

This year two overseas trips are in the works. One is coming up soon.

◆ **March – April: Africa - Uganda (new to us) and Kenya.**

◆ **September - October: India**

Each trip is an amazing miracle. Right now we have \$500 towards the \$8,500 budget set for the 4 African seminars in mid-March. Each time we face impossible costs, but through your contributions many see God wonderfully supply. As our materials mature, we are more apt to gear these seminars to developing leaders that not only have been encouraged but are able to pass these powerful truths on. One pastor came up and told me at the end of the seminar that he



had already started discipling another!

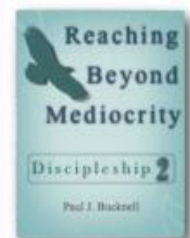
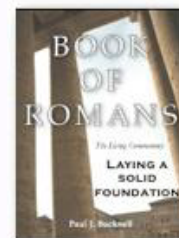
As always, any designated funds for Short-Term mission trips or Love offerings are 100% dedicated to that purpose. If there is extra, then we reserve it for the next trip or Love need.

### ➔Development

For the time being, we have put off establishing a local training center here in the USA. As I talked to my board, I was challenged to first expand outward rather than downward.

I have already started preparing the kick off of the worldwide BFF Partnership Program. In this Program I plan to stay in closer contact to those who want to learn more from BFF. One part of this is to offer specialized training videos. Another proposal is to offer extension courses. We already have the materials and study questions. The pastors, however, ask for certificates and accountability. We can do that without overly stretching ourselves.

I contributed two books to our many materials this last year, [Book of Romans: Laying a Solid Foundation](#) as well as [Reaching Beyond Mediocrity](#), Discipleship level 2. Material on [Genesis](#) was also collated. I plan to write more on discipleship as God's grace leads.



By God’s grace, I will modify many of our materials to e–book format for Kindle. the new iPad and other readers. Technology is rapidly changing! If you can help, let me know.

➔ **Provisions**

We thank the Lord for providing for us and the ministry. We are focused on doing God’s will as He called us, and we see a great development of believers across the world, much like the great catch of fish.

We still are hoping more churches and individuals will stand behind the vision of this ministry. Since we largely minister overseas, few stateside churches are aware of the strategic opportunities that lay before us.

From the beginning of the ministry, we have not sought after financial support for ourselves. We still have no guaranteed income. It is great training!

This past year, though BFF’s overall income was higher than 2008, we took home less than last year. The increase was due to the large giving toward the Love fund.

God’s ample supply is easily seen. God provides. We are thankful. We face

challenging years ahead as one child is now applying for college for the fall and another is graduating from high school next year. [Click here to read our family letter.](#)

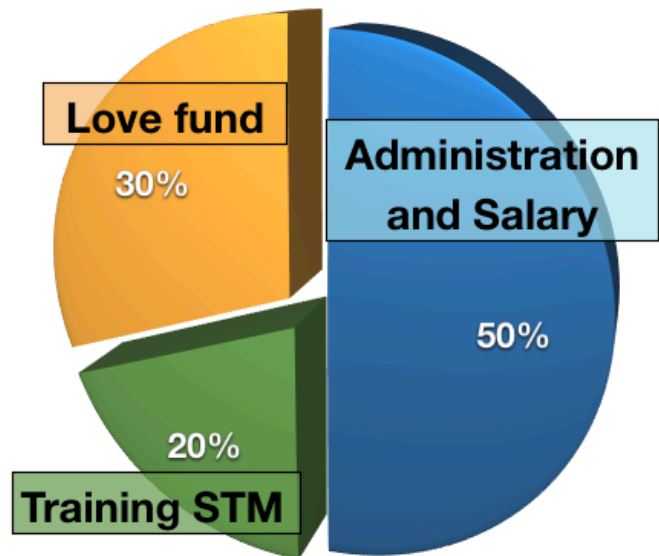
If you would like more specific details of BFF’s financial operations, please let us know. Your support is special to us. We are obligated to provide this BFF financial and ministry annual report to you our supporters. Financial accountability is of utmost importance. Without integrity, this ministry starts living apart from God.

➔ **Thanks to you!**

Again, thank you for your generous support. God is good and doing mighty things around the world with your help. Together, may we continue to serve the Almighty Redeemer who is bringing salvation around the world.

Thank you for making investments in this ministry and in the lives of those around the world. God has done incredible and amazing things here at Biblical Foundations for Freedom in 2009 and eagerly look forward to the opportunities that He will provide in 2010.

**Total BFF Expenses 2009**  
**\$73,115**



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