

Video Bible Institute

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Dear brethren:

Please take a few minutes to read through the accompanying summary of our work. As you approach the end of the summary note especially the bulleted items listed.

After 23 years I voluntarily ended our work with, and surrendered our income from, the Media church of Christ. I did so to devote full-time efforts to TheBible.net and Video Bible Institute. That meant starting from scratch to raise our support.

Since January 1, 2007 our average monthly support has never exceeded \$3,000. Fundraising efforts from August through November 2007 generated \$65,000 in one-time contributions. But, even taken together, our monthly support and one-time contributions just haven't kept pace with our needs.

To make ends meet we borrowed and borrowed heavily. We did this willingly, but with the understanding that as funds were raised, we would be repaid. In 31 years of preaching we've never had any savings or investments for retirement. The money we borrowed came from an "early inheritance" my father gave me. We have, in effect, mortgaged our future to keep our new work going.

Between now and the end of February we need to raise nearly \$80,000 to repay the money we borrowed, plus the tax consequences on having that money repaid to us, *and* the next four to five months of our regular support. Yes, Uncle Sam gets his "share" even when we are repaid what we loaned.

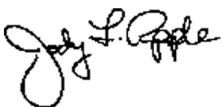
So far, one-time contributions and our currently monthly support through February totals \$16,000-18,000, leaving a balance of \$62,000-64,000. To generate awareness of our goals I have been traveling and speaking every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night to congregations that will allow me to make presentations about our work. \$6,000 of the \$16,000-18,000 just mentioned has come from one-time contributions in recent days because of those presentations.

Please consider doing one or both of the following: (1) make a one-time contribution to help us repay the money we've borrowed, and (2) plan to support our work monthly in the coming year. All contributions are acknowledged by Mark Everson, one of the elders of the Central congregation.

After February 1, 2009, our financial picture will brighten. We will, if everything goes as planned, be moving to join the faculty of East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions in Knoxville. We've made this decision after working for 25 years in the greater Philadelphia area because we felt it would advance both our work with TheBible.net and Video Bible Institute, as well as that of ETSPM. We will only be employed half-time at ETSPM initially, so we will still need to raise additional monthly support, just not as much as before.

Send support to: Central Church of Christ, 90 Waverly Court, Martinsburg, WV, 25403. If you need additional information, please call Mark Everson, one of the Central elders, at (304) 267-6212. You also will find support information readily available at www.TheBible.net/support. Jody can be reached via cell phone at (610) 717-6320 or via email at Jody@TheBible.net.

In Christ,



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