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TPSB USA

In our last issue we suggested that Glen Beck was right: "The decline in prayer and Bible reading in homes is probably more to blame" (for the America's moral decline) than government intrusion. The "remedy" for that problem is simple: place a copy of The Picture Smart Bible in every home in America. "Impossible." "Ridiculous." "Ludicrous." Dismissing the idea with that response is the easy way out and it does nothing to solve the problem. We are not discounting all the incredible ways God is moving through massive prayer

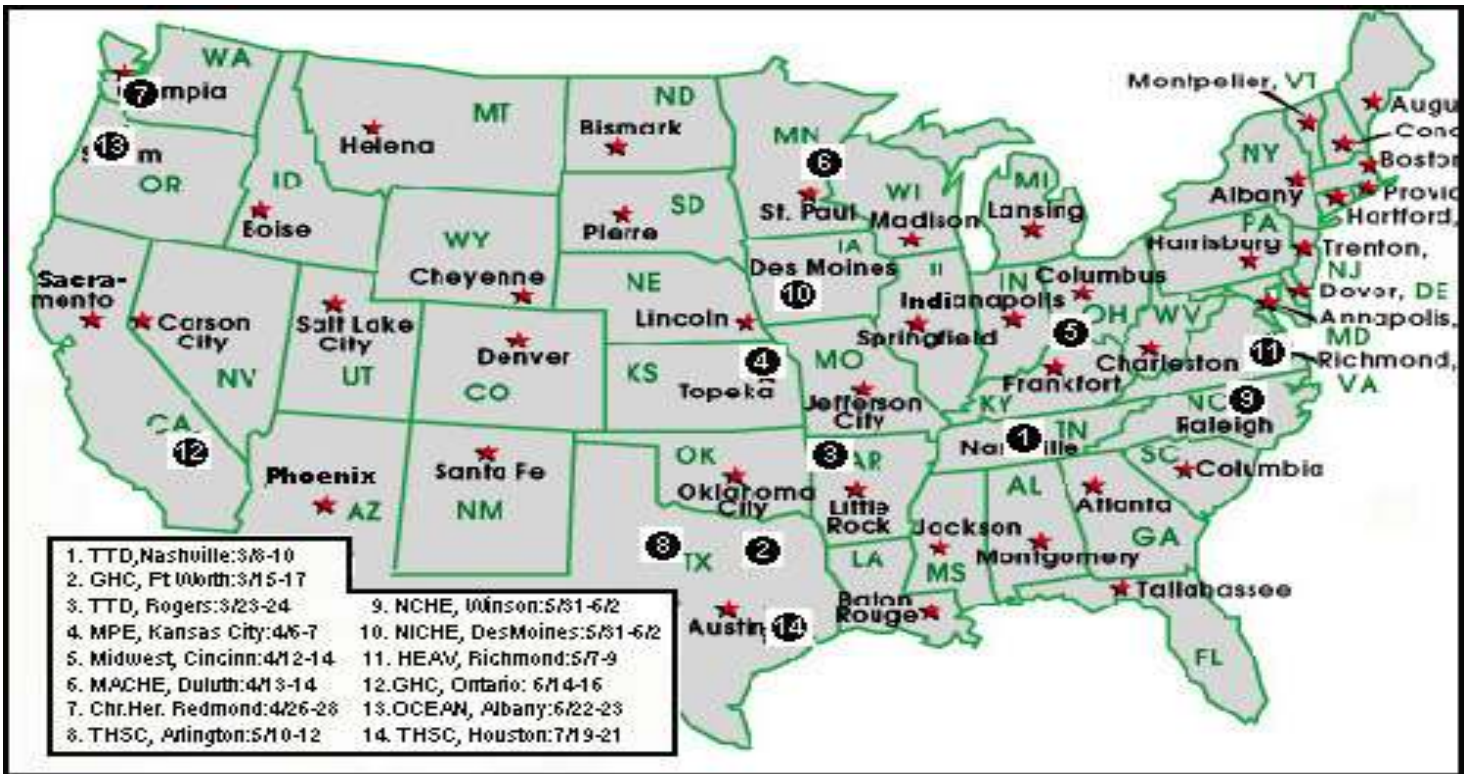
assemblies and evangelistic movements in the U.S. They are having a great impact. Jesus said, "Make disciples", which means grounding in the word of God.

God has given us a "translation" of the Bible that is fun and effective and we believe that getting the Bible into every home is not a pipe dream, it is His expectation. It is definitely impossible... except for God. He loves to give us tasks which are well beyond our capabilities. The Bible is full of examples of men and women who faced monumental odds, yet through the direction and power of God, they triumphed victoriously. (Tips from Pastor Steve Dittmar) Like us, King Jehoshaphat was facing an impossible (and life-threatening) task (2 Chronicles 20). Three huge, hostile nations had arrayed themselves against Israel. The king assessed the situation accurately, "We have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You" (v12). Jehoshaphat called his people into a prayer meeting and asked God, "Do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?" Was Jehoshaphat suggesting that God had forgotten His awesome power? No. The reminder was for the sake of the people; their faith in God had to rise to a new level. And God responded (paraphrased), "Do not be

afraid, I will take this one on by Myself." As Judah moved out in worship, God caused all three of the opposing armies to kill each other. None of them remained alive.

Peter and John were also facing a formidable "army" and their lives were on the line (Acts 4). They had been told to never mention the name of Jesus in Jerusalem again. That of course, was unthinkable to the disciples and they too called the believers together to pray. Just like Jehoshaphat, they reminded God and themselves of how big He is. "Lord You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them." They did not ask for protection, they asked for boldness. They asked God to stretch out His hand and show His power. God answered. Their prayer room began to shake, they were "all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word with boldness" (v31). The enemy was defeated and the church exploded with new converts.

God is "able to do" *exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.*" (Ephesians 3:20-21). Highlight all the magnificent descriptions of God in your Bible and say them out loud. Remind Him and yourself of all the incredible things He has done and that He will do. Ask Him, "Is it too difficult for you to put The Picture Smart Bible in every home in America?" Pray hard and watch what God does.



TPSBUSA The map above is shown here for two reasons. The U.S.A. is our "target" for prayer (see lead article). We are asking that all who receive this newsletter (and your friends) join with us in praying that The Picture Smart Bible will become a part of every household in the USA. The need is great but God has graciously given us a tool that is palatable, powerful and effective.

This map also reflects the conventions which are being planned for 2018. There are obviously a lot of areas not covered. Please pray that we will find reps (see below) to cover current and planned events. We will print a list of conventions each month in future newsletters. We have a huge job but we also have a BIG God and we have very dedicated representatives across the U.S.

NEW MARKET?

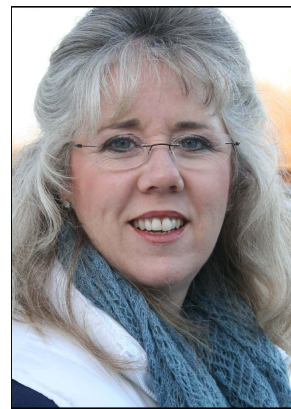
The gracious letter printed below is from the Academic Dean of Gloria Academy in Texas. Mrs. True has established The Picture Smart Bible as the Bible curriculum for several levels in her academy. We are not only honored to be a part of her group, we are also asking God if Catholic schools represents a new market to which He is calling us. For sure, a place for diligent prayer.



"The Picture Smart Bible is ingenious. Coloring, drawing, and learning the richness of the redemption story is presented in a powerful yet surprisingly simple format. We incorporated TPSB into our school's curriculum, and our teachers compile students' completed pages into journals that display their work from Kinder-5th grade. Teachers comment

repeatedly about the richness of this approach to teaching: creativity and conversation. The work is restful, meaningful, and delightful. We are so grateful to put this lovely work before our students and their families. What a treasure!

--Karen True, Academic Dean, Gloria Deo Academy



We are Looking for PT REPS

PictureThis! Ministries currently has representatives all across the United States, however, there are territories still uncovered, and one of those areas may be close to where you live. The requirements are not extensive and the reimbursement is generous. And the most fulfilling part of the "job" is seeing God

bless so many families and churches with this fun and powerful way to implant His word. Just send us your email address and we will send you a paper that describes the position. If you want we can also put you in touch with some of our current reps; you can hear first hand what a great experience awaits you. Email: dpeters7@bibledraw.com or call me (888) 499-9305 and we will send you details. (Pictured above is Michele Shaver, long time rep in the North/Central area)

