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An AEBICAM Programmed Text

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Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

This book is part of a new adventure in Bible study. It is prepared for churches in Africa, to teach pastors and church workers to do God's work. It is written so that students can do the lessons every day at home. Then they can come to class once a week to talk about the lessons with a leader.

The form in which these lessons are written is called Programmed Instruction. The way of meeting for weekly classes is called Theological Training By Extension. These lessons and this way of teaching are being prepared and encouraged by the Association of Evangelical Bible Institutes and Colleges of Africa and Madagascar (AEBICAM).

AEBICAM is a group of Christians who are working together to encourage better Bible training throughout Africa. One way to do this is through Theological Training by Extension. By going out to centres near the students' homes, Bible teachers can reach more students. Students can learn while they go on with their own church work. AEBICAM is preparing many books to be used in this kind of study. This is the second in the series. The first is a study of prayer and is called, *Talking with God*. Christians from all over Africa are helping to write these books. We are united in our desire to see spiritual revival as a result of studying God's word.

The aim of this course in evangelism is that the student will understand the importance of evangelism, and that he will do this work. To help the student do this, we give him information about what evangelism is and how it is done. The specific objectives are that the student will be able to answer the questions on each of the revision pages. These pages are found at the end of Weeks 4, 7 and 10.

This book is written for people with lower primary education. However it can be used successfully with students of higher education. It was continually tested and improved as it was written. After completion it was used in eight extension centres with 41 students in Zambia. Eighty per cent of the students were able to pass the examination with a fifty per cent average. On the basis of detailed records kept with these classes, the book was rewritten and will be tested again. We will appreciate further suggestions for improvement for future editions of this book.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is to help you learn how to do evangelism. It is not just a sermon about evangelism, or stories about how people have done evangelism. It is a book of lessons for you, so that you may know what the Bible teaches and so that you may do what the Bible says. When you finish this book, you should know many new ways to do evangelism and also be doing evangelism.

The book is your teacher. It will talk to you in daily lessons. Listen carefully to what it says. When a teacher tells you to take your Bible and read a verse, do you just look at him, or say that you will do it later? No, you take your Bible and read. That is what you must do with this book.

Notice how a teacher does in school. He tells the students the lesson. He explains it carefully. Then he asks questions. When the students answer right, he tells them that their answer is good. If they cannot answer well, then the teacher explains again.

This book uses the same way of teaching. First you are given a part of the lesson. Then you have a question to answer or something to do. You will be able to answer if you have read carefully. Answering the question does two things. First, it shows you whether you have understood well. Second, it helps you remember what you have read.

Then the book, like the teacher, tells you whether your answer is right or wrong. How does it do this? At the end of every lesson you will find the answers to the questions. After you have written the answers, you look at the answers to see how you have written. But here is a problem. Sometimes you will be tempted to look at the answer before you have written. **BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO DO THIS.** If you do, you will spoil your learning. You will not be hurting your teacher, but yourself. You will be like the student who steals the answers from other people instead of writing his own. This kind of student does not learn well. Be honest with yourself. We have tried to help you by mixing up the answers so you do not see them before you want to.

Sometimes you may have trouble to think of the answer. Do not look at the teacher's answer. Read that part of the lesson again. Read slowly and carefully until you can answer.

The lessons are given by weeks and days. You should read one day's lesson at one time. Do not read part of a lesson and stop. You will learn better if you finish a whole day's lesson together. Do not try to do a whole week of lessons in a short time. You will hurry and not remember what you read. Try to do one day's lesson each day, as you would listen to daily

lessons from a teacher.

This book is prepared to be used with a weekly meeting. You will have a leader to help you with your problems. Your leader will also help you discuss with other students what you have learned from the book. If you have not studied the lessons before coming to the meeting, you will not understand what is being said. If there is no leader who is coming to talk with you about these lessons, then call some of your friends who are studying the book and choose someone among you to lead the discussions.

We think you will like this kind of learning. As you study you will try hard to get the right answers, and you will be pleased when you get them. When you come to questions at the end of the book you will see how much you have learned. May God help you.