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This position requires work to be done from our office in Greenville, South Carolina, and requires a significant amount of travel across the USA. A CFRE or ACFRE certification, seven years of experience encompassing all areas of fundraising and resource development, including a minimum of five years of experience in leadership roles with responsibility for oversight of fundraising functions and staff are highly preferred. Please see the position description and requirements below. And most importantly, please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord’s direction with this hire.

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New Content

Head to blb.org/newsletterlinks for links to content.

New International Resources on BLB!

We are so excited to announce several newly-released international language resources from multiple different authors. Chuck Smith and J. Vernon McGee have been long-time providers of audio resources to our site. Now, we are blessed to offer their content in multiple languages. Chuck Smith’s Verse-by-Verse audio can now be listened to in Hindi, Mandarin, Arabic, Portuguese, and Russian. J. Vernon McGee’s Thru the Bible radio show can also be selected in Spanish and Arabic. As shown below, choosing one of the options will direct you to that language’s landing page.

We are also excited to introduce the late Pastor Alejandro Alonso as our newest Spanish content provider. His ministry has generously given us permission to provide Pastor Alonso’s completed expository audio messages of the Bible. Pastor Alonso spent over four decades teaching the Word of God in various Hispanic churches and released several albums of worship music during that time. For his full biography and to learn more about his ministry, find his ministry link on blb.org/newsletterlinks.

ESV Global Study Bible Added to BLB!

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to accept the offer. Matt and his wife had four children, and the youngest was recently born with special needs. Because of this, he was unable to commit to a full-time pastoral position. Instead, he offered to continue teaching from the pulpit until a suitable replacement was found.

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Matt told us an amazing story about a 62-year-old pastor. He has a 3rd-grade education and rides his bike 60 miles every Sunday to teach at three different churches. Matt said, “After attending our workshop, he was overwhelmed at the tools being offered for completely free by Blue Letter Bible.” We are not only incredibly blessed by this story as a ministry, but it continues to be a reminder for Matt, and for us, of God’s amazing power to take what may seem small and insignificant and multiply it for His glory.

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User Testimony

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— Timothy (Castle Rock, CO)

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