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Photo: Bishop Butler ministering in Germany with Interpreter.

## Blessings in the Name of Jesus!

n Matthew 28:19-20, our Lord Jesus commands us to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghostl: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Because of our faithful partners like you, that's exactly what we have been doing. 2023 has experienced God enlarging the vision He has given us to include other countries to reach with His life-altering Word. As you will read in this report, we opened a Pistis School of Ministry in Ireland. We have ministered God's Word in Switerland, Germany, and Brazil. We are also ministering throughout the United States.

Our Lord is moving swiftly in the earth, and we are excited to be a part of His great move. You are part of making it happen. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of Keith Butler Ministries. Pastor Deborah and I love you and appreciate you very much.

Bishop Keith A. Butler Founder & President

# We've Come This Far by Faith

oooooooooooo, taste and see what a year 2024 will be for Keith Butler Ministries (KBM)! As we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Word of Faith this year, I am simultaneously reflecting on the goodness of God throughout KBM's history. Even though Keith Butler Ministries officially launched in 2013, it began long before.

The groundwork was laid in prayer and through Bishop Butler using his faith and simply taking God at His Word. In as early as 1989, Bishop Butler and his staff began training ministers who would later be sent overseas. In 2001, we launched Pistis School of Ministry (formerly Word of Faith Bible Training Center) in London. A group trained ministers emerged from the London school two years later, five of whom were sent by the Holy Ghost to fulfill the vision of Teaching the Word, Doing the Work, and Touching the World throughout Europe and Africa.

During the 2013 Word of Faith Convention, the Lord used

Reverend Kenneth Copeland to prophesy the following over KBM:

- This ministry will not come up short.
- This ministry will not fail.
- This ministry will not want.
- This ministry will not lack and neither shall it be diminished. For the work of the Lord is in operationm and the Word of the Lord has been placed in the Supreme position in it.
- Therefore, it will continue to prosper, and continue to prosper, and continue to develope until the great day of the Lord shall come.

We have seen the manifestation of this prophecy over the years and we will continue to see it. But it didn't happen by accident. It happened because Bishop Butler and others received this prophecy for KBM by faith! The Lord has used our KBM partners, friends, staff, volunteers, and supporters to ensure this ministry never comes up short. We have come this far by faith in God.



Amina Cameron KBM Executive Director

As you read through this annual report, I invite you to engage your faith for 2024. We've accomplished great things in 2023 and in previous years. Now God wants to accelerate and demonstrate some things for KBM and everyone who supports this ministry. However, we must first believe for it. We have come this far by faith, now let's go further!

# HELLO FROM KBM EUROPE!

Pastor George Rigos KBM European Director

Praise God for another blessed year. God moved mightily this year in Europe. We started the year with 30 days of prayer and then went from strength to strength. This year we actually had the videos dubbed into Greek, Bulgarian, French, Polish, and Russian. It was great to watch our Bishop, Pastors and Ministers ministering in al these languages.

In Greece our church here in Athens continued to grow and make an impact on the city and the nation. We also graduated another class of students from PSOM Greece. A new door opened to us for our Farsi ministry, one of the refugee camps nearby Athens have allowed us to visit and minister to the refugees there. On a weekly basis a team goes out and takes clothes and other necessities for them, and ministers the Love and Word of God. This year we also started a Saturday evening service for Spanish speaking people in Athens, this too has had a strong start. Our Spanish Pastor is also ministering to a home group in Peru on Sundays and we launched our School of the Bible discipleship course in Spanish in Peru. In Poland in the city of Katowice we held an outreach concert in April with our worship team from Detroit, and had over 150 people attend with over 20 salvations praise the Lord. In June we graduated another class of students from PSOM Poland.

In France our meetings are going from strength to strength in Marseille. The people are so excited to be able to hear the word of Faith being preached. Often we take it for granted that faith is being taught everywhere like it is in America, but it is not. In Europe very few people teach faith, what we are doing is vital and much needed in France and Europe. This year we also welcomed a bumper second class with almost triple the amount of students we had in our first year. We now have students from 7 different French speaking nations. God is doing a great work here.

As the European Director I am well aware that none of this could happen without your support in prayer and giving. Thank you for your faithfulness in making this all possible, people getting saved, people getting discipled and taught the Word of God, people getting supported in their faith and most importantly the kingdom of God advancing here in Europe according to the mandate that God has given our Bishop.

## KBM IS EXPANDING THE VISION IN CORK, IRELAND

Moving to Ireland has been an eye-opening experience for my wife (Minister Susan Donaldson) and me. We have been on overseas missions before, but this assignment required us to move! We believe that God spoke to us and said go! We obeyed, leaving behind parents, son and wife, grandchild, siblings, relatives, and friends. In the natural it was very emotional, but in the Spirit we had peace. Entry into the country and acquiring the necessary paperwork to achieve resident status required

faith and patience. As we set up the ministry, it was very evident God sent us to Ireland. The favor of God was on everything from housing to the office space and drawing the right people to us. We've adjusted to walking and using public transportation. The people of Ireland are diverse and multicultural, but the mission is the same. He is using us to Teach the Word, Do the Work, and Touch the World. All Glory to God!

Pastor Gregory & Minister Susan Donaldson Pastor, Pistis Church Ireland

## PISTIS IRELAND IS TEACHING THE WORD!

IRELAND

When Bishop announced the work in Ireland, I was excited that KBM and Word of Faith were yet again launching out to do the work and touch the world. At the time, I had no idea God planned for me to be a part of the work in Ireland. Now, I'm honored He chose me for this work at such a time as this. The work God has allowed me to participate in on the Green Isle has been truly amazing. I have the honor of maintaining on the ground operations for Pistis, and have watched the students truly embrace the call of God on their lives. In just a few months, I've seen the message of faith completely transform lives. This is just the beginning and I'm excited about the future God has for Ireland.



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Minister Jasmin Haynes Instructor, Pistis Ireland

## PISTIS SCHOOL OF MINISTRY: A LOOK BACK OVER 2023

Minister Linda Burdette Director of Education

A s a result of the leadership and guidance of Bishop Butler, 2023 was a Year of Expansion and Growth for the Pistis School of Ministry (PSOM). We established two new schools this year – one in Sofia, Bulgaria, and the other in Cork, Ireland. Both programs are online hybrid programs. Let me explain if you are wondering what an online-hybrid program is. Our online, hybrid program allows ministry-called students to receive the training they need to fulfill the call of God on their lives without having to relocate to another city or interrupt their employment. Students receive eighty percent of their weekly instruction and training by watching pre-recorded lecture videos and doing homework assignments, and the other twenty percent by attending live sessions online on Saturdays (distance learners) or in person (local students) with their instructors.

What makes the Pistis Online-Hybrid Program so unique is that students can receive the same quality of training, instruction, and impartation that our classroom program has been known for without leaving the comfort of their homes and from anywhere in the world. This aspect allows us to have a more diverse student body, thus allowing us to bridge cultural and linguistic gaps when approaching the Word of God, which is His will for all man. For example, in the U.S. school, we have students from eight states (Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee ) and Toronto, Canada. As a teacher, nothing is more invigorating than a diverse group of learners.

We see the same diversity in all of our schools, which makes teaching enjoyable for the instructors and fun and exciting for our students because they can expand their worldviews and learn about different cultures. PSOM is genuinely changing lives with the Word of God and going into nations and cities that



would not be possible without the generous giving of our KBM partners and friends. So, from our hearts to yours, THANK YOU! Let me close out by sharing a couple of testimonies we received from our two new schools

#### Peter Ivanov, a first-year student at Pistis School of Ministry, Bulgaria



Being a Pistis School of Ministry student has been a great adventure from the beginning and a very valuable experience. Whereas regular Bible schools focus exclusively on reading and studying the Word, PSOM brings several other perspectives to the table by organizing active discussions, practical (group) projects, assignments, and reflection on our understanding and application of the teachings in everyday life. As James 1:22-25 teaches, the Word is fruitless if not practiced. This is where PSOM offers guidance and support, namely in not only knowing the Word but living it. The students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zone and act in faith, which can occasionally feel somewhat intimidating but is essential for personal and spiritual growth.

Being part of PSOM can be compared to being part of an understanding, supportive community where relationships are formed and the same goal is being pursued – knowing, living, and spreading the Word of God."

#### Daphne Gray, a first-year student at Pistis School of Ministry, Ireland

From the moment my daughter-in-law, Catherine, and I enrolled in Pistis, we knew it was the place the Lord wanted us to be! This school is here for such a time as this and perfectly timed. God's timing is so amazing! It has been both challenging and rewarding in so many ways. The Lord has stretched us in every way. It has exceeded our every expectation!

What we have learned is INVALUABLE! The Word has been presented in a powerful yet practical way, bringing new revelation. Each course syllabus is versatile yet comprehensive for every part of the ministry. The content of each course has been exceptionally helpful, and we cannot thank the Lord enough for bringing Pistis to Ireland!

It has been an INCREDIBLE journey of equipping, faith, character development, greater understanding and application of the Word, and most importantly, deepening our relationship with our WONDERFUL Saviour.

Once again, we thank our KBM partners and friends for your prayers and financial support. Together, we are Teaching the Word, Doing the Work, and Touching the Word! For more information about the Pistis School of Ministry, please email us at info@pistis.cc.



### PISILS SCHOOL of MINISTRY

## Classes have already started, but it seems like someone is missing... **YOU!**

This school semester will be over before you know it. Now's the time to get ready and plan to enroll for classes—in person or online.

Pistis School of Ministry, our 2-year accredited program, is committed to glorifying God by training students who will be:

- Equipped to establish and develop viable Word-based ministries
- Effectively trained in biblical principles that can be used to present the message of the cross to mankind accurately
- Adequately informed of the purpose and effective use of the Ministry of Helps
- Prepared to lead others into the presence of God through Spiritanointed music

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### 2023 KBM PRAYER & ACTIVITY CENTER

s we entered into 2023 we were so encouraged by the word from Bishop Butler that this was our YEAR OF THE BLESSING OF THE LORD. In our prayer calls to our partners throughout this year we reminded them of this word of the Lord, and are pleased to say we heard many testimonies of the blessing of the Lord manifesting in their lives.

The Keith Butler Ministries Activity Center is aptly named as we saw more activity this year in the way of people calling who wanted to be trained as a partner prayer volunteer. After training was completed they joined our current faithful volunteers in making prayer calls. Both new and current volunteers along with our employees, Pauline and Gilbert, find it extremely rewarding to connect with our partners worldwide in prayer and to hear how much KBM has impacted their lives and spiritual growth.

**Our KBM Partner Care team made** 11.115 partner calls this year. These calls ranged from prayer calls, weather related care calls, new partner welcome calls, book offer calls, happy birthday calls, and upcoming meeting information calls. As always, our top three (3) prayer requests from our partners are for healing, wisdom and finances, but we also receive many other types of prayer requests such as for employment, salvation of family members, comfort during the loss of a loved one, favor, protection, etc., and in turn we are happy to say we have received testimonies of answered prayers in those areas.

A few examples of those praise reports are as follows: Partner was unemployed for over a year and we prayed for her to get a job and she did and said she's been working for 6 weeks now; Partner said her mom, who has been on hospice for 3 years, is now coming home because she is making improvement and no longer needs their services. She said her mom's recovery has been because of the prayers from the KBM Partner Care team; Partner said we agreed in prayer with him concerning a possible inheritance and he received it in the amount of \$10,000: Partner said we prayed for her knee surgery to be a success and it was and she is up and walking; Partner said thank you

for your prayers as her breast cancer surgery was a success and she is now cancer free!

So many partners we call say "this is truly an on time call." They may be at the hospital with a loved one at that moment or may have just received some not so good news and they are so surprised and grateful to receive our call. This always blesses us tremendously.

Gilbert's birthday calls to our partners really make their day. This year he saw a 20% increase in the amount of calls he made and birthday cards he sent out. He accomplished this by making sure when he made a prayer call to check and see if we had that partner's birthday information, if not he secured it and made sure they got their birthday card and call. He takes this assignment of expressing the love and gratitude from our Bishop to our partners very seriously and our partners always look forward to his birthday celebration calls and cards.

We were happy once again to have our KBM table operational at our annual Convention in August. We had the opportunity of meeting and talking with many new partners and saw an increase of partners that came from other countries such as

### 11,115 PRAYER CALLS IN 2023

Canada, Africa and the United Kingdom. Meeting and greeting our partners in person and putting a face to a name always excites us. As usual we had lots of free teaching materials from our Bishop to give to them to bless and enrich their lives.

We also saw an increase in partners this year as Bishop received divine connections and opportunities to minister in even more countries of the world. We also received new partners through our "Live Your Faith" broadcast which airs on the Victory Channel. With Bishop's mandate from the Lord of teaching the Word, doing the work and touching the world, we are expecting a greater increase of not only partners, but greater provision to accomplish the vision. WE ARE READY!

### **Answering the Call** Dr. T. Robinson, KBM Volunteer

eaching the Word, Doing the Work, Touching the World— These words come to life whenever I enter the KBM Activity Center. Upon arrival, volunteers immediately see a table with items that remind us that we are doing work with a global reach. There are often thank you postcards for the volunteers with images representing countries and continents where the work of the ministry is occurring like France, Africa, the United Kingdom, and the list goes on. Seeing the sixfoot banner of Bishop Keith Butler creates a presence that he is right there. Oddly enough, one time when I was on the phone praying for one of his prayer partners, he walked into the KBM office just to thank the volunteers for doing the work that God led him and Pastor Deborah to begin 45 years ago.

After staff in the KBM office pray with me about any of my needs, either Pauline or Gilbert hand me a sheet with my list of names to call. Upon inspection of the list, an old saying comes to mind, we are not in Kansas anymore. Why do I say this? Because it is easy for me to only think about Word of Faith from the images I see when attending church services at the 100-acres campus in Southfield, Michigan. Each time I serve and park in the lot, I view the architectural structure of each building before coming up the stairs. I often think of the faith walk Bishop Butler took in acquiring the land and I am reminded that God is no respecter of persons. The same way he used Bishop Butler, he can use me to acquire what I need to fulfill my purpose.

#### Touching the World

The list of partners on my call sheet is a constant reminder of the work taking place around the world. One day, I am calling people living in Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, and Michigan. On another day, I call KBM partners living in other states. They are always so happy that Bishop and Pastor Deborah had someone to call them. One of the comments that I often try to jot down is when KBM partners say, tell Bishop and Pastor Deborah that "I love them." Oftentimes, partners will also say, "You all always call just when I need prayer." This is so powerful for me because each day that I come to KBM, there is always a project that I could keep working on or another consulting meeting to schedule. Yet, when I hear someone say that, I know that God is truly in the midst and that He loves that partner so much, He has me to stop and pray for their needs.

I've also noticed something else. There have been at least three to five times that I can remember that a person on the other end asked me to pray about an area which I was praying for myself. For example, I remember that one week, I specifically prayed for a member of my immediate family. One of the KBM partners asked me to pray for her brother. I had just prayed for my sibling. I knew this would be a fervent, effectual prayer because I was angry that the enemy was also trying to attack her family.

#### Needing Help of Holy Spirit

Recently, I spoke with someone who did not specifically tell me her prayer needs. She began sharing information about her past and I just listened for a few minutes. I remember the Holy Spirit prompted me to say, do you want us to pray about a particular area in her life and the response was yes. Afterwards, my voice had so much excitement and yet the prayer partner was crying because she initially didn't know what to ask for and could not verbally express how she was touched that we prayed for that secret desire in her heart.

#### Answering the Call to Help

After spending about two years serving at the Boston church doing everything from volunteering in kid's ministry, cleaning the church, serving as a greeter and TV ministry, I returned home to Detroit during the onset of COVID. For about a year, I attended services and did not servejust enjoyed hearing Bishop Butler again, in-person. One Sunday, Bishop Butler told the congregation that the church needed more volunteers to continue doing the work of the ministry since many members were not coming to church due to COVID. I knew my rest period was over. Well, I don't think it's by coincidence that while serving at the Boston church, I would receive a call from one of the KBM volunteers to pray for my needs when I did not have any relatives nearby except my church family. Now, I serve on the same day with the volunteer who used to call me.





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