



# EBTC Aktuell

And the angel said to them **FEAR NOT**, for behold, I bring you **GOOD NEWS** of great joy *that will be* **for all the people. For unto you IS BORN THIS DAY** in **city of David** the **SAVIOR**, WHO IS **CHRIST**, THE **LORD**.

Luke 2:10-11

## CHRISTMAS 2011

DEAR READERS,

Paul reminds Timothy, who he had left behind in Ephesus, of the following truth:

„For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time”. 1.Tim 2:5-6

### JESUS IS THE ONLY ANSWER TO MAN'S PROBLEM

What Paul so clearly emphasizes in these verses, is that Jesus is the only answer to man's problem, namely the problem of being separated from God! Without Christ there would be no mediator between God and man. Jesus came to bring peace between man and God to the world. Yet, man loves his sin so much that we are willing to trade Jesus—our only hope—for worldly goods and our personal worldview. Jesus, the mediator between God and Man, is the message of the hour!

Paul saw himself as an ambassador of this truth:

„For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.” 1.Tim 2:7

### PREACH THIS GOOD NEWS!

We, the EBTC, would like you to take this to heart, to preach this good news especially during the upcoming Christmas season: Jesus is the only answer to man's biggest need.



The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

Immanuel

God with us

the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples

*Christian Andren*

## Future Events 2011/12



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Dec **Conference for Pastors**, Alexey Kolomytsev, Bonn
- 08<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Jan **Seminar for Church History**, Dr. Nestvogel, Berlin
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March **Seminar for Apologetics**, Evgenii Petrenko, Berlin
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May **Hirtenkonferenz 2012**
- 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept **Seminar: Exposition of OT book**, Zurich
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept **Exposition of the book of Daniel**, Ruslan Kachur, Berlin

## Review: Anniversary Conference

WITH PASTOR-TEACHER DR. JOHN MACARTHUR

More information you find on page two.





## REVIEW: 10 YEARS EBTC

Paul wrote the Thessalonian church saying

*"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."* (1. Thess. 2:13).

God's sufficient Word is as powerful today as it was then to equip men and women for the work of the ministry.

**OUR GOAL: EQUIPPING MEN FOR CHURCH MINISTRY**

the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.  
2 Tim 2:2

The vision was to establish a church based training ministry to equip men to lead and preach in the local church with the motto:

We looked for faithful and teachable men who in turn would pass on the baton to the next generation, and God gave us a small group of 12 men of which three graduated three years later.

### TODAY

Today we have more than 250 graduates and seven different academic programs. By God's grace, the ministry has expanded beyond the initial training ministry, to two new locations in Zurich and in Rheinland with nearly 200 students enrolled at present. Our students have gone out as missionaries, church planters, pastors, elders and youth ministers. Six students successfully started a church based Bible training ministry in their home churches.

The annual **Hirtenkonferenz** (Shepherds' Conference) has grown to be a regular meeting point for church leaders where the Word is proclaimed to help churches and their leaders focus on the glory of God in all aspects of ministry. The EBTC is not the only training ministry in the German speaking world, but is unique as a bi-vocational school geared towards men and women from independent churches that have sprung up in the last 25 years in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Aside from the teaching ministry the EBTC has been extensively involved in the publishing and broadcasting ministry.

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son

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head of the body

king of kings

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey,

prince of peace

image of the invisible God

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Over 70 books** predominately from John MacArthur, including the MacArthur Study Bible, have been published in German through the ministry of the EBTC. The MacArthur Study Bible was predicted to be a small seller on the German Christian book market but to everybody's surprise the Study Bible had to be reprinted in the first three years every year and today it has been printed 50 thousands times. What blessing and impact this Bible has had in the German Christian Community!

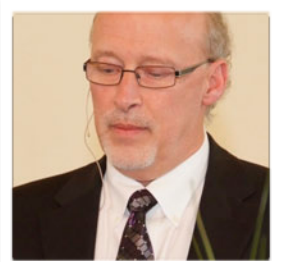
## Anniversary Conference

**WITH PASTOR-TEACHER DR. JOHN MACARTHUR**

It was a joy this month to slow down and reflect on God's blessing the past decade during our ten year anniversary conference (October 14-16). We had the great privilege of hosting Dr. John MacArthur at this special time with students, alumni, and friends.

By the grace of God, Pastor John's reputation for deep conviction, and understanding of God's Word brought more than 750 men and women together for the conference. Hundreds of believers heard sound teaching and many were introduced to the EBTC.

John's teaching on the right understanding of the Lordship of Christ and our role as slaves of Christ was clear and convicting. Clearly the truth—God's Word, taught so that believers might understand—has a lasting impact on individuals and His kingdom!





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SCHOOL YEAR 2011/12

**EBTC RHEINLAND**

40 Students, 1 Course



**EBTC BERLIN**

81 Students, 8 Courses



**EBTC ZÜRICH**

59 Students, 3 Courses



GRADUATION OF OUR FIRST MA NT AS WELL AS OUR TH.M. CLASS IN LAGE, OCT. 2011





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## THANK YOU

We want to sincerely thank you for your faithful partnership with the European Bible Training Center! This year once again we thank God for His immeasurable grace that we have through Jesus Christ. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".

The EBTC team wishes you a blessed Christmas and New Year!

We look back on a full year 2011: next to the conferences, seminars, radio and media ministry, the Lord has immensely blessed us with a large group of students!

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ...

- Our students and teachers in Berlin, Rheinland, and Zurich
- For the growing demand because of our expansion through our third extension
- The Master degree programs in English
- The Russian speaking program

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For the most part, the EBTC is supported through donations from local churches and individuals, who see their responsibility in supporting men and women to be trained and prepared for the work of the ministry in the local church.

We want to thank you once again for supporting us financially. We do not take any gifts or donations for granted! We see the Lord's faithfulness and providence at work through your sacrifice and assistance!

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For unto you is born this day in city of David the Savior, who is Christ, the Lord

the first and the last

word of God

lamb of God

judge of the living and the dead

Lion of the tribe of Judah

## part-time BIBLE SCHOOL

- ✓ continue to exercise your profession
- ✓ ministering in the local church
- ✓ biblical sound training



### BIBLE SURVEY OT/NT

- for Young & Old, Men & Women (1 year)



### BIBLICAL COUNSELING

- for Men & Women Ministering in the Local Church (1 year)



### PREACHERS INSTITUTE

- for Men in or Preparing for Teaching Ministry (2 years)



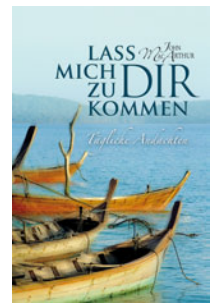
### MASTER PROGRAMS

- Master of Arts in OT, NT or ThM  
- for Preachers & Teachers (3 years)

## New Publications in German

### ENGLISH TITLE IS KNOWN AS

- **Slave**, John MacArthur
- **Counseling: How to Counsel Biblically**, John MacArthur
- **Drawing Near**, John MacArthur (republication)



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