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PTI's NEW CHAIRMAN TO SET OUT FUTURE VISION FOR PTI/CBW: "SERVING AND EQUIPPING PASTORS IS THE VITAL NEED"

This will be the thrust of the message given by new Chairman Jeremy Marshall when, next month, he sets out Pastor Training International's (PTI) and Christian Books Worldwide's (CBW) vision for training a whole new generation of pastors over the next few years.

Marshall will present this vision at PTI and CBW's first-ever joint annual conference, which will take place on Saturday 12 May 2012 at Freshbrook Evangelical Church, Swindon, SN5 8NU.

PTI provides teaching and resources for pastors in the poorest parts of the world. It specialises in running in-country training conferences and last month partnered Mission Africa in holding a major preaching conference in Francophone Burkina Faso – a first for PTI.

CBW provides evangelistic and teaching books in English and many other languages for the growing church in the developing world. In following the Apostle Paul's instruction to "Bring the Books" CBW is seeking to alleviate the desperate shortage of suitable theological books in Asia and Africa. Nepal, Pakistan, Burma are recent additions, as well as designated funding being used for the supply of 10,000 Swahili books to Tanzania.

Marshall said: "The need for our support is vast. We have many requests for help which we simply cannot accommodate. There are hundreds of thousands of pastors in the developing world with no formal training. Our task is to be the servant of our brothers and

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sisters – they invite us to organize conferences or print suitable books and our job is to help meet those needs. As we serve and equip them they, in turn, are better able to serve their congregations and reach non-Christians with the gospel”.

Chris Embleton-Smith, Director of PTI said: “We are delighted that Jeremy will set out our vision for the future of the organization. PTI will, with God's help, seek to do more. It will answer more calls for assistance from new countries; work more closely with other like-minded evangelical agencies involved in training; provide more mentoring and one-on-one training; and publish through CBW the books which are most needed by pastors in the various nations”.

To register, email Chris Embleton-Smith at c.embleton@pastor-training.org. For more information about the conference, call him on 01494 791991.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Pastor Training International was founded in 2004. As the name suggests, PTI's chief focus is on those pastors who are responsible for what may sometimes be large, growing churches but who lack the training, resources and skills to pastor their congregations as effectively as they would like.

So far PTI has worked mostly with pastors in sub-Saharan Africa, but the growth of the ministry means that its activities are now expanding into Eastern Europe, south and south-east Asia, too.

It does not aim to address the needs of those at Theological College or University, but aims specifically to serve and support church leaders who have had, and can expect to have, little or no training at all, at any level. <http://www.pastor-training.org/>

Christian Books Worldwide exists to supply Reformed evangelistic and teaching material for the benefit of Pastors and trainee Pastors in countries where the Church is growing fast, but where there is an absence of good Christian Resources. CBW was founded in 2009 and has been able to supply over 150,000 books to Asia and African countries in eight languages. A new

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work CBW has started within the last year is to target Bible Colleges and Pastors with selected second hand English books. <http://www.christianbooksworldwide.org>.

The First Annual Conference of Pastor Training International/Christian Books Worldwide

12th May 2012. Programme:

9.45 – 10.15 a.m.	Registration/coffee
10.15 – 10.20	Welcome - David Ide
10.20 – 10.30	Devotional - Jeremy Marshall
10.30 -11.30	P.T.I. Presentations by trainers – 14 minutes each: Ethiopia - Ken McIntosh); Ukraine - Gareth Jones ; Francophone - Peter Maclure ; Burma - Simon Percy
11.30 – 11.40	Coffee break
11.40 – 12.25	Sukesh Pabari Pastor Training, Books and Evangelism
12.25 – 1.10	P.T.I. History and Development - Ken Brownell (via video) Structure (conferences/books/mentoring - Roy Proctor Areas of activity - Chris Embleton-Smith
1.10 – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch - introduce Anand Silvaragen
2.00 – 2.45	C.B.W. History /Structure/Scope of activities (translation/ publishing/distribution) - Mike Taylor & Robin Asgher
2.45 – 3.00	Break
3.00 – 3.30	Keynote address – The future of PTI - Jeremy Marshall
3.30 – 3.35	Hymn

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3.35 - 3.55

Closing devotions - Alan Levy

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