



CONNECT

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REFORMATION MONUMENT IN GENEVA SWITZERLAND



BOB'S COMMENT:

"I am extremely grateful to the whole eDOT team for their contribution to GBI Online."

Bob, Director of GBI Online



PRAYER POINTS

- Please join us in praying for our eDOT Strategic Planning meetings Feb. 10-13. Ask God to give us team unity and clear direction for the coming year.
- Praise God with us that the newly completed online Elements of Bible Study course will be offered in Portugal beginning Feb. 15.
- Ask God to clearly guide several individuals who are considering working full time with eDOT.

"But the word of God continued to increase and spread."

Acts 12:24 (NIV)

A MINISTRY OF Greater Europe Mission

Reforming Learning for the French-Speaking World

"I am so grateful for this course. God is great and I am already able to use what I have learned in this course for a Bible study we have just started." - Pascal

"This course has better equipped me for evangelizing." - Pierre

"Personally I have found these [historical] elements have given me a much better understanding of the text." - Jean-David

"This lesson has been so important for my evangelization...it has given me much more assurance because I am more confident in what I am talking about." - Chantal

"Thank you for such a rich teaching on the First Century context which helps us better interpret the biblical text." - Jeremie

"I can't tell you how much this course has enriched and equipped me." - Christine

These direct quotes are from students taking online courses through Geneva Bible Institute (GBI) in Switzerland. From the city of the Reformation Fathers is exploding a new reformation—learning online.

When GBI first contacted eDOT for help in establishing an online learning department, it was obvious that there was great potential throughout the French-speaking world. In the years that followed, eDOT oriented Bob Winslow, the director of GBI Online, to Moodle—the program eDOT uses to offer online courses. Bob has helped to develop a curriculum that enables French-speaking believers to study God's Word in a systematic format equivalent to the first-year program on campus. He has also trained the professors at GBI regarding creative ways to present course material in the online format.

Attendance for each online course that GBI offered in 2009 grew, from 25 to 30 to 35. Students—ranging from medical doctors to housewives—were divided into two groups for each class, making dialogue groups more manageable. In each online course 50 percent of a student's grade is based on participation in weekly forum discussions, with the remaining weight of the grade being put on a final written paper.

The future is bright for GBI's expanding online program! It is hoped that, in the years ahead, courses can be developed for use with GBI's extension programs in French-speaking Senegal and Rwanda. If you know a French speaker interested in studying God's Word, tell them about GBI Online. And please ask God to bless and prosper GBI's efforts.



GBI is offering three new courses in 2010

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