I. GOALS RELATED TO KNOWING THE BIBLE

- A. To study books of the Bible with commentaries (see instructions below)
- B. To pray-read books of the Bible 10 chapters a day (covers the NT each month: 235 chapters of NT = 10 chapters a day x 6 days/week = 240 chapters a month). Journal as you pray-read through each book. File your journals in the same place.

II. THE ACTION PLAN FOR BIBLE STUDY

- A. Pick your top 10 "most wanted to study" books. Study one book at a time.
- B. Select the **specific times** in the week that you will dedicate for study.
- C. How to study a book of the Bible 5 simple steps
 - 1. **Highlight** select two commentaries, read each one, highlighting the key sentences. Do this for one biblical paragraph at a time. Go slow.
 - 2. **Title** in your own words each paragraph in the Bible book that you study.
 - 3. **Study Notes** write insights from the commentary for the key verses from each paragraph (sometimes write word for word, other times paraphrase).
 - 4. **Journal** write your personal meditations and observations.
 - 5. **Prayer** write a brief prayer from the passage when applicable.

NOTE – if you first write your notes on paper, then seek to type it into your computer. Store a hard copy of your final notes in your Bible Study Notebook.

III. MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

- A. Computer, Bible Study Notebook, two commentaries for each Bible book you study. Bible Study Briefcase pen, paper, highlighters, notebook, commentaries.
- B. Internet resources, i.e., download commentaries www.soniclight.com (click on study aids), www.ccel.org (old commentaries), www.otgateway.com, www.tyndale.cam.ac.uk/tyndale/links_biblical.htm#anchortools www.crosswalk.com, www.christiansunite.com (click on bible study aids).