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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **09/01/09**, and ending **08/31/10****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Termination
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

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tions**C** Name of organization**EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY ASSOCIATION**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

P O BOX 425

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

DICKSON**TN 37056****D** Employer identification number**87-0400516****E** Telephone number**615-446-7316****F** Group Exemption

Number ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach
a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual

Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ **WWW.EXPLORERBIBLESTUDY.ORG****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **373,367****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	83,292
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	71
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐	6	
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	282,114	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	54,526	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	227,588	
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1)	8	7,890	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	318,841	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	202,763
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	5,260
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	29,836
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,356
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 2)	16	101,286
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	341,501
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-22,660
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	279,558
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	256,898

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	20,990	24,353
23 Land and buildings	50,000	50,000
24 Other assets (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3)	351,958	333,060
25 Total assets	422,948	407,413
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 4)	143,390	150,515
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	279,558	256,898

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What's the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE STATEMENT 5

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28 THE PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH TRAINING MATERIALS AND
VIDEOS FOR GROUPS ACROSS THE NATION.

(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a	241,782
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 **Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

241,782

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV.)

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attached a conformed copy of the changes		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a , section 4912 40a , section 4955 40a		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b		X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41 NONE		
42a The organization's books are in care of 42a JIM GABRIELSEN Telephone no 42a 615-446-7316 2652 HWY 46 SOUTH Located at 42a DICKSON, TN ZIP + 4 42a 37055		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 42b		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42b		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? 42c		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42c		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44		X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 45		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

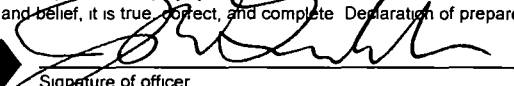
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer JAMES R GABRIELSON Type or print name and title		Date 1/4/11	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	 WM. MICHAEL WALTERS	Date	1/4/11
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	BLANKENSHIP CPA GROUP, PLLC 308 EAST COLLEGE ST DICKSON, TN 37055-1832		Check if self-employed ☐ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr) P00082197 EIN ▶ 45-0491842 Phone no ▶ 615-446-5106
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No				

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	80,294	90,567	77,524	94,689	83,292	426,366
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	80,294	90,567	77,524	94,689	83,292	426,366
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						10,946
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						415,420

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	80,294	90,567	77,524	94,689	83,292	426,366
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	719	1,048		127		1,894
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	126	5,189	16,327	13,119	7,890	42,651
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						470,911
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	1,562,975

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	88.22 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	82.97 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL

ROYALTIES	\$	15,373
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OTHER REVENUE	\$	19,388
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Form **4562**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172

2009Attachment
Sequence No **67**

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY ASSOCIATION

Identifying number

87-0400516

Business or activity to which this form relates

INDIRECT DEPRECIATION**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instr.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	16,683

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life				S/L	
b 12-year		12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year		40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	16,683
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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THERE ARE NO AMOUNTS FOR PAGE 2

Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8 - Other Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SHIPPING INCOME	\$ 4,275
ROYALTY INCOME	3,320
MISC INCOME	198
COPYRIGHT FEES	96
OTHER	1
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,890</u>

Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EXPENSES	\$
ADVERTISING	16,610
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE	4,003
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,330
TRAVEL AND ENT	1,408
INTEREST EXPENSE	6,027
INSURANCE	18,621
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	15,207
SCHOLARSHIPS	14,071
CREDIT CARD & BANK FEES	3,034
TELEPHONE	4,185
BAD DEBTS	11
TAXES & LICENSES	2,048
COTTAGE RENT	3,269
AUTOMOBILE	4,104
MISCELLANEOUS	4,102
TRAINING	2,256
TOTAL	<u>\$ 101,286</u>

Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 101,785	\$ 94,009
INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE	49,542	50,103
BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT	636,960	641,960
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	436,329	453,012
	<u>351,958</u>	<u>333,060</u>

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 10,419	\$ 2,013
LINE OF CREDIT	53,093	88,093
OTHER ACCRUED LIABILITIES	4,301	4,633
MORTGAGE PAYABLE	75,577	55,776
	<u>143,390</u>	<u>150,515</u>

Statement 5 - Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose**Description**

THE MISSION OF EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY ASSOCIATION IS TO BRING INDIVIDUALS CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE BIBLE. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS.