

## Recruitment

Often, when celebrating the Lord's Supper, I am torn between sentiments: Joy for salvation, and sorrow for those left out of this joy.

**A**fter all that Jesus suffered for them, they fail to benefit—for lack of knowing!

Similarly, when we at World Bible School report to you, I am torn. What a joy to pass on to you story after story of lives rescued by Jesus! How grateful we are to see the Good News reach nearly a million new souls each year through WBS!

*But what of the others?* During the time WBS has recruited 30 million for Bible studies, the world population has increased by *billions*. Knowing how much the Savior sacrificed for them, and knowing the life-changing blessings they miss, how can we allow any sort of ceiling for enrollments?

In 2017, we should shatter—once and for all—the million mark! In 2018, we should aim for well over a million, and keep climbing from there! In a way, it is quite simple. Since receptivity to WBS lessons remains high, finding additional funds to invest in enrollment will gather more students.

Then too, each WBS Study Helper can contribute practically to organic growth. We discuss the Study Helper's unique role and special tools on page 8. Even if you personally have as many students as you can handle, your existing relationships are vital to gaining more students. Any “extra” names you receive can be passed on to your local team-mates or, in postal situations, to Sherri Hays at [sherri@worldbibleschool.net](mailto:sherri@worldbibleschool.net) at Cedar Park. She receives calls every day from teachers who want more students. The

important thing is to enroll more... so that they too can know the blessings that Jesus died to give them... because the great truths of Romans 10:13-14 remain true today.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? (Romans 10:13-14).

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## Appreciation for Study Edition Bible



I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for *The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition*. This is by far the best Bible I have ever seen! I love the binding, which is easy to handle. I really love the back section entitled “Going Deeper”. This section is the most helpful for someone who has little or no knowledge of the Scriptures. I have been preaching for over 38 years, and the “Going Deeper” section will really benefit non-Christians as well as new converts. Also, the ESV version makes for easy study and

reading. Thanks so much to all who put in the hard work to make this Bible the “jewel” that it is, and at five dollars it is a bargain. God bless you in your work, and again thanks for the World Bible School Study Edition.

Donnie Cain, Utica, MS

*Editor’s Note: We announced The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition in mid-January 2017. Now well over half of the first printing of 20,000 has been snapped up. Demand required us to increase the second printing and bring it forward to a May delivery. Churches are finding this new Bible ideal for outreach and edification. Some are using them as pew Bibles. Others are using them for WBS, youth, personal work, prisoners (check on the facility’s requirements) and personal dealings. They will also benefit summer campaigns and benevolence services. Here are Bible prices (not including shipping).*

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As launched in the March issue of Action!, the **WBS Bible Incentive Program** makes these Bibles **FREE** for qualified WBS students (the study helper or congregation covers the cost of shipping). For details see [www.worldbibleschool.net/incentive](http://www.worldbibleschool.net/incentive). WBS makes the Bibles free through the generosity of Christians who love God’s word and want to share. You are welcome to contribute online at [www.worldbibleschool.net/give](http://www.worldbibleschool.net/give) or by mailing a check. Indicate your gift is for “Incentive Bibles”.

## Powerful Progress in Nigeria

Ron Pottberg — ARVADA, Colorado

It all began 45 years ago in Nigeria—the first country where Jimmie Lovell advertised free Bible courses.

Tens of thousands responded asking to study God’s word. Nigeria has always been one of our top countries for student enrollments, resulting also in the largest concentration of WBS workers. For this reason Doug Wheeler began in 1999 a yearly gathering of WBS workers, which became known as the World Bible School Great Workshop. This year we again gathered for the annual workshop in Warri, Delta State. Over 500 evangelists came together to share the powerful progress throughout Nigeria. Evangelism during the workshop brought seven to Christ.



Once again, I had the privilege of taking part in the Great Workshop, as well as working in other places. We worked in Greater Lagos with our WBS Team Lagos, visiting schools and new church plants in that vast urban area. We also traveled to Uyo State and joined another great WBS Team with a new church plant where we enrolled over a 1,000 new students. Over 22 WBS teams have formed in different regions where the Christians have taken it on themselves to work together to do a better job of evangelizing their location. This is leading to many church plants and hundreds being brought to Christ each year. We commend our Nigerian brethren for their willingness to work together to reach a lost world.



Volunteer workers on WBS Team Lagos

WBS is assisting by making available over 100,000 short Introductory Lessons each year. During the Great Workshop our Lagos WBS Team handed out over 25,000 Intros to key workers who will use them for enrollments and outreach country-wide. WBS is Teamwork! And we are thankful for the great Team in Nigeria that keeps pressing forward.

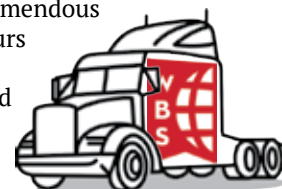
## A Trucker’s Story

Tom Turowski — BRANDON, Florida

I was recently referred to WBS by a fellow trucker. I skeptically looked at the site knowing that many teach false doctrines. I decided to investigate and completed the first lesson. Well, let me tell you, I was really excited when I discovered it was teaching the true Gospel of Christ.

This web site will be an invaluable tool to me in reaching out to the lost in the trucking industry. It’s an extremely difficult field in which to work and build relationships; we are always ships passing in the night. Whenever I meet someone, I have only minutes to have an impact as I may never see them again. Having the WBS web address, [www.worldbibleschool.org](http://www.worldbibleschool.org), will greatly assist me in that endeavor. It also provides me with some credibility; the site will confirm what I’m already teaching. I’m looking forward to doing assignments together with other drivers and then using the lessons as a basis to discuss the Scriptures further.

Thank you so much for your good work. This site is a tremendous help to those in over-the-road trucking. We work many hours and many days in a row without time off. I personally work 21 days straight with three days off, in order to make a good week’s wage to pay the bills. Studying and completing assignments at your own pace is a necessity! When home, I attend the Belle Shoals church of Christ in Brandon, FL.



# The Book of Life



There is a unique book whose pages have never been read by humans. It has never been published, yet is reviewed and updated daily. This is no ordinary book and is written by no ordinary writer. In fact, the Bible calls Him the "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). He gave His own life for the very purpose of writing our names in this incredible Book of Life.

At World Bible School, we also long to see more names added to the Book of Life by finding students and seekers who so desperately need God's word. By now you have read in *Action!* about WBS' *ESV Study Edition Bible*. This Bible is now available to go directly into the hands of students who progress in their studies! (See details here: [worldbibleschool.net/incentive](http://worldbibleschool.net/incentive).) We at WBS have made an up-front faith commitment to our students and have ordered the Bibles. Please join us in faith that God's word is worth the commitment.

## Share Jesus Give a Bible.

**Incentive Bibles lead more to know Jesus! With your gift, WBS will provide WBS ESV Study Edition Bibles to WBS students who qualify.**

\$5 connects a seeker with a WBS Study Helper and provides a FREE Bible. A gift of \$100 provides 20 Bibles! Indicate your gift is for "Incentive Bibles".



In a sense, the Bible itself is also a Book of Life; it contains the words that are "spirit and life" (John 6:63). To give a Bible is to share the link to eternal life. Can you help us with a gift today to make sure these Bibles are fully funded and ready to be shipped to eager, proven students? We want WBS students worldwide to join those whom the apostle Paul calls "the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life" (Philippians 4:3).

My last article mentioned the joy of a student who receives the Bible, especially in a home with few or no books. What a privilege to own a copy of God's word—to study and to share with others. To be a part of providing that Bible is something truly unique and life changing!

Use the form below to send a gift today. Or, if you prefer, give a gift online at [worldbibleschool.net/give](http://worldbibleschool.net/give). Either way will make an eternal difference as more names are added to the Book of Life!

*Pat Brown is always available to talk to friends of WBS—individuals and churches. Contact him at [pat@worldbibleschool.net](mailto:pat@worldbibleschool.net).*



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## "It's Up to You Guys!"

*Editor's Note: Generations ahead of us are graduating to glory. Even if Action! had space, it could never do justice to these heroes of faith. Those we mention here represent many more. We honor them best by pressing forward with their, and our, shared mission. "Remember your leaders.... Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7).*

**Harry Robert Fox, Jr.** (1921-2017) was born to missionary parents in Tokyo, Japan. With his wife **Beth Reese** (twin sister of missionary to Italy, Gerald Paden), he served in missions to Japan, California, Oregon and Utah—self-supported for 20 years as a social worker for Los Angeles County and then in retirement. Their children's tribute states, "Their life-long passion

was to share with as many persons as possible the glorious implications of the Gospel of God's unconditional commitment to all of us in Christ." Harry Robert's sister-in-law Bobbie Paden (88) wrote to Beth (Paden) Reese, "The first wave of post-war missionaries is just about gone. It's up to you guys to keep on keeping on! God bless you!"

**Monroe E. Hawley** (1923-2017) with his wife **Julia** were classmates of Harry Robert Fox, Jr. In 1958, the Hawleys helped to establish the Southside church of Christ in Milwaukee and later the Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp. Monroe wrote four influential books on restoration histories and principles. Many WBS teachers have

sent his five correspondence sets as supplements to WBS materials. Course titles can be viewed at [hawleypublications.com](http://hawleypublications.com), and ordered from Monroe's grandson Luke Hawley in Iowa. Luke's email is [hawleypublications@gmail.com](mailto:hawleypublications@gmail.com) and his phone number is 712-722-1070.

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# Families Blessed

**M**any World Bible School study helpers work hard and long to share Jesus with students around the world. While these teachers seek no earthly reward, more friends and leaders are now giving them long-overdue recognition and using their examples to inspire others. One way to do this is to recognize them on the "Wall of Honor" at World Bible School's center in Cedar Park, TX. Alice Bradshaw, Tom King and Gerald Sinclair are among those so honored. Recently, exact duplicates of these three plaques were formally presented to their respective families in their congregations. WBS executive vice president Brian Davis made a presentation to Gerald's widow Joyce and her family at the Hilldale church of Christ, Clarkesville, TN. WBS president John Reese made similar presentations to Durwood Bradshaw and family, and to Sara King and family at Singing Oaks church of Christ, Denton, TX. John began by saying,



**Brian Davis with Joyce Sinclair**

*I am truly blessed to work with some of the finest people on earth—literally saints, made so by the power of Jesus name. We are here today to honor two such families who have been selfless servants for many, many years. They have been channels of blessing who carried the Good News of Jesus to countless seekers. These families are great examples of ordinary people made extraordinary by Jesus.*

Later, Sara wrote this note: "Thank you very much for honoring Tom and Alice on Sunday. It was a heartwarming day for me and my family.... I think that very few people who have not worked in WBS realize the impact it has had on spreading God's Word to a lost and dying world."

Be thinking about how your teachers should be honored. WBS leaders like John and Brian would be happy to assist, especially when sufficient time can be made for arrangements. For details on the "Wall of Honor" contact Sheryl at 512-345-8190.

**Invite us to help honor those where you are.**



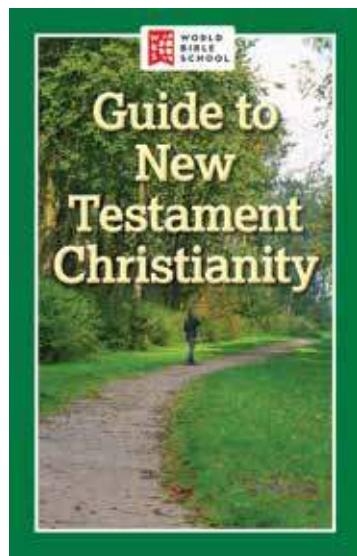
**John Reese and Jim Crain (left) assist in the Singing Oaks presentation.**

## Jesus remembered you in His will.

Have you remembered Him in yours?

**We say with Paul, "My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better." Yet, also like Paul, we feel needed for more progress here. Now we can do both: Share Jesus while health lasts and continue doing so long afterward. How? Through generous estate planning that includes World Bible School. Even after we depart to "be with Christ" we will be giving many others the same opportunity for eternal joy.**





## Announcing the Supplement: Guide to New Testament Christianity

In years past, World Bible School made available a booklet entitled *How To Become a Christian and Establish the Church of Christ in Your Community*. It served as a supplement for WBS students and addressed basic principles and practicalities for being “just Christians.” Through the years, the original writing (attributed to Cline Paden) underwent further refinement.

Now WBS is pleased to release a new and fresh successor entitled *Guide To New Testament Christianity*. The purpose remains the same. Contradictory forms of Christendom confuse people already beset by a bewildering array of religions and worldviews. Most seekers need clarity, starting with Scripture’s most basic concepts: Only Jesus has “all authority.” He is the one Head of one body, His church. True disciples follow His will as revealed through His apostles and described in the Scriptures.

WBS reaches into many situations and regions where examples of New Testament Christianity are few. Many scattered and isolated students require this kind of Bible study. The *Guide* is designed especially for them, but also benefits all who need clarity about Christianity as Christ intends it. The size is similar to the introductory course, *The Way*, and costs the same: 20 cents apiece (plus shipping). Contact us for a free electronic sample or to place an order.

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Wendell Broom

**Wendell Broom, Sr.** (1923-2017) and Betty were missionaries to the U.S. (Northeast and Hawaii) and Nigeria. While a professor of missions at ACU (1970-1993) and after retirement, they travelled the world for evangelism. At World Bible School events, he cited the fast-multiplying churches in Nigeria and shared three main factors: Native receptivity, WBS, and leadership training. In his final decadal study of Nigerian church growth, a third of the responding churches said that they started through WBS. Beth and I joined Betty, family and friends for the memorial service in Dallas.

Recently I attended the memorial for **Sara Long** (1928 – 2017). Long-time friend Mary Nell Kemper, herself a WBS coordinator, reminded me that “Harrison and Sara were awesome, dedicated coordinators.” They were conscientious to make sure WBS students benefited from good teaching and efficient turn-around times. In addition to many years as coordinators at Leander, TX, they volunteered countless hours at WBS in Cedar Park, helping Mary Nell to sort and forward mail from African students to American teachers. Their impact on Texas, Malawi, Jamaica and other regions is beyond earthy calculation.



## The WBS Team:

**Howard Norton** (upper center), chairman of the WBS Board, joined WBS personnel gathered in Cedar Park for two days of intensive planning and coordination.

## Join WBS at Red River Family Encampment June 24-28, 2017!

**D**irector Jerry Lawlis has invited WBS to play a major part in the 31<sup>st</sup> RRFE at Red River, New Mexico. WBS president John Reese will launch the theme “I Love to Tell the Story” at 4 P.M. on Saturday, June 24.

At the 10.30 A.M. class, beginning Sunday, June 25, John, Jonathan Towell, Bill Colwell and Ron Pottberg will share proven, cutting-edge tools for reaching America and the world. The class series combines a bright vision for America with proven case studies and details to meet your local needs. Whether your interest is Internet, Postal, Connect US or the new Bible, we will be available for personal consultations. Contact us at the WBS booth.

Info & pre-registration: [www.rrfe.org](http://www.rrfe.org)

Housing options: [www.redriver.org](http://www.redriver.org)



## Excited About Progress

Chris and Evellyn Magadu and Auswich & Onai Mashaba — CHIVERO, Zimbabwe

**O**ur mandate is to teach people to know the truth and apply it in their lives.

In the early part of this year, we focused on Chivero [south of Harare the capital] and experienced the power of the Gospel. We visited over a 100 households and taught 233. As a result 60 people were restored to



**Evellyn & Chris Magadu**

Christ, and ten were brought to Christ. Some 82 lessons were taught, and many signed up for World Bible School lessons as we made disciples and made sure people were fed with the truth.

The church at Chivero is more than excited about the progress with the help of the Gospel Chariot. If there is joy in heaven over one soul, imagine how much joy there is for so many who return to the Father. The church feels the love of God!



**Kyle, Auswich & Onai Mashaba**

*Editor's note: Chris and Auswich, with their wives and co-workers are part of the team we work with in Zimbabwe each mid-year. So far they have established nine congregations based largely on WBS follow up. Chivero is near Chris' home and is the site where Chivero Home of Hope plans to open in July 2017.*

## First Shepherds for Onga'di

Julius Ojunga and Tom Spoonts — ONGA'DI, Kenya

**J**ulius Ojunga frequently reports from Kenya about students recruited for WBS studies, and also follow up, baptisms and in due course new congregations. The Onga'di church of Christ, one of the nine churches Julius serves, recently appointed elders and deacons. The new shepherds are Simon Kimaguth, Robert Otieno and Samson Otieno. The deacons are Levans Otieno and Charles Ojode. Julius comments, "They are an encouragement to the area around them also. Please keep them in your prayers."



Tom and Bette Spoonts share the backstory: Bill and Pepper Anderson were baptized in a "We Care" campaign in Alvin, TX, about 20 years ago. After they moved to Cloudcroft, NM, Pepper wanted to teach by correspondence. WBS' Tex Williams, then a fellow-elder with Tom, sent her ten new students to start. One was Julius, who studied every WBS course, obeyed the Gospel and also converted his parents and a brother. They met for worship under trees.

American missionary Dan Bell visited and encouraged them. Using email, Tom mentored Julius—his "son in the faith"—for ten years. He also provided, on an annual basis, 200 to 300 WBS booklets that Julius uses for "WBS Seminars." After studying all courses, about 30 students graduate each year in a formal ceremony. Julius has now started eight new congregations using this approach. He mentors the leaders and young preachers.



**Ordaining elders in Kenya**



**Baptized student with Julius Ojunga**

## Swahili WBS to Go to Print

**A** good start has been made to reach 100 million who can use *Swahili World Bible School* (called *Shule ya Biblia Ulimwenguni* or *SBU*). In 2014, 6,000 copies of the courses were printed, from the *Way to Life* through *Born of Water and Spirit*. Now *Family of God* and *Living a Life of Love* have also been translated. The next printing needs \$16,000 and will position SBU to meet the growing demand. For more information, contact Phil Palmer, [phil@worldbibleschool.net](mailto:phil@worldbibleschool.net). Donations can be made out to **World Bible School**, earmarked "Swahili Printing".





# Breakthrough Strategies

**W**e at World Bible School are in the next exhaustive cycle of Strategic Planning. We draw first from the Bible's eternal truths, and then from current educational, business and mission models.

While the Strategic Plan covers five years (2017–2021), it undergoes regular review for changing conditions. But in every case, after the priority of honoring God, a leading concern is *needy people*. As a recent President's Report states, "WBS'



**WBS personnel work on 2017 plans.**

progress is good, but not good enough. We must find and implement strategies to break through our limitations." We must rocket past the million mark, and connect millions more with committed Christian Study Helpers. Why? To honor our Lord who gave us the Great Commission, and to fulfill His rescue plan, the Gospel. This is simply love for God and our neighbors at work.

The all-new *WBS Study Edition Bible (English Standard Version)* will play a major "break-through" role in at least two ways: Awareness and Incentive.

**Awareness** New people can apply for Bible courses only if they know of the offer. The Study Edition Bible's first printing (20,000) is swiftly entering public arenas, many going to WBS students worldwide. Additionally, bulk shipments have been ordered for Ghana (10,000) and Kenya (20,000). Each of these Bibles carries multiple notices of the free WBS Bible courses. For example, page 1391 concludes topical references and notes on Jesus by saying,

**The *WBS Study Edition Bible (ESV)* plays a major "break-through" role—for Awareness and as an Incentive.**

*The complete Knowing Jesus and other courses from the Master Series can be studied online or with printed lessons by mail. Enroll at [www.world-bibleschool.org](http://www.world-bibleschool.org), or see page 1367 for the postal address.*

Thus each distributed Bible creates awareness for new readers. The Bible's fine quality suggests the attractiveness of related courses. We anticipate many more enrollments through this avenue—another reason to disseminate this unique Bible generously!



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**Incentive** In addition to serving as an incentive for retention, the new Bible boosts enrollment. When qualified WBS students receive their Bibles, friends will notice and sign up for the same opportunity. You can proactively push the process. For example, if you are committed to the Free Bible Incentive Plan, as described in the March 2017 *Action!*, urge your student to enroll other students who can receive the same benefit from you. Make sure those new names come to you for fulfillment (other teachers may not be using incentive Bibles). When you send a Bible yourself, include flyers or notes—with a relevant postal address and URL—that the student can share with friends. WBS Connect programs can especially benefit from the recruiting power of a Bible.

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