

## UNPACKING YOUR WBS TOOLBOX



It often surprises us how little is understood about World Bible School, even by people who know us well.

Modern life is busy. Most of us tend to be occupied in our respective silos. Even those who focus on evangelism may not realize how WBS can extend their reach and multiply their results. Perceptions may be stuck in a time warp, not realizing that WBS has adapted continually with changing times and technologies. An entire range of WBS tools speeds the Gospel to literally millions.

What kind of tool can possibly accelerate worldwide evangelism? The answer is simple. Yes, you read right. “Simple!” The intentional simplicity of WBS tools makes them useful for many thousands of disciples. Christian workforces must grow and

**Brian Davis shares WBS outreach tools with Pacius from Haiti and college students at Harding’s Global Missions Experience.**



proliferate dramatically if churches of Christ are serious about impacting ever-expanding populations around the world.

Besides, this is the Lord’s strategy, embedded in the Great Commission itself. Each new disciple learns to obey “all” of Christ’s commands, which certainly includes His command just given—“Make disciples.” He planned for every disciple made to become a disciple maker. Following that inspired principle, WBS equips and engages everyday Christians and connects them with seekers. Even better, WBS works hard on scalability, meaning that teachers can increase into the hundreds of thousands, and students into the multiplied millions. This vision empowers even more tool- building at the present time, with ever-fresh R&D.

Follow *Action!* throughout 2018 as we explore amazing WBS tools. Discover their relevance for you and your co-workers. The number of new students enrolled in 2017 exceeded 1,000,000, with baptisms pacing accordingly.

Exciting stories of Kingdom progress and changed lives keep pouring in, so join us for the best year yet!

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## WBS TOOLS Pass on the Faith

Brian Davis — CEDAR PARK, Texas

Since 2005, the Hillcrest church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, has been working in a church planting mission among the Kaonde tribe of the Mumena Chieftaincy in Northwest Zambia. Every July, Hillcrest sends several of their graduating senior high students to teach among the Kaonde. These young people spend six months preparing to teach a four day Gospel meeting with a total of 28 hours of classes. How does Hillcrest prepare their young people to accomplish this feat of sharing their faith? World Bible School!

These young teachers are trained in two important ways using WBS tools:

1. In knowing the Bible's life-changing teachings, and
2. In knowing how to communicate the Gospel cross-culturally.

WBS tools are uniquely qualified to help our emerging teachers within the church understand how to share their faith in powerful and relevant ways. When these young teachers are prepared with WBS tools, they end up with a stronger personal faith and the skills to defend that faith in an ever-changing society. What a blessing for the teacher! What a blessing for the church! What a blessing for the world!

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Doyle and Barbara Kee:

## Ambassadors to the French-Speaking World

Doyle and Barbara Kee have moved to Searcy, AR, after 47 years of evangelism based in Europe. Their interest in the French world began with a strong missions heritage and, as students at Harding College, campaigns to Montreal and Paris. Their full-time work in Geneva, Switzerland, began in 1970. The church there has become a hub for outreach to Europe and the world.

A combination of campaign travels, publications and Internet teaching has extended the Kees' reach. Over the years, they have become church planting pioneers in places such as Romania, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Chad, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo, Niger and Benin. In the capital of the latter, Cotonou, they facilitated the Center for World Bible School which serves French-speaking nations.

Barbara has focused on a French version of World Bible School, teaching many thousands in 40 countries by correspondence. They have seen conversions continuously over the years. Doyle developed a correspondence series called **Ecole du Maitre (School of the Master)** for leadership training that also has worldwide impact. Their children, Mark, David and Bonnie, and their families, continue to be involved in the overall mission.

The Kees have long been a significant center for networking among French-

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# TOOLS for God's Work



January is great time to look back and say, "Look what God did last year!" In 2017 we saw new students exceed the one million mark. We assisted many thousands in obeying the Gospel.

A big part of that was you! Thank you for making WBS' 2017 \$500K Match/Challenge such a great success, and for strengthening the WBS toolbox you'll be hearing about this year. In all this, you are the Lord's living instrument because World Bible School really is "You. Sharing Jesus."

Speaking of a tool in your toolbox, do you have your copy of WBS' new ESV Study Edition Bible? Through God's initiative in 2017, some **60,000 copies of this Bible went to work**: equipping teachers and campaigners, incentivizing students, leading learners, enhancing pews—in short, proving useful anywhere there is a need for a compact, easy-to-read copy of God's word. Seeing the overwhelming response, WBS ordered an additional 60,000 copies that arrived in November. Such a big breakthrough for New

Testament Christianity urgently needs your assistance! Please see [worldbibleschool.net/bible](http://worldbibleschool.net/bible) to see how you can get this low cost tool into the hands of students, your home congregation and your personal toolbox for 2018.

You can also be advocates for WBS. The WBS mission is to pair seekers with a study helper who shares Jesus and His saving plan for all people. Take a serious look at how your mission

## Thanks for making 2017 a great success in sharing Jesus!

dollars will be spent in 2018. WBS has proven for over 40 years how God is moving in mighty, yet cost-effective, ways. Imagine what can be done if you double your gift from last year. Or if you have never given to WBS, what could be done by a first-time gift this year. Don't wait! Begin the year by giving back to God to reach those still needing Good News. Please mail a gift or give online now at [worldbibleschool.net/give](http://worldbibleschool.net/give). May God bless your 2018!

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

## 60,000 More Bibles Arrive!

The Bible is the greatest of all books. One Bible is infinitely weighty. Its content flows straight from the mind of God through His inspired writers.

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60,000 WBS Bibles fill two 40 ft. trailers pulled by semi-trucks. These two loads arrived on November 29 at World Bible School's home in Cedar Park. James Brock, WBS' warehouse manager, had prepared well for WBS' largest inventory to date, as that day's cargoes followed soon after WBS course deliveries that totaled 850,000 booklets. Your support is essential for WBS to handle



such large operations that reach millions of learners worldwide. We thank God for you, and for James who handles many demands with grace and efficiency.



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# Honoring Lonny Allison

**R**ick Shur, with elder Blakey Bradley, honored Lonnie Allison at the church of Christ at Trenton Crossing, Clarksville, TN. Rick, as WBS' regional representative, presented the Wall of Honor plaque to Lonnie's widow, Donna, which reads in part:

*The WBS program at Trenton Crossing has been blessed for over ten years by the faithful service of Lonny Allison. Lonny's devotion was a powerful example. He mentored workers and drew others into the work with his steadfast excitement. He literally sent thousands of introductory lessons. Lonny also headed up the Malawi portion of the congregation's WBS efforts. Above his work area was a map of the world and Malawi within his touch. A list of the towns served was always nearby. He delighted in receiving the mailings from Malawi. Lonny's prayers for students who sent in prayer requests with lessons were offered at the beginning of group work sessions. He included prayers for all WBS students, as well as church family members. Group members will miss his heartfelt prayers beginning and ending each work session.*



**Rick and Blakey honoring Lonny**

# Remembering Tom Spoonts

**T**om Spoonts was born on June 7th, 1926, and left for glory from his home in Liberty Hill, TX, on November 21, 2017. Tom and his wife Bette partnered with World Bible School from at least 1984 when Reuel Lemmons was appointed to lead World Bible School, and operations moved from California to Texas.



**Bette and Tom Spoonts**

Tom and Reuel helped to start the Westover Hills church of Christ in Austin and served together as elders. (Tom served 25 years, having previously been an elder for eight years in Carlsbad, NM.) Bette was Reuel's secretary and records keeper for WBS. They also worked closely with Reuel's successor, Tex Williams and his wife Mary Jane. Tom's career was in traffic engineering for major cities.

Through the years, WBS has been one of their effective evangelistic tools. As self-supporting missionaries in retirement, Tom and Bette served St. Kitts, Hawaii, Central America and their U.S. home churches in Cloudcroft, NM, and Smithwick, TX. They have partnered with Randolph Prentiss in St. Kitts and Julius Ojunga in Kenya, whose prolific work with WBS is reported in *Action!* As Tom's obituary in the *Austin American-Statesman* stated, "Tom loved the Lord Jesus with all his heart, soul, mind and strength."



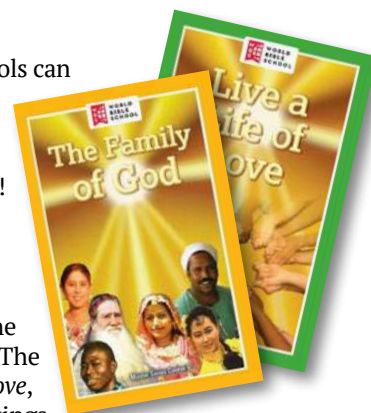
**A graduation at Julius Ojunga's WBS school sponsored by Tom Spoonts**

## WBS Tools Pass on the Faith—from page 2

Do you have events in your congregation where WBS tools can help equip your members to share their faith? Think about it... not only WBS programs, but VBS, campaigns, Sunday school, mission trips, youth devotionals, ladies classes, mid-week classes and more. Put WBS tools to work for you!

### **TOOLS** *Family of God and Live a Life of Love*

The curriculum for the 2017 Mumena campaign was the *Family of God*, an in-depth study of Jesus and His church. The biblical base for this course, and its sequel *Live a Life of Love*, is the book of Ephesians with related New Testament writings called "the Ephesian collection." At the core is Ephesians itself. Surrounding it, supplying context and inspired commentary, are books like Acts (showing how the church began in Ephesus) and 1 Timothy and Revelation (written to Ephesus). A third layer of related books—such as Ephesians' twin Colossians—fills out the picture. These writings define the Lord's family or church, and they nurture Christian growth. In preparing *Family* and *Live*, the guiding question was, "How did the apostles, directed by the Holy Spirit, mature their converts?" The research was extensive and meticulous. As part of WBS' Master Series, these studies are useful for correspondence but are also designed for small group discussions that focus on the Scriptures themselves. Mumena campaigners used the person-to-person and group methods, and in 2018 plan to do the same with the companion course *Live a Life of Love*.



## Doyle and Barbara Kee: Ambassadors to the French-Speaking World—from page 2

speaking mission works. Their publication is called *French World Missions Newsletter* (FWMN). With their move to the U.S., it will only be available via email. If you would like to receive this comprehensive report, send an email to [coursbiblique.kee@gmail.com](mailto:coursbiblique.kee@gmail.com). While you are sending that email, congratulate them on their service and on their recent move to be with family in the U.S.



**The Kees at their FWM display**

In French, WBS is called *Ecole Mondiale de la Bible*. The WBS Master Series Courses are available in French online. Students can access these seven courses at [ecolemondialedelabile.org](http://ecolemondialedelabile.org). Printed versions of the first six of the seven Master Series Courses can be ordered at 877-393-0211. Christians who wish to apply to become online teachers can apply to [aide@ecolemondialedelabile.net](mailto:aide@ecolemondialedelabile.net).

**Editor's Note:** *The WBS Study Edition Bible continues to garner rave reviews from across the country and around the world. Some endorsements are especially meaningful—such as this one for the new prison Bible from one of the brotherhood's most effective prison ministries.*

## Great Bible for Prisoners!

Every now and then something comes along that ought to make us sit up and pay attention! Jail/prison ministries can greatly benefit from the new Bibles produced and made available through World Bible School. The English Standard Version is easy-to-read with decent font size and contains both Testaments. Improved binding eliminates contraband issues, and the size and weight are reasonable for mailing. The concordance feature and the other Bible helps combine to enhance study. I would like to see cases of these Bibles sent to every chaplain for free distribution to each general population and the cost is most affordable. I hope and pray brethren everywhere will seize this opportunity.

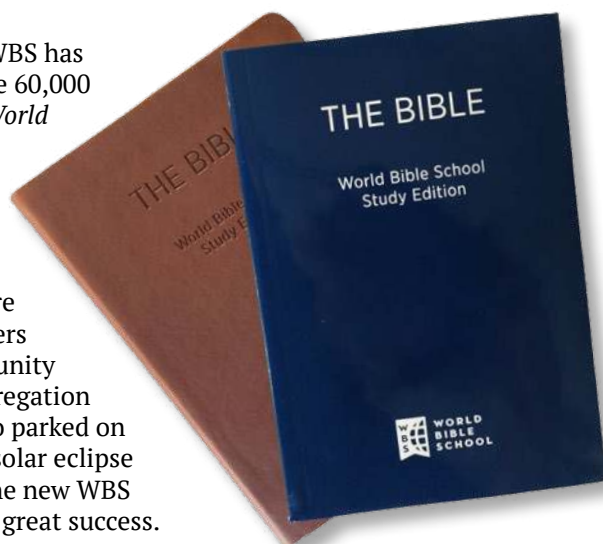
*Buck Griffith, President,  
NewLife Behavior Ministries*



# WBS Study Edition Prison Bibles—Available Now!

Bill Colwell — CEDAR PARK, Texas

Since December of 2016, WBS has sold and distributed some 60,000 copies of the *The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition*. Since then, congregations and individuals have found many creative ways to use it. In addition to sending them to their WBS students, some are using them as pew Bibles. Others use them in a variety of community outreach ministries. One congregation even gave Bibles to people who parked on their parking lot to watch the solar eclipse last August! By any measure the new WBS Study Edition Bible has been a great success.

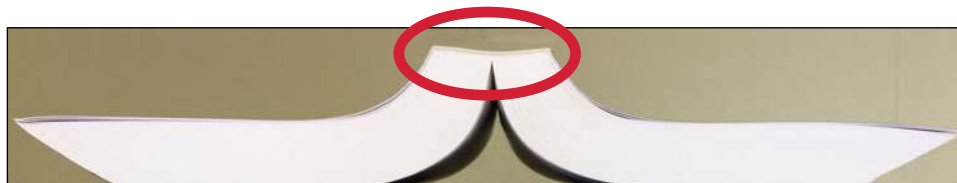


One area where this new Bible has seen limited use is in prison and jail ministries. Because it has a binding that is not completely glued together, concern that contraband might be hidden inside it caused some authorities not to allow its use in their penal facilities.

As always, WBS seeks to be responsive to evangelistic needs. To overcome the binding problem, WBS has printed quantities of *The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition* especially for prisons and jails. The content and size are the same, but the binding is fully glued, and the cover has a paper look (compared with the more popular leather look). This removes the contraband problem, and should make this convenient and inexpensive Bible acceptable in more prisons and jails. Before sending it to incarcerated WBS students, please double-check to make sure that the specific facility will allow it inside.



## A Big Difference? Absolutely!



### **FT TOOLS** The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition

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The same prices apply to The Bible: World Bible School Study Edition for prisons and jails. As described above, this Bible is the same size and has all the benefits of the ESV with WBS study notes. The differences are simply in the binding and the cover.

# Love Notes

## Adera Mulugetu

*Dear my teacher, Gale Scott, I heard that today is Mother's Day in your country. I do not have any mothers alive but one, the one who led me to Jesus. Thank you!*

[From Gale: Actually, it was Thanksgiving Day, which was just as appropriate. Adera now helps to coordinate World Bible School follow up in Ethiopia.]

## Nnebue Kingsley

*Ma, good day, I am glad to inform you that a member of the church of Christ visited me today and we both went to a river and I was baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus. Thanks for your assistance. Anything you know that will be required for me to do well in the kingdom of God, please do not hesitate to make it available to me. Thanks once again.*

## Makinde Olufemi

*We received four packages of lessons from Keith Bowman and Bill Dorritt of Summerville [SC] congregation last week. [Bill now resides in Maine.] We have commenced sharing the lessons with students in rural areas, and also recruiting more students for the free WBS correspondence courses in Oyo, Ondo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos State. We appreciate the World Evangelism team [for providing] books for free distribution during the February 2018 Great Workshop where Chad Wagner, Bill Pennell, Ron Pottberg and over 400 [Nigerian WBS follow up workers will gather].*

## Lynda Walker

*I'm excited about your new ESV Bible. Since I'm 90 with eye problems, I use a flashlight for much of my reading. I'll be ordering more to give away after I check it out. I pray for WBS every evening. Thank you for your passionate support of world evangelism and the inspiration you are to so many. In Christian love,*  
Lynda

# WBS Day in Kenya

Phil Palmer — ABILENE, Texas

The Lord keeps blessing WBS in East Africa! In November, at least 12 congregations around Kenya hosted the first ever **World Bible School Day**. Represented at those gatherings were over 55 churches of Christ. The objective of WBS Day was to spur more student recruiting to finish 2017 strong, and to give deserved credit and thanks to the hundreds of WBS volunteer workers and thousands of WBS students in Kenya. As a Sunday celebration, it gave God the praise for what He is doing in Kenya. From just the numbers I have, there was a combined WBS Day attendance of over 1,000 people, and new student enrollments associated with the event exceeded 2,400.



Every participating church planned their event as they chose. Some had WBS T-shirts made, some gave several days dedicated to prayer, fasting and outreach/recruiting before the event. Many had multiple congregations assemble together. Below are partial reports representative of the many celebrations that took place.

### Tom Opondo — Nairobi

We celebrated WBS with an Appreciation Day at Magadi Road church of Christ. It was a good day! The day was well spent with WBS testimonies, preaching and compiling a list of new [WBS] registrations. We had a fellowship meal with the church community. Gospel Chariot Ministry provided a big tent, chairs, sound system and an evangelist.

### Richard Karima — Nairobi

The WBS Day Celebration here at Nairobi church of Christ Eastleigh...was wonderful, splendid, spectacular and very great!!!!... The place was crowded with people of all walks from various churches.... We expected a total of 300 people. But the number shot to well over 400 participants. 200 people registered [for WBS] and 150 did their introduction lessons the same hour.



Kenyan WBS Day fellowship meal

**These three Christians** have been instrumental in recruiting and follow up, bringing many to Christ through WBS. David Koech, Mauryn Mbuvi and Tobias Olweny visited the United States to represent Kenya Widows and Orphans (KWO), a prolific benevolence ministry that spun off of World Bible School teaching in Kenya led at the time by John de Fore and his WBS team in Midland, TX.



# God's Success Story!

It's no secret that God uses WBS as powerfully in prison ministry as anywhere in the world.

Clay Martin — HOBBS, New Mexico

**D**uring the past four years, we have witnessed God's power in our prison ministry here in Hobbs. There are approximately 1,200 inmates in Lea County Correctional Facility. Within the walls sits a pod called "God's Pod." This is not your ordinary pod. To be in this pod requires participation in the program outlined by the Chaplain, Wayne Brazil. The program is simple: immerse yourself in Jesus!



**Ronnie Richard, Clay Martin, Keith Rall and Daniel Dominguez. Keith is a deacon for WBS at Jefferson St, and serves on the WBS Board.**

Presently 66 men live in this pod; some commit to Jesus, some move on. We at Jefferson St. church of Christ are witnessing God's kingdom increase, with 72 men baptized into the Lord. The impact Jesus is making in these men's lives is a generational and family shift. Now, for the first time, these men are learning how to change life and family culture.

That is just the beginning of God's success story. He is also providing our men the opportunity to acquire a Bachelor of Theology from the University of the Southwest—a first in New Mexico. Two generous men, the Cawels, have been moved to fund their education. Presently, the third cohort of 25 men are studying toward their education goal.

**We have witnessed God's power in our prison ministry here.**

The first class of 25 men earned their Bachelor's degrees and graduated this past summer. Three graduated with a 3.75, and 22 with a 4.0. Presently three men have transferred to the Grants, NM, prison facility, and seven have transferred to the Los Lunas, NM, facility where they are sharing Jesus. Since the move to Los Lunas, 50 inmates have been baptized into Christ. Among their chosen tools are WBS courses. The other 15 men are in Hobbs discipling, conducting Bible studies and worshiping. *From a pod of 66, to Christians in three prison facilities.* God is on the move, doing more than all that we can ask or imagine!

We pray God moves you to join this mission field.  
We invite you to the  
**45th Annual Prison Ministry Workshop**  
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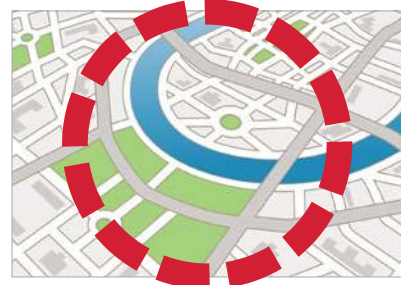


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