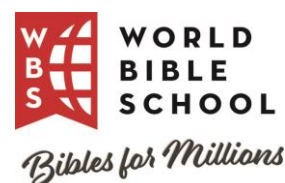


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WHAT ARE “SHORT INTRO” LESSONS & HOW CAN THEY HELP ME?

How would you like to get new postal students who have already completed the Introductory course booklet? How about getting new students whose first quiz is ready for grading, and to whom you could send the next WBS courses right away? The great news is...You can! While the process that most study helpers are familiar with is to send the Intro course booklet *The Way To Life* to your new students, we can now offer you students who have already completed this course and are ready for the next courses. We can do this because in 20 countries WBS workers are distributing what we call a “Short Intro” lesson to new students. This lesson, a condensed version of *The Way to Life*, allows students to study the lesson, answer the questions and give the completed quiz back to those who gave it to them. Those answer sheets are sent electronically to Sherri, who then makes them available to WBS study helpers. Using these Short Intros allows study helpers to begin teaching students who have already demonstrated their interest and are ready for more. Call Sherri at 512-345-8190 for these student names today!

“BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY”...COMING SOON



On October 7th 2021, the 8th annual National “Bring Your Bible to School Day” will be held in the U.S. This event, which encourages students to bring their Bibles to school as a public show of support of their faith, is also a great opportunity for congregations to find ways to give Bibles to students in their area, possibly even in their area schools. The photos here show the nearly 2,000 WBS Study Edition Bibles given away by the



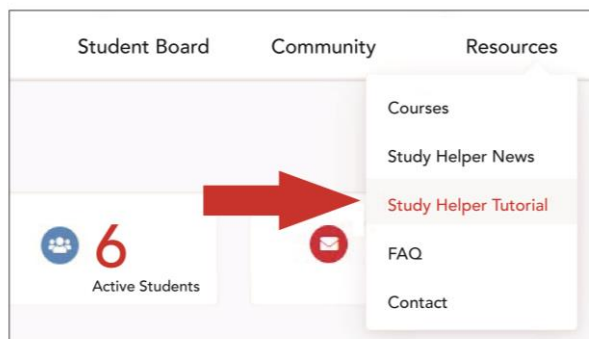
Pickwick church of Christ in Counce, TN, to students in public schools in their area the day before the 2018 “Bring Your Bible...” event, and a young man who received one of those Bibles reading away on the hood of his grandmother’s car! Can your congregation use this opportunity to give Bibles to students in your area? Give it a try to find out...and call Debbie at 877-393-0211 to order Bibles.

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS ARE GOING UP...WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH STUDY HELPERS TO TEACH THEM ALL?

In 2020, the COVID pandemic greatly reduced the number of new students WBS was able to register worldwide. In fact, last year the number of new postal students enrolled was 447,000, down 60% from the 2019 total of 1,202,339. So what’s happening in 2021? So far we’re seeing a significant rebound in several areas. For example, from January - July 2021, total new postal students enrolled = 444,442 (just under the total for all of 2020!) The number of U.S. postal students enrolled for the same period = 57,087, a 100% increase over the same time frame in 2020. What’s the bottom line to these numbers? As COVID has eased in many parts of the world, we’re seeing a sizeable rebound in student recruitment, both internationally and in the U.S. And with that increase come increased opportunities for Christians to use WBS tools to reach those searching for the truth! Now is a great time to encourage your congregation to get involved with WBS, or to invite members to help grow your existing WBS work. We are always available to assist and would love to give a presentation at your congregation. Call Bill or Richard at 512-345-8190 if you have questions or would like to schedule a visit.

REMINDERS

- Are you a new WBS online study helper? Does the updated WBS website (www.worldbibleschool.org) look different and perhaps a bit unfamiliar to you? If so, take a look at the online tutorials, designed to answer your questions and help you be more comfortable navigating the site. You can find them at the top of any page, under the “Resources” heading, as shown to the right.
- You have heard it said that a smart investor doesn’t “put all his eggs into one basket”. The idea is that when one area doesn’t produce as desired, others will make up for it. The same principle applies to teaching with WBS. If you are concentrating your teaching efforts in one particular country and are seeing disappointing results, consider diversifying into other countries. Sherri can provide you with new student names from a variety of countries around the world. Give her a call at 512-345-8190 today!
- I continue to be amazed at how people find creative ways to use WBS materials to reach the lost. Recently Jack and Inez Carney from Pueblo West, CO, wrote us about how they are using WBS Study Edition Bibles. They drive to the local Walmart or Safeway parking lot, park in a very conspicuous spot, place magnetic signs that read “Free Bibles” on their car doors, and then set out WBS Bibles on a card table next to their car. To date they have given away 139 Bibles this way! In addition, they recently gave away Bibles in the food court of a local mall. One man was so interested that Jack had a Bible study with him on the spot. As Inez wrote “we never know when we might find someone with an open and sincere heart who really wants to know the truth.” Thanks, Jack and Inez, for your great example!
- FYI...the new price to ship a WBS Incentive Bible to an overseas student is now \$10 (up from \$9).



- This year WBS is hosting two benefit dinners; an in-person event in Nashville, TN, on Oct 7th, and an in-person and livestreamed event in Austin, TX, on Nov 9th. As shown on the left, this year’s dinner theme is “The Cure...true healing for the world”. Both events provide a great opportunity to learn how WBS is equipping Christians with tools that make it simple to share the Gospel, and to hear reports about how lives are being changed as a result. Join us in person at either dinner, or plan a “watch party” for your congregation to join us virtually at the Austin dinner. For more information, call us at 512-345-8190.

HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, IDEAS?

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Accra Ghana high school students with WBS Bibles and graduation certificates upon completion of their WBS studies. Retention rates among Ghana PREP students remains around 60-70%!