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WE CAN **SHARE**
THE MIGHTY
NAME OF
JESUS.

BY **BRIAN REX DAVIS** CEDAR PARK, TEXAS
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Over the last few years, I've noticed a change in younger generations.

As life's questions of purpose, happiness and human suffering are considered, I see more and more people looking for a rock on which to stand.

No longer are the shifting sands of relativism satisfying discerning minds. After all, how comfortable can it be standing in intellectual and spiritual quicksand?

In light of this "felt need," Jesus speaks "as one having authority." The same astonishment that met Jesus in Matthew 7:28, awaits the seeker of the Word. Truth is divinely revealed, and people can know the truth which can still set them free today. The Rock on which to stand is Jesus!

Are we willing to present this Word to our friends and neighbors, to our children and grandchildren? Can I find the courage to step out of the relativistic sludge of

political correctness and speak Jesus' name and teachings as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11)?

The world convinces us to just step lightly—be a good example, but remain silent. Yet the Rock of Ages must be proclaimed for the world to know Him.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock (Isaiah 26:4).

When unbelievers told Jesus to keep his followers silent, Jesus said that "if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (Luke 19:40).

As our world seeks a rock on which to stand, let us take this time of opportunity and find our courage by which we can share the mighty name of Jesus. As did the apostles and early Christians, let us teach His ways with boldness!

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High school students in Ghana hear and respond to an invitation to study the Bible with WBS.

ROCK SOLID LESSONS

BY **JOHN REESE** SEARCY, ARKANSAS
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The scene has been reenacted hundreds of times in many places:

We meet a school's headmaster in his cluttered office. We seek permission to present World Bible School to the high school students. He frowns skeptically,

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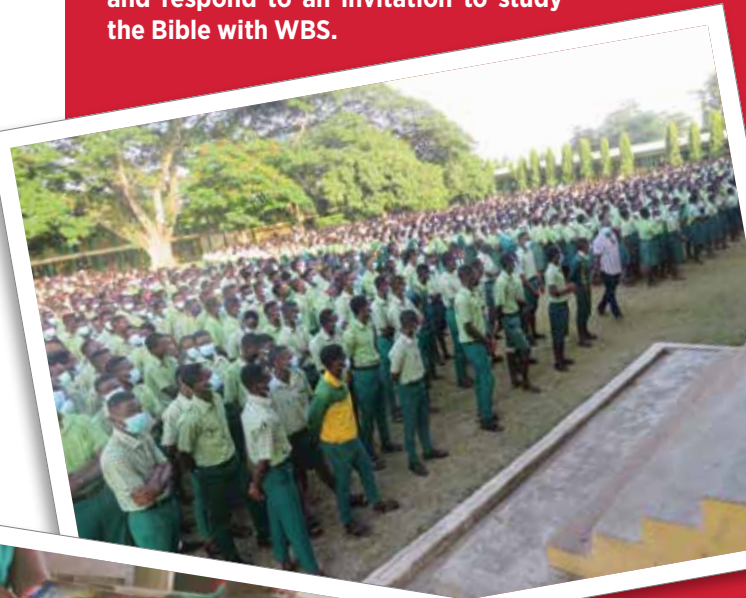
Silence ensues while the headmaster surveys course after course. Eventually he looks up with a smile, "This is just from the Bible. It fits well with our R.I. We will call the students together for assembly. You can offer your free Bible lessons to them."

In many parts of Africa, our typical experience is that about half of those present register to study. In

a high school of 1,000, it's not unusual for 500 to enroll immediately. Some drop out, but later, as the others see booklets arriving, they too enroll. Schools take in new students each year, so we can visit them regularly with similar results.

What is the "R.I." that the headmaster referred to? Religious Instruction. Africans tend to respect the Bible. They value character development in education. Many government and private schools, therefore, include R.I. in their normal curricula. Since WBS lessons are so obviously Bible-based, without sectarian leanings, they are a natural fit.

More than once, school administrators have commented to me on improved attitudes and behaviors from their students who study with WBS. The Bible has that effect.



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Before Using Social Media, **T.H.I.N.K.**

BY **DEREK DRAKE** LOVELAND, OHIO
 WBS SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST

There are certainly bad elements of social media, things that we must be mindful of. (See the January and March issues of **ACTION!**). However, we shouldn't dismiss these tools all together. "Be watchful" (1Peter 5:8), but we should and can utilize social media *for good*. For our children to have a future of positive interactions and experiences on social media, we need to guide them with how we use these tools. Our arrows (Psalm 127:4) can only fly true if we are preparing them properly.

Social media has exposed a filter-less "sharing without caring" attitude among most users. As Christians, however, I humbly challenge you to adopt the "T.H.I.N.K." philosophy (at right) to guide both your interaction online and your conduct in life. Admittedly, I rarely get to the "K" before I either delete a comment or choose not to share. I also fail in this often as well. However, I believe strongly that Paul's focus principles in Philippians 4:8—"...think about these things"—should be our goal.

I encourage you to share positive, uplifting and faith-based content on social media. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world." Are we shining that light on social media? If you're in need of quality content to share on social media, be sure to like the WBS Facebook page. We share daily Bible verses (Monday through Friday) and videos from time-to-time that encourage seekers to register for WBS studies. Also encourage your children (and join them) to study together in a trustworthy and good social environment like Mathetis. Teach them how to share their faith in a positive way. Overall, remember to shine your light in a way that reflects Christ in all you do (Titus 2:7-8) so your children will see, and those arrows will fly true!



**WE CAN AND SHOULD
 UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA
 FOR GOOD!**

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Before posting on social media, sending that email and sharing or communicating in general, ask yourself...is it:

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A South Sudanese WBS student is baptized.

INVEST IN NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY

BY **WILLIAM BUSH** SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE
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WBS is dedicated to the practice of New Testament Christianity—that is, to make disciples as Jesus prescribed and to teach them to observe all His commandments

(Matthew 28:19-20).

We are competing each day for the hearts, minds and souls of millions! This is especially true for our young people. False teachings dressed as truth are widespread and more accessible than ever. Vast sums of money are spent every year to indoctrinate humanity with these teachings, including those within the church. Some claim to be Christians but pervert Christ to fit their own agendas, while others directly reject Christ for an alternative lifestyle. Only Christ can offer the abundant life we are all seeking (John 10:10).

Each dollar invested with WBS goes

to promoting truth within high-quality evangelistic tools and material. These tools can be used by Christians of all ages to save the lost and strengthen the Lord's church.

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William mans a booth to equip young people to share Jesus.

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Why did WBS choose the ESV?

We have a high standard for a Bible translation to be accurate, readable and recognizable to people around the world. The English Standard Version (ESV) is a good version based on these criteria.

Why will WBS no longer publish its ESV Bible?

We have published our ESV Bible by licensing the rights from its copyright owner, Crossway. After five years, Crossway reviewed our license agreement to: a) reevaluate the teaching of the WBS study helps and b) increase the licensing fees. Disappointingly, **Crossway decided not to renew our license.** They cited a handful of doctrinal issues in our study helps as nonconforming to "historic Reformation orthodoxy". Most notably, they specifically did not affirm our study helps' teaching of adult baptism for the forgiveness of sins. As a result, after 2022 WBS will no longer be able to offer any WBS ESV Study Bibles.

We will continue to use the ESV translation in our study materials. We will also continue to offer the ESV Bible as a download available with our WBS App and Lite App. Our WBS study helps are available as a separate download on the apps.

What Bible will take the place of the ESV?

The New King James Version (NKJV) also meets our translation criteria. We have offered a **WBS NKJV Study Bible** since 2019 and will continue to for the foreseeable future. The study helps are exactly the same as in the ESV, adapted to quote NKJV passages and phrases.



Why is the NKJV Study Bible more expensive than the ESV Study Bible?

Several factors add to the cost of publishing a WBS Study Bible, most notably, the copyright holder's licensing agreement and related fees. Global paper supply shortages and inflationary pressure on production and shipping have also increased costs. The NKJV Study Bible also includes additional features such as Jesus' words in red, cross-references, better paper and a dictionary/concordance. For comparison, the cost for WBS to produce the NKJV Bible is well over double that of the ESV Bible.

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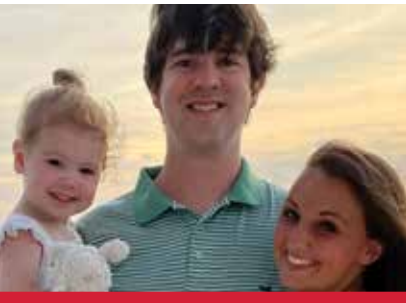
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Reaction to **ACTION!**

BY **WILL MYHAM** MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
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HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST



This month, I will begin my 11th year of full-time work in youth ministry. One vital point that has continued to remain constant no matter the place or time is *young people's need and desire for Jesus.*

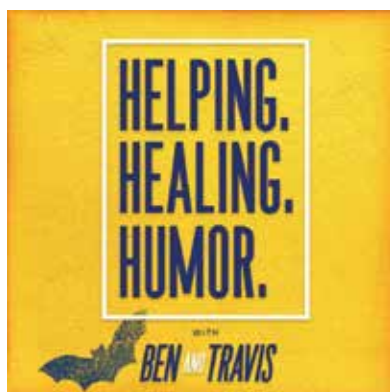
I believe sometimes we overthink how to reach the younger generations with the Gospel. From my experience across several states, the phrase rings true, "People do not care about how much you know until they know how much you care."

**OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW
THAT THEY MATTER TO US.**

Our young people see the divisiveness in the world—and *they are tired of it.* They are looking for the unity of which Jesus teaches, for something uniquely meaningful. If we are not there to show them *Jesus*, the world will pull them in to their beliefs.

In our ministry, we have used the Mathetis tool to connect to our teens and help grow their relationship with Jesus. It's a means for organic conversations to happen while building more profound connections. Mathetis has great content to open doors in trusting conversation.

Our young people want to know that they matter to us. When we spend time with them, it shows them that we want to invest in who they are. When we invest in young people's lives, they will be willing to listen. Let's help them hear Jesus!



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