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10,000,000 AND *Bibles for Millions*

BY **BRIAN REX DAVIS** CEDAR PARK, TEXAS
WBS ACTION! EDITOR AND PRESIDENT



The second letter in WBS stands for “Bible”.

In reality, this is the most important word in our ministry’s name. The Word of God is a gift so precious, the Bible says of it, “I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.” (Psalms 119:162 NKJV)

World Bible School is committed to sharing God’s Word with the world! We make a promise to all of our Study Helpers: if you have a student who completes the fifth course in our Master Series and want to send your student a Bible, we will provide the Bible at no cost if you pay the shipping cost. This commitment results

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL IS
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WORD WITH THE WORLD!**

in thousands of Bibles being sent to students who have proven their pursuit of understanding God’s will through faithful study. This is only possible because of so many of you who generously support WBS.

The picture above shows a young man who has committed his life to preaching the Gospel in the country of Zimbabwe. You will notice that he has a WBS Study Bible. I was privileged to preach a Gospel meeting with Blessing in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe. Blessing is a student at the Mutare School of Preaching.

Not only does WBS provide great study Bibles, but we are committed to the sound teaching that must



Blessing Magorokosho, a Mutare School of Preaching student, and Brian share a Gospel message.

accompany Bible study. It was the apostle Paul who wrote by inspiration, *But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”* (Romans 10:14-15 ESV)

God has included the Christian teacher in the formula for how faith is shared from heart to heart, from generation to generation.

Whether you preach a Gospel meeting or share Jesus through WBS’ printed and digital tools, you are preaching the Good News. Whether you are sent as a missionary or you are sending printed lessons through the mail, you are helping God’s lost children to know their Heavenly Father’s will.

The Ethiopian eunuch asked of the evangelist Phillip, *“How can I [understand], unless someone guides me?”... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.* (Acts 8:31,35 ESV)

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MISSION (& HEALTH) UPDATE

BY **JOHN REESE** SEARCY, ARKANSAS
WBS PRESIDENT EMERITUS

MISSION TRAVELS

In view of the Great Commission, what an on-target, energizing goal: **10,000,000** for Christ! Our mission travels are just one facet of the teamwork for reaching 10 million. Despite mail problems, millions still apply for WBS' paper courses. Thus, WBS is improving paper methods along with digital methods. "Prepositioning" means printing WBS courses closer to students, then using scanning to accelerate teacher-student interactions. This summer, our team worked on Zimbabwe's prepositioning pilot. We trained 58 WBS workers at Avondale (my first home congregation). WBS follow up seminars at Prince Edward (my old high school) and Herentals College resulted in 129 baptisms, reflecting responses across Zimbabwe: Mutare: 15; Igava: 65; Chikomba: 74; Murewa: 48. Such receptivity fully deserves our involvement and investment.

BETH'S ILLNESS



Beth became ill in Zimbabwe. Her condition had deteriorated when we reached our missionary son, Danny, in Angola. He soon arranged emergency flights, first to a local missionary hospital, then, August 11, to Windhoek, Namibia, where Beth was in

ICU 13 days. Our daughter Tammy Short, a nurse, flew in from America and joined the team treating Beth. A couple of times we thought we might lose Beth. Thanks be to God, she improved. We then flew from Windhoek via Doha to Dallas, September 3-4.

**BETH WAS
IN INTENSIVE
CARE FOR
13 DAYS...**

The Summer '22 Zimbabwe Mission Team: (clockwise from left) Alice (WBS Zimbabwe Coordinator) and Washington (WBS Board Member) Mhlanga; John and Beth; Phil (WBS Eastern Africa Envoy) and Elaine Palmer; Machona Monyamane (WBS Southern Africa Envoy); Rochelle Reese and Rebecca Short (Reese grandchildren)



HOW TO HELP

Friends have asked how to help. Our emergency evacuation insurance did cover the evacuation flights which were over \$100,000. Beth's uncovered medical and related bills in Africa totaled \$26,768.

Brian Davis and the WBS Board consider these travels, along with care for Beth in Africa, to be an integral part of the overall effort: **10,000,000** for Christ. WBS will cover all our emergency expenses. Please support WBS with extra generosity this year. That will help WBS to fulfill the worthiest of goals and, in so doing, meet these emergency needs as well. Thank you for your many prayers!

CALL TO ACTION! *Note from Brian Davis:* Our staff faces danger in many ways when they work in distant lands to advance the Gospel of Christ. WBS stands with our staff when they face these kinds of difficulties. Thank you for your kind help which makes this possible!

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR WBS DONORS: FOR MOST GIVING FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS—ESPECIALLY ONE OF THIS NATURE—FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE UNTIL IT IS FULLY FUNDED. ADDITIONAL GIFTS WILL BE USED WHERE NEEDED TO FULFILL THE GREATER MISSION OF WBS.



AN URGENT CONCERN

(Right Here at Home)

BY **DEREK DRAKE**, ROUND ROCK, TEXAS
 WBS CHURCH RELATIONS MANAGER

As we travel around our country sharing about the evangelism tools of WBS, we often have opportunity to visit with parents and grandparents who share an urgent concern.

“My children or my grandchildren have left the faith. Would any of your evangelism tools encourage them to return to Jesus?” This is always a heart-wrenching discussion, but one that we approach with hope and courage!

First, if we begin addressing the questions that lead young people to abandon faith at a young age, then they’ll be equipped with the answers when faced with trials later in life. So we must think proactively in the teaching of our young people about life-long discipleship to Jesus.

Second, we must craft tools of evangelism specifically for those who are struggling with continuing in a disciple relationship with Jesus. **Mathetis** was created for both of these purposes.



“WOULD ANY OF WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL’S
EVANGELISM TOOLS ENCOURAGE
MY CHILDREN WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH?”

Check out our most recent offerings on **mathetis.org** which are designed to inspire discipleship to Jesus. One of our goals at WBS is to develop a Mathetis Originals course focused on reaching those who have lost their way. Can you imagine any task more urgent than leading

CALL TO ACTION!

Recognizing this great need, can you support World Bible School’s efforts to develop Biblical, high-quality, video-based courses for our social media evangelism tool, Mathetis? Each complete course and the printing of its curriculum costs around \$250,000. Included in our 10,000,000 for Christ campaign is the constant development of courses that will challenge our next generation to be disciples of Jesus.

Using methods common to our next generation’s usual means of communication, we want sharers of Jesus to be equipped to engage those forming their identity in Christ and those struggling in faithfulness to Christ.

our children and grandchildren in the paths of righteousness... sometimes BACK into the paths of righteousness? With your help, Mathetis can help call our wandering loved ones back to their first love...*Jesus*.

A BURGER? OR A BIBLE?



BY **MARCUS MCKEE** LEWISVILLE, TEXAS
WBS CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path. (Psalm
119:105) Most of us have multiple
copies of this lamp in our homes. However,
that is not the case for many of our students in the rest of the world.

So, we need your help! Brian reminded you on page 2 how WBS partners with Study
Helpers to provide worthy WBS Students with a free WBS Study Bible. What he didn't
mention is that to date we have provided over **58,000** of
these Bibles to students throughout the world as a part
of our **Bibles for Millions** efforts. This has been possible
because of your generous gifts.

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PROVIDE **GOD'S WORD** TO THOSE
WHO ARE **SEARCHING!**

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who are searching! It only takes \$7 to provide a copy of
the WBS Study Edition Bible complete with study notes
on how to become a New Testament Christian to one of
our students. That's the same as the ever-increasing cost
of a fast-food meal! These Bibles are being sent to proven
students, and every effort is being made in follow up to
help them obey the Gospel and find their place within the
local assembly of the churches of Christ. **Can you help
us send the next 58,000?** I know that I will probably be
healthier with fewer fast-food meals this year and I'm sure
some student of the Bible will be healthier with the Word of
God guiding their path!

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WBS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Our stock of compact ESV Bibles has been sold out but we still have 2,100 copies of the WBS ESV Presentation Bible (leather bound) and a small stock of the WBS Prison Bibles left. We are no

longer able to print the ESV (see the May issue of ACTION!), so now is the time to purchase these to use in your evangelism and outreach efforts. Bulk prices are available. Go to worldbibleschool.net/studybible

As we turn this page in the WBS Study Bible toolset, I open two new chapters of good news. First, the request to renew our ESV digital license was approved! This means that any student or study helper using WBS Lite or the WBS App can access the ESV Bible text and the WBS study notes. Encourage your students to download WBS Lite from Google Play. If your student has access to good mobile internet, you can recommend they download the WBS App. If your student doesn't have a Bible, this will give

them instant access to God's Word and the valuable study notes to dig deeply into God's will.

Second, God's providence has provided a solution for continuing the WBS Study Bible in printed form. We have a manufacturing agreement to produce the WBS Study Edition Bible in the NKJV version—with the same WBS study notes—and we currently have 20,000 in stock. The price point of this Bible remains affordable at only \$6.95 for our current stock. Paper shortages and print inflation will unfortunately change this when our next printing shipment arrives.

So now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and put this WBS tool to use in your personal work and study!



Have you seen a smile? This picture never gets old. The smile of a student receiving their first Bible after completing the Master Series and in many cases, after they have been baptized. This picture is Goma John, who was recently baptized into Christ. He studied with Rose from Plano, TX. From around the world, a heart was touched to obey the Gospel. Goma and Rose may never meet in this life, but will smile together in Heaven for eternity!





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BY **WILLIAM BUSH** SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE
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100,689

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and

23,149

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6,646

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(Numbers as of September 30)

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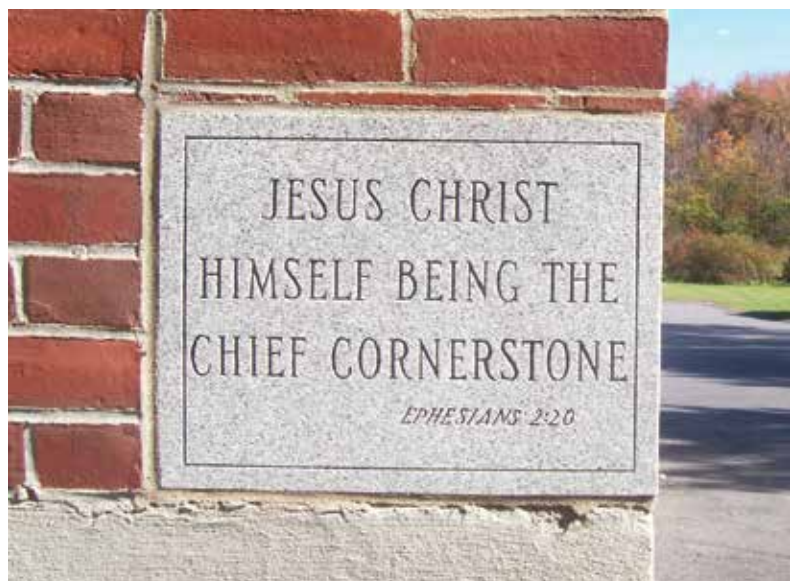
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