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**MENTORING**  
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# WHAT IS *Evangelism*? IT HOLDS THE GREATEST GIFT!

BY BRIAN REX DAVIS | ACTION! EDITOR & WBS PRESIDENT



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith" (Romans 1:16-17; NASB).

In the world where we see such need and human suffering, we often wonder what can make a difference. What power can change this world for the better?! In the verse above, the apostle Paul actually spoke of a "power" of this magnitude. Jesus Christ began his ministry with this power.

And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people (Matthew 4:23; NASB).

As Jesus laid the foundation for the transition to His New Covenant, the Apostle Peter — on the day of Pentecost — preached the first Gospel sermon where he taught those willing to repent to be baptized for the remission of their sins. This Good News of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and how to obey this Gospel allows mankind to come into relationship with his Creator once again. Mankind was made for this relationship with God. Yet, sin separated us from Him. Only through the Gospel can this relationship be restored.

No development of the human condition can be sustained or make a significant difference without the reestablishment of our relationship

with God through Jesus. Mankind's ability to grow and to be productive requires balanced health that only a life that is both physical and spiritual can pursue.

Do we believe in this "power"? Do we sense the urgency when Jesus invites us into this mission? He began with His apostles.

And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons (Mark 3:14-15).

He continues with us.

And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

What is evangelism? It is the sharing of the best news ever given to mankind! It is the means by which Jesus provides the best gift to us! It is the essential message of how we can become what we are created to be in this life and beyond! Brothers and sisters, if we believe in this "power" to transform mankind, we will be about our Father's business and share the Gospel with every soul on this earth! In season and out of season, we will sow the Gospel seeds in the hearts of mankind!

*Front Picture and Pictures: Recent pictures of where Gospel seeds were sown through the WBS Ocean Bridge Bible correspondence program and where God is bringing a great harvest in Uganda! Community & church leaders came to celebrate these Students' graduation.*



Sometimes, we don't realize how much the opportunity to study the Word of God means to people. When we see a community provide hats and gowns and then host a meal for these Students, we begin to see the depth of meaning that our sharing of the Gospel has! Thank you for sharing the greatest gift ever known!



Volunteer Student recruiters work to provide as many as possible with the opportunity to study the Bible and hear the Gospel of Jesus. Local church leaders and sister ministry leaders work to introduce the Students to the local church so that they can find their place in the Body of Christ and mature in the faith. Pictured left: Ronald Ameri who recruited the graduates; Grace Nyanga who led WBS efforts for many years in Uganda and who now lives and preaches in the United States; and Duncan Ojiambo with the Gospel Chariot Ministry and with the Harding Academy Christian School in Uganda.



# WHAT IF...

## WHAT IF EVERY CONGREGATION STARTED A WBS TEACHING PROGRAM FOR THEIR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN?

- Currently, we have 80 Ocean Bridge congregations who are participating in a new method of Bible correspondence teaching using high-speed, two-way scanning rather than international postal systems in countries where postal systems are struggling. This year they are teaching 52,182 Students.
- The Highland Lakes church of Christ in Kingsland, Texas, recently visited the WBS offices in Austin to brainstorm ways to recruit more Ocean Bridge Students in Nigeria. Their Study Helper team is excited about their Ocean Bridge Students! Long-time Nigerian evangelist, Sylvester Imogoh, provided important feedback from the field as we brainstormed Student recruitment, Follow-up, curriculum and brotherhood participation. Sylvester became a Christian through WBS.

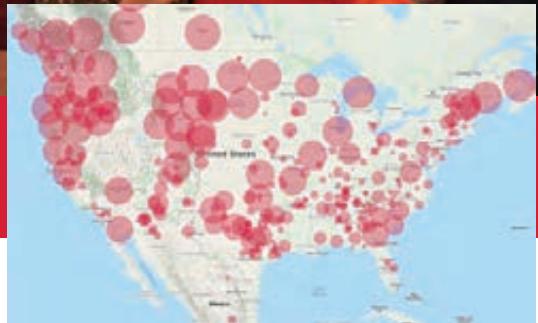
## WHAT IF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH ADOPTED 20 STUDENTS FROM OUR ONLINE STUDENT BOARD?

- Currently over 700 members of the church are active as WBS Online Study Helpers. Yet we average 25,000 Students asking to study the Bible per month! Would you commit to adopting some of these Students?
- Tim Iwe (right) volunteers to recruit Online Study Helpers within Nigeria.



## WHAT IF EVERY CONGREGATION OFFERED WBS COURSES TO THEIR COMMUNITY?

- Currently, 607 churches use the WBS Connect program to offer studies with their community or communities where they want to evangelize!
- The College church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas, is mailing a WBS introduction course to each address in their city with the offer of studying the Bible and discovering who Jesus is.



## WHAT IF THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE LORD'S CHURCH WORKED TOGETHER TO SHARE JESUS WITH THE WORLD?

- Since 1973, we conservatively estimate that some 40 million Students have been registered to study through WBS. Realize that no congregation "reports" to WBS. We craft evangelism tools. Congregations decide how to use them. But with the reports that we have seen, we know that the Lord has used WBS, through you, to teach millions. When the brotherhood works together, the Lord can accomplish mighty things. When members of the church are engaged—the priesthood of all believers—in sharing their faith, then we can see how God takes our feeble efforts and multiplies them beyond what we can think or imagine!

- The Westchester church of Christ in New York state has used WBS tools for many years. In fact, their minister, Lewis Cooper, was a WBS Student in Trinidad.



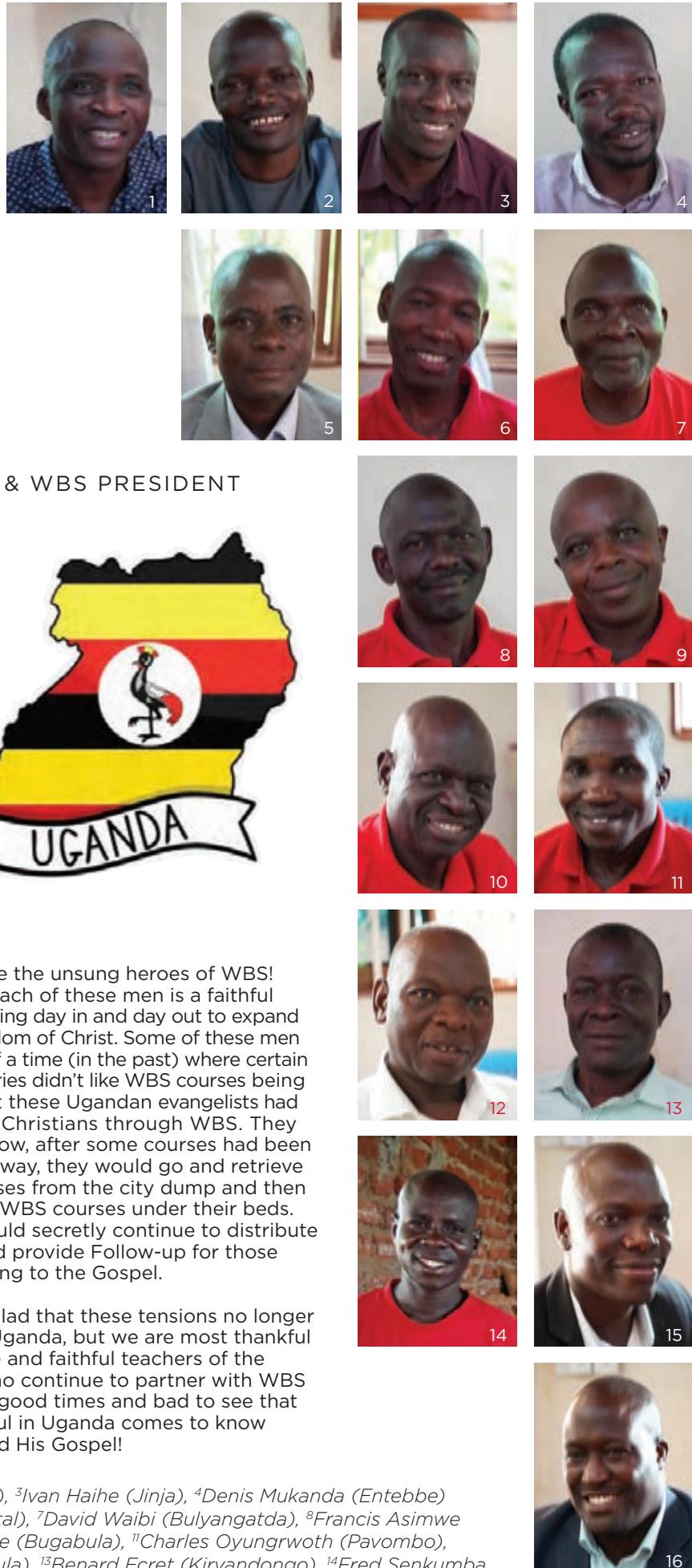
# THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE IN THE PEARL OF AFRICA

BY BRIAN REX DAVIS | ACTION! EDITOR & WBS PRESIDENT

Uganda is known as “The Pearl of Africa.” Sondra and I have wanted to visit the World Bible School work in Uganda for many years. This year, we finally were able to do so. Phil and Elaine Palmer, long-time missionary friends and WBS workers, had spoken of the great work that was going on there. Upon arrival, we were shown around the various WBS works by Duncan Ojiambo and Geoffrey Ongutu. Geoffrey<sup>15</sup> is the WBS Service Center Coordinator, and Duncan<sup>16</sup> is the director of the Gospel Chariot Ministry. Both of these men have helped to lead WBS efforts in Uganda for many years.

Seeing the Ocean Bridge Student graduations, witnessing their baptisms, participating in the chapel of Harding Christian Academy whose Students are registered for WBS courses, and visiting the Gospel Chariot Ministry in Jinja were inspiring events. While at the Gospel Chariot offices, however, the most inspiring event took place.

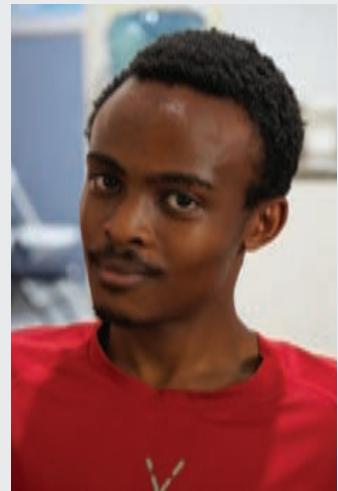
The men you see around this article are all volunteer evangelists who recruit Students and pursue Follow-up for WBS Students. Duncan had invited these men from all around the country to come and share their stories about WBS. Most of them had come to know Jesus and His Gospel through WBS. As they shared about their ministries, thousands of Students had been recruited over the years as WBS correspondence Students. Hundreds of baptisms were reported from the work just this year. And most importantly, many congregations of the Lord’s church have been planted and are nurturing our WBS Students into the fullness of Christ!



These are the unsung heroes of WBS! Behind each of these men is a faithful wife serving day in and day out to expand the kingdom of Christ. Some of these men shared of a time (in the past) where certain missionaries didn’t like WBS courses being used. Yet these Ugandan evangelists had become Christians through WBS. They told of how, after some courses had been thrown away, they would go and retrieve the courses from the city dump and then hide the WBS courses under their beds. They would secretly continue to distribute them and provide Follow-up for those responding to the Gospel.

We are glad that these tensions no longer exist in Uganda, but we are most thankful for brave and faithful teachers of the Word who continue to partner with WBS through good times and bad to see that every soul in Uganda comes to know Jesus and His Gospel!

<sup>1</sup>Wilson Maanda (Nawangana), <sup>2</sup>James Guma (Mbale), <sup>3</sup>Ivan Haire (Jinja), <sup>4</sup>Denis Mukanda (Entebbe)  
<sup>5</sup>Charles Wanyama (Busia), <sup>6</sup>Samuel Kaliba (Fort Portal), <sup>7</sup>David Waibi (Bulyangatda), <sup>8</sup>Francis Asimwe (Fort Portal), <sup>9</sup>Ian Kwikiriza (Mbarara), <sup>10</sup>Godfrey Were (Bugabula), <sup>11</sup>Charles Oyungweth (Pavombo),  
<sup>12</sup>Hope Daphine WBS Service Centre Assistant (Bufuula), <sup>13</sup>Benard Ecret (Kiryandongo), <sup>14</sup>Fred Senkumba (Kampala), <sup>15</sup>Geoffrey Ongutu, <sup>16</sup>Duncan Ojiambo



# NEXT GEN KENYANS & WBS TOOLS



*(Pictured bottom left)  
Komarock's outreach minister,  
Joshua Ogada, who coordinates  
this dynamic team.*

The Komarock church of Christ in Nairobi, Kenya, is leading the way in next-generation use of WBS tools in evangelism at the congregational level! I had heard of these extraordinary young adults who were using WBS tools to share Jesus with their fellow Kenyans through a long-time missionary friend, Carladean Thompson. It was a pleasure to meet them and hear their stories. To listen to my interview with them, use this Q.R. code.



(Pictured above) Recent WBS graduates of the outreach team of the Komarock church of Christ.



The Eastleigh church of Christ hosts our WBS Service Centre offices which are led by long-time evangelist Richard Karima (left). He too is leading the next generation (right) in the management of next gen tools like Ocean Bridge. Hear more with the Q.R. code on the next page.



## NEXT GEN KENYANS & WBS TOOLS (CONT.)



**The Nairobi Great Commission School hosted a day of WBS volunteer recruiters** (pictured above) from around the nation to share their stories of outreach using WBS tools. I was struck by how many young people are using WBS to share Jesus effectively in Kenya! To hear one of their stories, use this Q.R. code.

**As so many ministries get trapped in one generation, World Bible School is tremendously blessed to have effective ministry across multiple generations!**

*A special blessing was to meet Eric Chepkwani from Sotik, Kenya—Eric leads the Tumaini Prison Ministry. This ministry partners with Ocean Bridge to enroll Students. Eric and his team provide Follow-up for baptisms and continue ministry after release as former inmates find their place in the Body of Christ. We thank God for this very fruitful work!*



*38 inmates, all WBS Students, baptized on October 26, 2025*



# Called TO WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

BY LARRY NUNLEY |

WBS REGIONAL  
ADVANCEMENT REPRESENTATIVE



**M**y journey to World Bible School likely began when I was a very young boy growing up in the small town of Martin, Tennessee, attending the church of Christ on Old Fulton Road. I come from a rich heritage of leaders in the Lord's church: My grandfather, R.F. Nunley, and my father, A.V. Nunley, along with several uncles and elder cousins led by the example of preaching, teaching and facilitating all aspects of worship services. However, even though I grew up with these faithful examples, I had a different ambition: I wanted to be an entertainer.

As soon as I was able, I moved to California to try my hand in the entertainment field — particularly stand-up comedy, as I'd hoped it would launch me into comedic movie roles. However, often in the midst of practicing my stand-up comedy routines, the routine would turn into a sermon, and I'd find myself preaching to myself. In retrospect, I believe GOD was using those years in stand-up comedy to polish me for the pulpit because HE clearly had other plans for me, though I didn't recognize it at the time.

After many years and failed attempts, I finally became frustrated with an acting career that was going nowhere, and when I confided this to my wife, Patricia, her response was, "I don't think GOD is going to give you what you want until you give HIM what HE wants." She was right.

When I finally surrendered to my calling, I reflected on the fact that my mentors had concentrated on preaching the Gospel and not so much "church" and "religion." Though church and religion are important, what they passed down to me was JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified, and since becoming a full-time minister, I have concentrated on preaching the Gospel to a lost and dying world. In my position as pulpit minister for the Airport Freeway church

of Christ in Euless, Texas, I have been successful in spreading the Gospel; but, after 20 plus years in the pulpit, GOD has laid it on my heart to better *equip* my brothers and sisters to go into *their* worlds and share the Gospel themselves.

Then God sent George Barlow my way. George and I had worshipped together in California and have been very close friends over the years, but it was still a surprise when he invited me to be a part of World Bible School. His first instruction was simple but life-changing: "Take the courses yourself." I did and I was encouraged to see that the lessons were biblically sound, Christ-centered and so clearly written that even young Students could grasp them.

I thank GOD for WBS and its ability to spread HIS message of peace both in this country and across the seas. WBS helps the kingdom grow by equipping the citizens of the kingdom. We reference Matthew 28:18-20 as the Great Commission, but I heard a minister say the Great Commission is the Command Mission. GOD commands us to go and WBS equips us to go effectively.

WBS builds up the teacher as much as the Student, reminding us of GOD's love, HIS promises, and the security we have in Christ Jesus. The more I study the material, as a minister of GOD's word, the more assured and inspired I am to share it with others! What a gift!

World Bible School and I have the same motivation. We want to encourage, educate and empower the kingdom of GOD to spread HIS Word throughout the world and I am honored to be added to this task force; not only to teach, but also to help raise support so that countless more can hear the message of Christ. I love this work, and I love what God is doing through it!

# JOIN THE \$500,000 END-OF-THE-YEAR MATCH & CHALLENGE

BY GEORGE A. BARLOW, JR. | WBS CHIEF ADVANCEMENT & CHURCH RELATIONS OFFICER



**“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart ... God loves a cheerful giver”**  
(2 Corinthians 9:7; ESV).

As 2025 draws to a close, we thank God for you, our faithful partners in the Gospel. Your generosity has fueled the mission of World Bible School and allowed congregations and individuals to carry out the Great Commission by sharing the Good News of Jesus with seekers across the globe.

In our last edition, we shared exciting news about generous pledges from **seven families** who committed a combined **\$550,000** in Match and Challenge funds. Many of you rose to the occasion, and for that we are truly grateful.

But the blessings continue! This October, we spoke with another family who has pledged to give up to **\$100,000 in a dollar-for-dollar match**, and for every \$100,000 donated after that, they are willing to continue matching up to a **total of \$500,000**. What an incredible opportunity to multiply the impact of your giving!

It's not too late to join in. Every gift you give helps us take full advantage of this extraordinary match and expand our reach for the cause of Christ.

This season of giving is more than financial, it is eternal. Each gift, whether large or small, places Bibles and Bible lessons into the hands of those hungry for God's Word. Together, we are reaching the lost, encouraging new believers, and building up the kingdom.

As you prayerfully consider your end-of-year giving, know that your partnership makes a difference. Because of you, the light of Christ continues to shine into places once darkened. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in this mission, and for helping us share God's Word with the world.

**Those who give \$1,000 or more will receive a free copy of "Unity in Christ."**

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# THE MEASURE OF LIFE IS GIVING



BY GEORGE A. BARLOW, JR. | WBS CHIEF ADVANCEMENT & CHURCH RELATIONS OFFICER

Jesus' words in Luke 6:38 remind us of a divine principle that is both simple and profound. He said, *"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."*

At the heart of the Christian life is one word: Giving. The apostle Paul echoes this truth in Acts 20:35, reminding the church that our Lord Himself said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* The measure of a Christian's life is not found in what we accumulate but in what we release. It is not in getting, but in giving.

And we know this because of the greatest act of giving the world has ever seen: Jesus Christ, who said of Himself, *"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45). His

life was poured out so that ours might be redeemed. His measure was total surrender to the Father's will. When we give, we reflect His nature and His mission.

This spirit of giving has always defined the World Bible School family. Each gift, whether large or small, becomes part of a greater story, advancing the Gospel across continents, bringing hope to those who have never heard the name of Jesus and encouraging believers who long for deeper faith. Your giving places Bibles in hands that have longed for God's Word. Your giving equips seekers with lessons that lead them to salvation. Your giving strengthens churches around the world with tools to reach their neighbors.

When you give, you join a spiritual chain reaction. A seed is planted in a heart thousands of miles away. That seed grows into faith, obedience and eternal life. From

there, new disciples often become givers themselves and pass along what was first given to them. In this way, your generosity is multiplied in ways far beyond what we can measure.

As we reflect on the year behind us and the opportunities before us, we are humbled by the sacrifices and faithfulness of our WBS family. The Lord is using your generosity to fulfill His promise. When His people give, blessings overflow.

In a world often consumed with gaining, may we be remembered as a people who gave — people who gave of our time, our prayers, our service and our resources so that the lost may be reconciled to God. Truly, the greatest measure of life is giving.

# GIVING FAITH TO YOUR *children*

BY SEAN FORTE |

ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT THE JERSEY VILLAGE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST



*Pictured from left to right:  
Sanitra, Faith (14), Olivia (12),  
and Sean Forte*

## **“FAITH DEVELOPMENT IS A JOURNEY ... ”**

As Christian parents, we are constantly balancing many responsibilities —work, family, extracurricular activities, and the list can go on. Amid these pressures, it's essential to keep our personal relationship with God at the center of our lives. This means intentionally ensuring prayer, worship and studying God's Word remains a priority, even when our schedules are busy. We can't share our faith in God if it's not truly there. By making our faith visible and active, we provide an example that our children can follow. As Paul shares with the church at Corinth in *1 Corinthians 11:1*, “Follow me as I follow Christ.” As we follow Christ as parents, we show our children that our relationship

with God is not just a tradition but a faith-led way of life. Personally, my wife and I have adopted a variety of approaches as we continue to share our faith with our daughters, Faith (14) and Olivia (12). Sharing Bible stories and showing up at the church building is important, but integrating spiritual conversations into everyday life has been impactful with our faith-sharing process. We regularly discuss God's presence in our joys and struggles, we pray together and we're being honest about our own faith journeys. When children see faith woven into daily routines, it becomes real and relevant to them, helping them understand that God is present in every aspect of our lives.

## **STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER**

Regular study of Scripture as a family is foundational. This can take the form of daily devotionals, reading Bible passages that are relevant to what our children are experiencing or exploring questions together. *Deuteronomy 6:7* instructs us to teach God's Word diligently to our children, making faith conversations a natural part of our routines — whether at the dinner table, during car rides or before bedtime. Encouraging children to ask questions and share their thoughts helps them engage with Scripture personally and allows parents to gauge where they are spiritually.



## MENTOR SUPPORT AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

Connecting our children with other Christians is powerful. We intentionally seek spiritual mentors and encourage our daughters to participate in church activities and youth groups. Hearing about God's work from others broadens their perspective and reinforces what we teach at home. Paul's words in *1 Thessalonians 5:11* remind us to "encourage one another and build one another up," highlighting the importance of community in spiritual growth.

## ENGAGEMENT IN THE LORD'S WORK

Allowing our daughters to engage in the Lord's work alongside us has also been a key part of the faith-sharing process. Even when our daughters were toddlers, we would visit church members as a family. We would visit nursing homes together as a family. We would find opportunities to serve together as a family. This allowed our daughters to experience God for themselves.

A few months ago, our family had the opportunity to travel to Mumena, Zambia, to participate in a World Bible School Follow-up campaign. My daughters had never been outside of the United States and they had never been on a mission campaign, but we thought as a family, it would be a faith-building challenge and a great opportunity for our daughters to experience God on a deeper level.



My wife and I had spent years sharing our faith, and we experienced the power of God as we witnessed our daughters now sharing their faith. Our daughters had the opportunity to meet and teach other young girls, and that is exactly what they did. Our daughters learned about a beautiful new culture, and more importantly they learned more about God and His Word. They harnessed their own faith and knowledge of God's Word and they shared it in their own words. They learned how to trust God for themselves. It was even more surprising that our daughters were ready to go back to Zambia once we returned to the United States. They made friends and had more to teach about God's Word.

Faith development is a journey, not a one-time event. It requires patience, prayer and trust in God's timing. As parents we must be willing to let children ask questions, wrestle with doubts and discover their own relationship with God. By consistently studying Scripture, surrounding them with godly mentors and engaging in service together, parents lay a strong foundation for their children to build their own faith.

# NEW WBS COURSE



## *Building a Christian Marriage and Family*

BY THE ALLISONS | MISSIONARIES SPECIALIZING IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Veteran missionaries Fielden and Janet Allison bring unique qualities to World Bible School's newest course, "Building a Christian Marriage and Family." Their African mission work began in 1972. After Idi Amin expelled them from Uganda, they and their team planted 120 churches among the Kipsigis of Kenya (1973-1990). They then worked in the Sabaot language of Mount Elgon, nurturing churches, training church leaders and establishing Christian schools (1990-2006).

The Allisons firmly believe in God's plan for marriage and the family. Their field experiences revealed urgent needs in this area. They prepared educationally, including a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (Harding University), then founded the African Institute of Marriage and Family in 2006. From their base in Tanzania, and recently Crowley's Ridge College in Arkansas, they have travelled continually in some 20 African countries to bless leaders and learners with stronger marriages (2006-present). This wealth of experience, teaching, counseling and publishing now culminates in "Building a Christian Marriage and Family," especially written for WBS.

The course's initial publication is on the WBS Library (wbslibrary.org). Its thirteen lessons are ideal for classes and groups, as well as individual learners. Topics include "Choosing a Mate," "Communication," "Conflict Resolution," "Roles," "One Body," "Forgiveness," "Money Matters," "Family," "Discipline" and more. You will want to benefit yourself, your group and your Students with this unique resource into which the Allisons have poured their lives and their love.

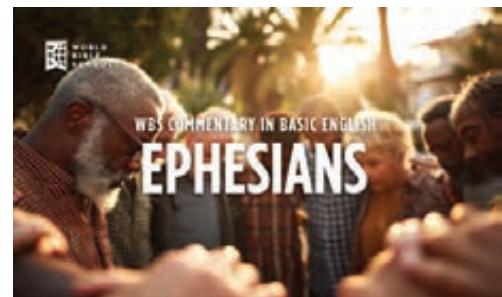
## EPHESIANS COMMENTARY

Following the release of Basic English Commentaries for Matthew, Acts and Romans, WBS is happy to introduce the commentary for the New Testament book of Ephesians.

Written by missionary Van Tate as a complement to the Simple English Bible translation and edited by Brian Rex Davis, the introduction to Ephesians states, in part, "The author wrote this book to show the relationship between Christ and the church. Paul wanted the readers to understand that God planned for the church from the beginning ... Ephesians shows how Christians are to live. The first three chapters emphasize what it means to be in Christ. The last three chapters show how we are to live because we are in Christ."

WBS Commentary in Basic English is edited and compiled using the following perspectives.

1. The Bible is the complete and inspired Word of God.
2. The Bible establishes the New Testament as the Christian's only rule of faith under the Kingship of Christ.
3. The Bible preserves the pattern of New Testament Christianity for all ages as Christ desires for the unity of His Body, the church.



These commentaries' simplicity and faithfulness to New Testament Christianity make them a valuable resource for all Students of the Bible.

**Check it out now at [wbslibrary.org](http://wbslibrary.org)**

# NEW FACES

Each time we are blessed with the opportunity to add new members to the staff at World Bible School we love to share the news, and in this issue we are excited to introduce two additions who have joined us in recent months.



In August we welcomed two new team members, each with a strong background in ministry. Larry Nunley has served as the pulpit minister at Airport Freeway church of Christ in Euless, Texas, for the past 19 years and continues to do so. He has spoken at Gospel meetings, youth events, revivals and conferences across the brotherhood, and we have been grateful for his determination to now lend his talents to World Bible School. Larry took on the role of Regional Advancement Representative in August, handling both the state of Texas and Oklahoma. The team is excited to see him assist in our ministry's growth.

Regarding his new position, Larry writes, "I'm so blessed to be able to increase my work for the Lord by encouraging the spreading of the Gospel to our lost and dying world through the WBS platform and its amazing tools designed to equip the saints."



Daniel Gaines is World Bible School's new International Relations Ocean Bridge Envoy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and a Master of Ministry from Freed-Hardeman University and has served as a missionary as well as pulpit minister at congregations across three different states. After living in Tanzania as a missionary from 2013 to 2016, he now resides in Kentucky. Daniel's experience in mission is a blessing to our International Relations team, and he has already been able to complete an overseas trip for WBS, visiting both Kenya and Uganda in September.

"I've always had a passion for world evangelism, so when I heard of the millions of people who have been exposed to the Gospel through World Bible School, I knew that this was the chance to be a part of something special," writes Daniel. "For a variety of reasons, I feel like God's providence brought me to WBS, and I am eager to see what He has planned for the journey ahead!"

**We prayerfully anticipate all the ways God will use Larry and Daniel, and we continue giving Him the glory in all of the work accomplished through WBS staff, volunteers and contributors.**



## MATHETIS UPDATE

Video production for our fourth Mathetis Original course has started! Scheduled to release in 2026, this new Mathetis Original course will be centered around restoring one's relationship with Christ. Subscribe to ACTION! Digital to stay up-to-date on our progress at [worldbibleschool.net/action](http://worldbibleschool.net/action).



# IN HONOR OF

*Jena Madeley*  
(1970-2025)



Jena Madeley was born in Dalhart, Texas, and graduated from Amarillo High School before earning her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University. She served for 22 years as a defense contractor at Dyess Air Force Base and eight years as Digital Support Manager for World Bible School.

At WBS, Jena's tireless dedication shaped the success of online courses. She was known for her warmth, patience and unwavering commitment to helping both Students and Study Helpers grow in their walk with Christ. Even through her long battle with cancer, she continued to work faithfully — her spirit strong even as her body grew weary.

## WALL OF HONOR

Jena's love extended far beyond the office. She served as a Bible class teacher, a Big Sister, and a mission volunteer in Zambia, where her heart found a second home. In her memory, wells have been dug across Zambia — places where people will draw water for physical life and hear the message of the Living Water, Jesus Christ.

Her perseverance, faith and love for others will forever be etched into the hearts and minds of those who knew her, and her impact remains woven into the very fabric of WBS. Jena's life continues to inspire all who share her mission to bring the Word of God to the world.

## Founders WALL OF HONOR

### KENT & CONNIE DOBBS



When COVID impacted global international postal systems, WBS had to consider new methods of providing correspondence Bible Study opportunities. Kent and Connie Dobbs were there for WBS at this crucial transition period. Great vision, patience and sacrifice are necessary to craft effective ways of sharing Jesus with the billions in our world. Kent and Connie have embodied these qualities and applied them personally and congregationally on behalf of World Bible School. Their love for the lost have paved the way, not only for many to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ but also for many congregations to have the privilege of participating in the Great Commission of our Lord. Kent and Connie's zeal for reaching as many souls as possible with the Gospel is an inspiration and a wake-up call worthy of the legacy of Jimmie Lovell's ACTION! Magazine.



### JOEL & PAT COPPINGER

Recently we honor Joel and Pat Coppinger for their decades of faithful service, and we also remember with gratitude Joel's parents, Jake and Wilma Coppinger (pictured bottom left,) whose vision and dedication laid a foundation for so much kingdom work.

Jake and Wilma began serving with World Bible School in the late 1970s, leading campaigns to Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya, India and Puerto Rico, and establishing World Bible School of Tulare County. Their efforts resulted in thousands of baptisms and the establishment of numerous congregations worldwide.



Joel and Pat continued that legacy by preaching, mentoring youth, speaking for ladies' programs and leading WBS campaigns to Ghana, Nigeria and India. When Jake's health declined, Joel stepped in to carry forward the WBSC ministry until his retirement in 2020. Together, Joel and Pat have worshipped with and served the Tulare congregation faithfully since 1973.

The Coppinger family's impact, spanning two generations, is a powerful testimony to faith, service and dedication to the Great Commission.



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A new generation of Bible-loving and Bible-knowledgeable young people are growing in Nigeria and other Ocean Bridge equipped countries because of your generosity! Remember, these WBS Study Edition Bibles have 100 pages of evangelism WBS Study Notes in the back that mirror our Master Series lessons. These Bibles help these Students share Jesus with their friends and family.

Recently, Brain Davis visited the newest country on earth, South Sudan. May we never forget the wonder – as demonstrated on these Students' faces as they discover the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Two years ago, your generosity for providing Bibles helped WBS send 4,000 Bibles to South Sudan. These Bibles are cherished gifts that are providing the young leaders of hundreds of new congregations with the ability to study and grow into the fullness of Christ.



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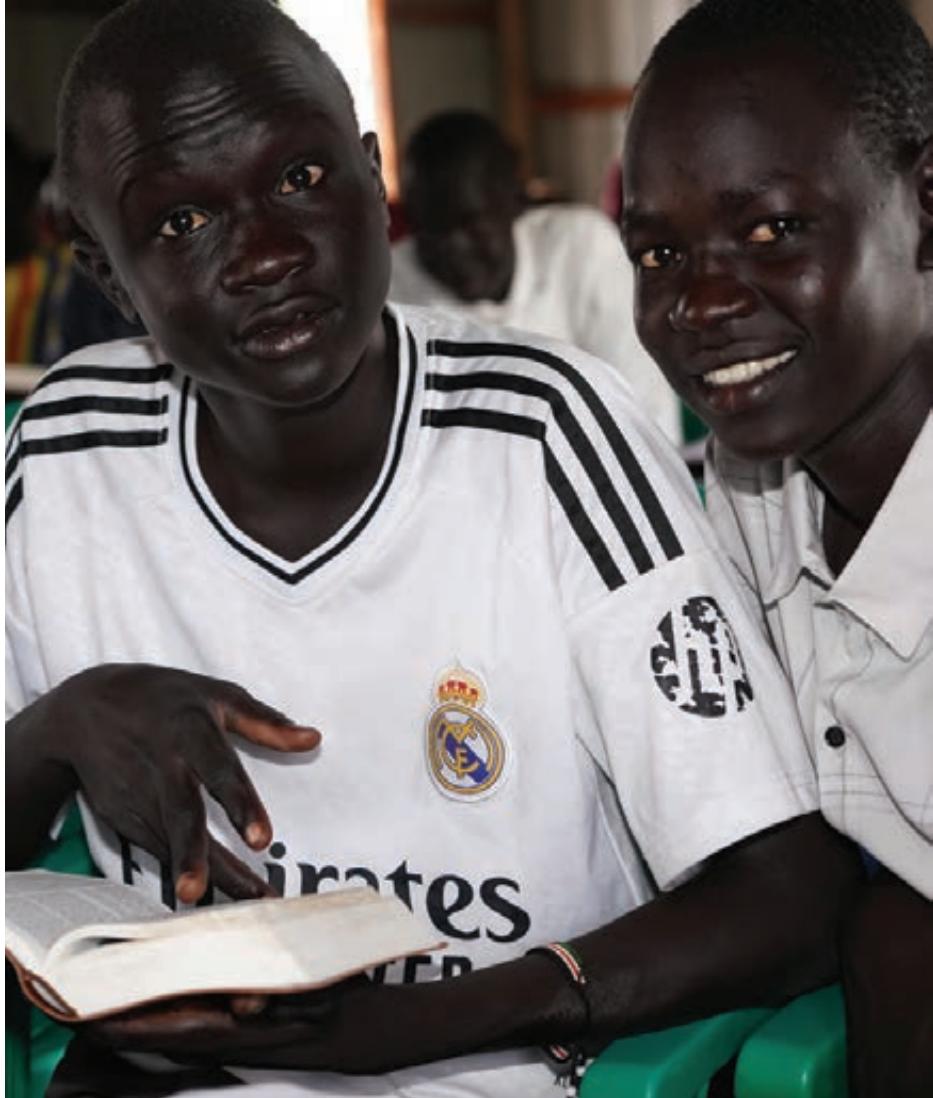
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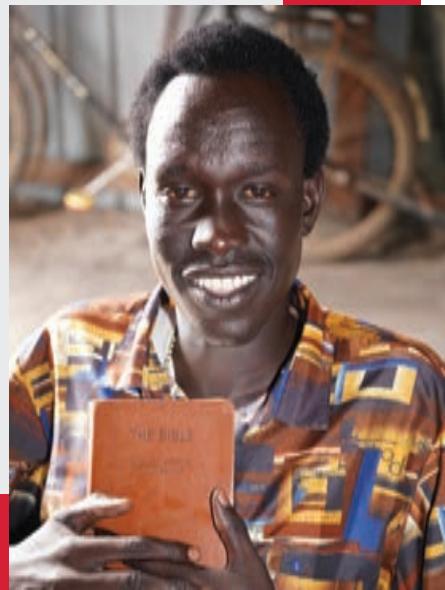
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**Consider giving the gift of the Word of Life this season. We need your help in providing Bibles for graduating Students. At just \$5 a Bible, this is a great investment in eternity! Also, many congregations use these as evangelism Bibles in their outreach efforts.**



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