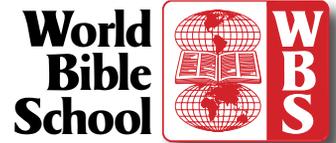
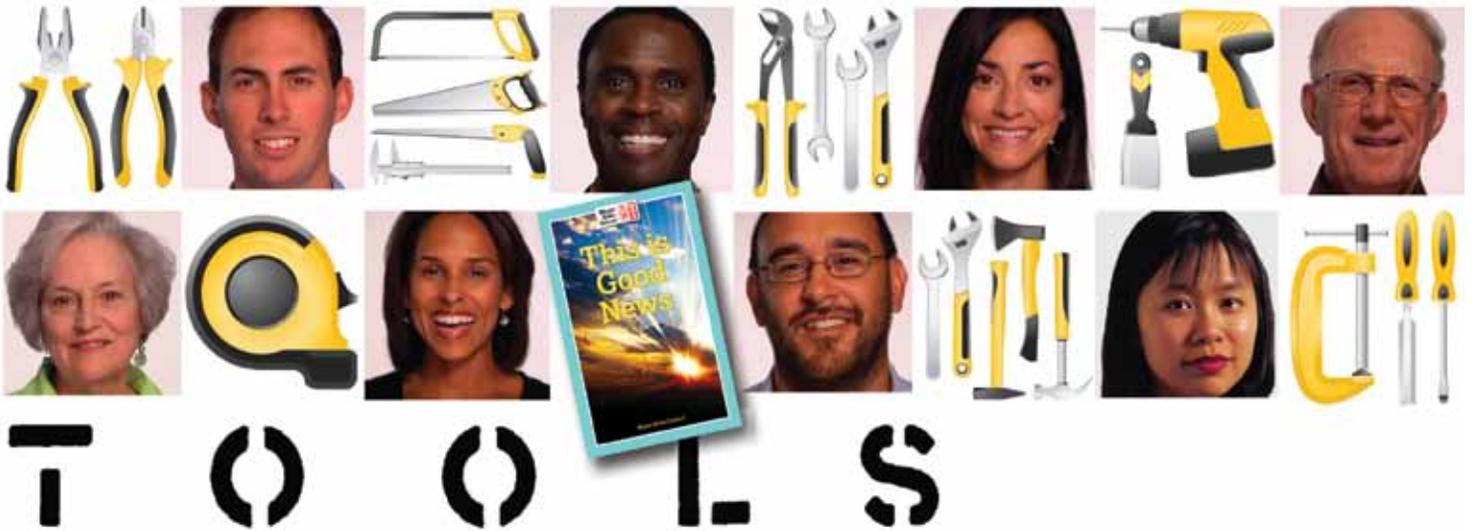


Action!



Teaching the Word. Reaching the World!

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By John Reese

Action! recently introduced new WBS personnel and shared a staff photo. I heard only positive comments, but one colleague cautioned that some might wonder about too many workers. Actually, the workers in WBS number many thousands. The workers are *you*—everyday members who share Gospel lessons with the lost. We at WBS home base facilitate your teaching. We provide thousands of teachers the tools to reach many millions more. If any group deserves to grow, and to receive better equipping, better training, better motivating and better networking, it is you, the WBS teachers and follow up workers! You serve on the front line. You share the life-giving Good News. You help converts become fruitful in turn. Surely such tireless volunteers deserve the best possible service.

Despite hard times, the good Lord

has enabled us to replace retirees, and even add new full-time roles. Previously a number of us wore too many hats, resulting in under-served areas. Now the team has Bill Colwell as the long-needed church relations coordinator (see page 6). We also added Pat Brown as we prepare for the future of interactive Bible studies. New tools that use cutting-edge technology cannot pay for themselves during their development stages. They need seed funding. Again *you* are the key, and gift officers like Pat are essential for connecting with you.

Growth is about serving you with better tools, solutions and global connections. We all should be growing, pressing toward the Great Commission's fulfillment that defies numbering: "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9).



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Use WBS Courses
(Recognize this flag?)
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Use WBS Courses

W e sometimes take for granted that readers know about WBS's Master Series. *Action!* introduced each course at its launch, and many readers use the courses regularly. But other readers may lack a clear view of what WBS offers. So let's begin here to touch on these most basic of WBS tools.

First, the rationale: Every time you open your Bible (whether paper or electronic) you are reading inspired correspondence. Ever since God commanded Moses to write, the penned (or printed or digitized) Word has been one of God's main tools. Not all have Bibles, and some who do ask, "How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?" WBS courses and teachers serve like Philip with the Ethiopian (Acts 8:31-35). Their effectiveness comes from the Word's unique power. "Humbly accept the Word



planted in you, which can save you" (James 1:21). WBS is a tool for planting the divine Seed in the soil of millions of human hearts worldwide.

Second, the overview: The Master Series aims to fulfill correspondence's part in obeying the Great Commission's command, "Make disciples." Building on decades of evangelistic experience and improvement, the early courses lay a foundation of faith in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The central courses share the Good News and response to it. The final courses help the convert's active integration in Christ's

family and fruitful Christian living that in turn reaches out to "make disciples."

Third, the courses: *Action!* recently highlighted the new Introduction, so we'll start here with **God Has Spoken** and describe succeeding courses in this and future issues.

We recently received a postcard from Serbia with its flag and a message about WBS courses from



a student there named Milan: "Thank you for [the] very useful spiritual experience I'm having while studying these amazing biblical lessons. It is the purest biblical doctrine and it is a big blessing to my soul. May God enlarge the number of students from all over the world [so that] His name [will] be praised in each tongue." To that prayer, we say, "Amen!"



Use Public Events

By Dorian Flynn

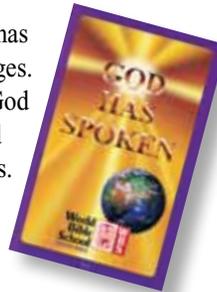
O ver 100,000 attended the 53rd annual International Trade Fair in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The entire 624,000 square feet of exhibition space was filled by local and international businesses. Nations represented included Botswana, Brazil, China, Germany, India, Italy, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Poland, South Africa and Zambia. We worked with Velaphi Mlangeni and others to secure space to advertise World Bible School. We had no idea what to expect since this event focuses on business. Of the five days of the Fair, three were dedicated to businesses networking among themselves. The last two days were open to the general public.

Here is an excerpt from Velaphi's amazing report: "We had a wonderful opportunity to exhibit WBS at the ZITF in Bulawayo from 24th-28th April 2012. We are happy to inform you that 980



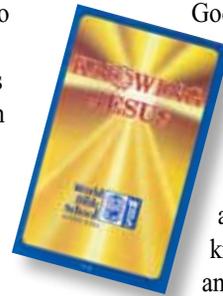
WBS booth volunteers

God Has Spoken has eight lessons in 48 pages. Its objective is to let God introduce Himself and how He communicates. Many who claim to believe make God in their own image. We need to know God, not as we imagine Him, but as He reveals Himself. We need to know His will, not as we wish it to be, but as He reveals His will. This course also helps students with questions like these: What is God's purpose for my life? Which covenant applies today? Who is the Holy Spirit? Why do we suffer? Does God really care for me? Scripture's answers lay the solid spiritual foundation so that "they turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:21).



Knowing Jesus has seven lessons in 48 pages. This course continues to lay

a firm foundation in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. It takes an approach similar to John's account of the Gospel, showing his main evidences and leading to the same conclusions about the deity of Jesus. Along with facts established by witnesses, it emphasizes *relationship* with Jesus who prayed, "This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent" (John 17:3). Students address questions like these: How can I know Jesus and enjoy this relationship fully? Why did Jesus die? What do "Christ" and "Son of God" really mean? Does



Jesus reign now, and how does that affect my life? How can I be sure of the resurrection? Through Scripture's answers students come to know the Way, the Truth and the Life.

people from all walks of life enrolled to study the Bible during this time. These included members of Parliament, company directors, officials from various embassies and visitors from neighboring countries, including one

government official from China. We never expected so many people to show so much interest to study the word of God! It was just out of this world! May the Lord be praised!"





Above & Beyond

by Kevin Rhodes

Running: a tool for ministry

Met Siphonxongo. Siphonxongo is a friend and brother from the Zulu tribe in South Africa. Siphonxongo is also a runner. Not just any runner, but a competitive, world-class marathoner.



involved in ministry in southeast South Africa. And Siphonxongo continues to run. In fact, his ability to run fast and compete at a high level is his own personal ministry tool. His running opens doors for Siphonxongo's outreach, "Run for Jesus Christ Ministry". American Christians have given funds to acquire a tent that seats 200, a sound system and a small amount of working funds. Using the tent also as a tool, he and local Christians have baptized a number of new believers and planted one church.

In Siphonxongo's words: "I am, by God's grace, an elite track and field athlete. More importantly, by God's grace I am saved and called as an evangelist to reach the lost of my city, Durban. Because God made me fast, I run for His glory. Because God made His son, I want to share the Good News of my brother Jesus with those around me."

Are you using your gifts, your tools to share Jesus with others?



Siphonxongo's story is an amazing one—and this space cannot do it justice. He left his country village as an eleven year old, becoming a "street kid" on the busy, dusty streets of Durban. A caring family sponsored him through high school. He was later trained for ministry as a youngster in a large Pentecostal church. Before long, he came across a big red truck with a WBS logo on its side—George Funk's *Gospel Chariot*. With Christians there and through WBS lessons, he came to know the Truth more fully.

Today, Siphonxongo is actively

I'll be running this Fall—and swimming and biking—for 140.6 miles in one day.

Want to come along?

No? Then please send a gift to support my Ironman triathlon event to reach more truth-seekers with WBS.

But if you, yourself, are active and occasionally raise funds for good causes like cancer and MS, then join *Athletes on Team WBS*. Raise funds for lost souls with WBS! Pick your own event and goal amount. We'll give you a jersey and the tools. Email kevin@worldbibleschool.net.



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Southern Africa Bible College recently honored Tex Williams in Austin. Al Horne's speech is summarized here. As you consider tools for further training your advanced WBS students, please remember colleges like SABC and ACC, as well as Sunset's regional Satellites and Associates with online options.

Tex Williams' Influence on SABC

Tex Williams is a versatile and gifted servant of God. His mission work in South Africa included preaching at the Benoni church during the early sixties. He and fellow-missionary John Hardin were deeply concerned about training Christian leadership.

About that time, pioneer missionary Eldred Echols and I were contemplating a move from Tanganyika (Tanzania today), where we had conducted a preacher training school. We personally prepared by purchasing land near Manzini in Swaziland in order to avoid South Africa's oppressive apartheid policies. We would establish a new preacher training school in Swaziland where the races were permitted to mingle freely.



Tex Williams and John Hardin thought otherwise. They said, "We think you should come to Benoni and establish the school here. Later, you can send

Some of the Williams' family:
Shawn, Kathlene, Mary Jane, Tex
and Mary Kay

graduates to Swaziland to establish a training school there in order to reach our African brethren." They pointed out the well-organized infrastructure of South Africa and the general stability. We accepted this double-pronged approach, which in time proved true. Thus, Benoni became the site of the Southern Africa Bible School (now College).

We continued to work together when Tex led World Bible School. African prospects taught by WBS courses were followed-up in Southern Africa. We baptized them, grounded them and helped them to establish congregations. Even today many graduates from SABC still follow-up on those who discovered the Lord's church through WBS. The Bible College became multiracial 13 years before apartheid was dismantled. In 2000, SABC became fully accredited, being authorized to offer a B.A. (Theology) degree among other qualifications. Manzini Bible School has become African Christian College (ACC).

Tex Williams is a modern hero of the faith. He could hardly have seen how extensive and durable his influence would be. SABC is grateful for the lives and work of Tex and Mary Jane.



Tribute to Eulene

By Byron Nichols, Editor of Voice of Truth International

Eulene and her fine husband, Darrell Ramsey, were involved for 15 years in evangelism through World Bible School. They even made plans for mission work after retirement from secular work.

Before they retired, Darrell made two trips to Ghana to follow-up with their WBS students. Unfortunately, he contracted a severe tropical disease. Doctors became convinced he would never walk again. Darrell took early retirement, as did Eulene to care for him. In time, Darrell regained some mobility, but Eulene herself suffered from arthritis despite many surgeries.



Darrell and Eulene
Ramsey

of her ongoing pain marveled at her determination. She seemed to push the pain to a remote area of her brain and forge ahead as if all was well. She has now concluded her stay on earth, and she deserves our gratitude and appreciation.



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the entire Bible. The commentaries are prepared by faithful preachers, teachers and scholars who are leaving a great legacy of scriptural teaching for those who will guide the Lord's church in coming generations.

For more information on how to begin a school on a mission field or in a local congregation, contact Truth for Today World Mission School at 501-268-7588 or e-mail readingbasedschool@biblecourses.com.



WBS Connect from page 8

resulting students come to your own teachers who use mail, email or Web, depending on the student's choice of medium. For advertising options, be sure to look into WBS Web Ads.

Learning through WBS is non-threatening to students and teachers alike. Students remain in control of their pace and privacy. Teachers use pre-prepared WBS lessons that are easily graded (in the case of printed studies) or auto-graded (in the case of on-line studies), allowing teachers to focus on building relationships and meeting spiritual needs.

If you have an interest and would like more information, please contact Sheryl Williams at 512-345-8190 or sheryl@worldbibleschool.net.



Tips for Teachers!

Surveys For Better Service



By Bill Colwell

Clear, effective communication is critical to the success of any group, and especially World Bible School.

To facilitate better communication with WBS coordinators, we have developed the 2012 WBS Coordinator Survey. It seeks feedback on how we at the Cedar Park office can better serve coordinators and their teachers. Specifically, it asks what teaching challenges coordinators and teachers face, what improvements they can suggest, what “best practices” they can share and how we can help make their jobs easier as they use WBS to spread the Gospel.

The first batch of 83 surveys went out in April, and the second batch (almost 300 more) went out in early June. If you are a WBS coordinator, please complete and return

your survey if you haven't already. We want to hear from all of you! (If you're a coordinator and haven't received a survey, email me at bill@worldbibleschool.net or call me at 512-345-8190. I'll send one right away.)

For all WBS coordinators: Please help me improve the communication flow by letting me know when your contact information changes—we can only communicate with you if we can find you! For all our readers: If you know of a congregation that might be a good candidate for starting a new WBS teaching program, please let me know—I would love to contact them and follow up.

Remember, the only requirement for beginning and growing a WBS program is a strong and continuing desire to spread the Gospel. Thanks for your continued dedication to fulfilling the Great Commission! God is blessing us and I look forward to working with you!



Note to teachers: Kenya has a new WBS post office box. The reason for the new box is that the old box is in a part of town now dominated by refugees from Muslim countries. This has implications for mail tampering and also makes matters difficult for our mail workers. Please take note of the new postal address for our WBS Service Center in Kenya:

Teacher Name and Code Number
World Bible School
P.O. Box 301-00520
Ruai, Kenya

The old P.O. Box will be open until the end of 2012 only. Please begin now to use the new address.

Thank you!



WANTED: Pilots for Cyber Space



By Robin Cannon

World Bible School keeps growing with the times. Our materials and methods have changed in order to make correspondence tools as

effective as possible. Remember the change from the old three courses to the seven courses of the Master Series? Remember the addition of Business Reply Mail to certain countries? Our Internet presence has been totally re-vamped. Even now we are deep into the process of improving the Master Series further. Now it is time to introduce a new level of efficiency: digital transmission of return sheets from students (in high-volume countries) to their teachers.

Here are interesting numbers: Planet Earth has over 7 billion people. Of those, about 2.2 billion have ready access to computer technology, the Internet in

particular. American churches rank highly in the group that has Internet access, but most WBS students do not. Thus, what if we could harness the power of digital communication FOR the students?

We have prepared technically to launch test programs at specific churches to determine how to use document scanning in-country to speed up student answer returns by about two months per course. Three pilot programs currently use this system, and it's working! We need more pilot participants and more practical feedback with this experiment.



We are in a position to handle seven more high-volume programs with



students in Zimbabwe, which is WBS' most responsive country, and also technically

challenging. We hope to include more countries as we improve the scanning system.

Would your program consider becoming involved in this pilot program? We need seven more churches with Internet access who can print the student answer sheets that our team scans and sends from Zimbabwe. Redundancy measures eliminate any risk for you. Instead, the potential benefits are enormous. Faster communication = better retention = more likelihood of responses and growing faith. That's what it is all about. If you are interested, please contact Robin Cannon at robin@worldbibleschool.net or 512-345-8190.





Mission Printing Shares Gospel, WBS



Literature container to Ghana

By Richard Renfro

In 1979, missionaries Guy and Jessie Lee Caskey returned from South Africa and founded Mission Printing. For 33 years, we have printed and distributed Christian literature to aid missionaries reach the lost. We are a non-profit organization affiliated with churches of Christ, with our own independent Board of Trustees and are supported by congregations and individual donors. The work has grown steadily, to date printing some 100 different titles—pamphlets and even full books—that have been sent by the millions worldwide, free of charge. All of our workers (mainly retired folks) are volunteers, except for a paid office manager. The printed page is one of the greatest ways people today can learn, especially in developing nations where people lack tools for the Lord's

work and cannot go to a bookstore for materials. Few of us can travel to all corners of the world, but our literature can. People are literally begging us to send them Bible study books, which will help them in converting their fellow countrymen and strengthening new Christians. World Bible School teachers often use our publications for their students, and each of our publications refers the reader to WBS for further study. Contact information: Mission Printing, Inc., 2707 Medlin Drive, Arlington, TX 76015-1449, 817-792-3371 (www.missionprinting.us). Email: missionprinting@gmail.com

Editor's note: Other sources of Gospel tracts and books include Bible Literature

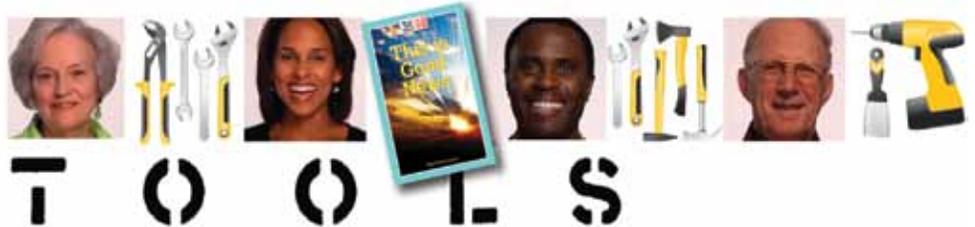


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Truth for Today's RSBS

Truth for Today's Reading-based School of Biblical Studies (RSBS) is an on-site educational tool for advanced Bible students worldwide. Students who



RSBS at Mumbai, India

use English participate in a university-like center that provides 14 semesters of study for those who want a quality education in the entire Bible. The program is designed to be economical, portable and available anywhere in the world. Study materials feature volumes of Truth for Today Commentaries and study guides. Tests are administered on a regular basis and certificates are presented each year to those who complete the course work. The School's supervisor maintains transcripts at the Truth for Today office at 2205 S Benton, Searcy AR 72143.

RSBS is a way to train national preachers

who will spread the Gospel widely and economically in their native regions. Schools are currently operating in India, Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, Cameroon, Gambia, Nigeria and Fiji. Serious students of the Bible who have limited finances or time restrictions will welcome this opportunity to study diligently.

Applications are numerous and ever-increasing and include training for elders and deacons and concentrated Bible study classes. A congregation may wish to begin an RSBS school in another nation as a part of its mission outreach. Multiple scholars within the churches of Christ are producing the Truth for Today Commentary Series, a complete book-by-book exegesis and application on

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New Tools to **CONNECT**



By Sheryl Williams

The Good News of Jesus is for all—including those right around us. Here at home in the U.S., the church is not keeping up with population growth. Many of us want to connect better, but don't know how. WBS Connect provides the partnership and the tools for reaching and teaching your target community.

The Connect program arms you with ideas, new ways to recruit students and a WBS Connect-branded Web page that is integrated with WBS's teaching site, www.worldbibleschool.org. To see an example of the landing site, go to learn.worldbibleschool.org. For more information on the Connect program, go to worldbibleschool.net/wbs-connect.

Advertising your Connect site is essential for the success of the program that uses

Internet. Choose your own tools—flyers, posters, business cards, Intros, billboards, etc.—from Connect's promotional toolbox. Your targeted promotions direct potential students right to your site to enroll (or to your chosen mailing address, if Internet access in your target area is a problem). The *continue on page 5*

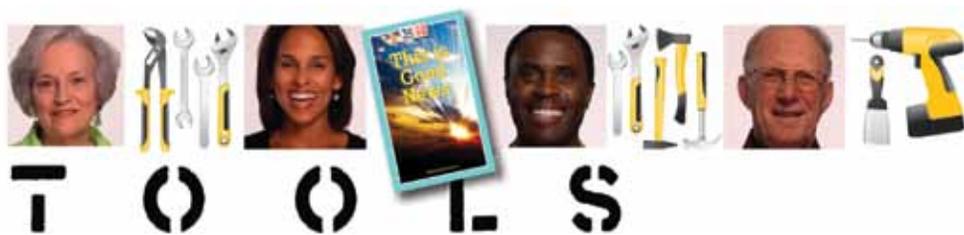


WBS Web Ads



By Jonathan Towell

Do you want to use the internet to find your own students? World Bible School is pleased to announce a new service called WBS Web Ads. With this service, WBS Connect coordinators can target a specific geographic area, often as narrow as a zip code, and display Bible ads to Google searchers in that area. You provide the target area and budget. WBS will manage the rest.



The teachers in your WBS Connect group will teach the students that result from these ads.

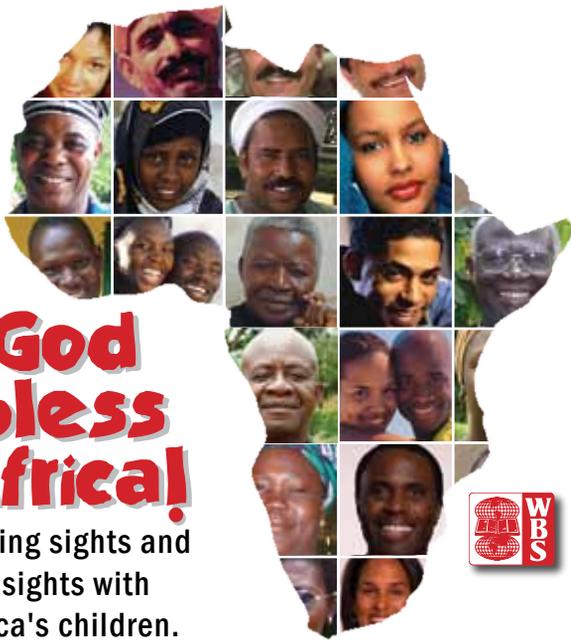
Some WBS Connect churches are using WBS Web Ads to advertise to their hometown. Others are targeting a mission area. WBS Connect and WBS Web Ads are fantastic ways to partner with your missionary

in actually *sowing seeds*. In this way, your congregation can work in closer unity with your supported missionary.

For more information about WBS Web Ads, contact connect@worldbibleschool.net. Sign up for WBS Connect at www.worldbibleschool.net/connect.



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