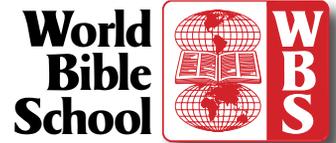


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*Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children; and walk in love,
just as Christ also loved you and gave
Himself up for us, an offering and a
sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*



John Reese

My last editorial quoted a soul-winning shepherd in Nashville whose life focuses on loving God and others. That sounds biblical,

doesn't it? Jesus Himself affirmed that these loves are the pinnacle of human purpose (Matthew 22:36-40). Ephesians 5:1-2, quoted above, also summarizes the Christian life.

This passage lends itself to the title *Live a Life of Love*, the maturing course that completes WBS' Master Series. See the model the Father leaves for us to imitate: He loved us enough to bring us into His own family as "beloved children"! He did that by the "offering and sacrifice" of His own Son! That love is the motivation and the model we follow, even at great cost to ourselves.

Yes, our love too involves sacrifice. As with Jesus, living love means dedicated pursuit of God's mission, not personal agendas. We use our time and resources purposefully, not selfishly. We stretch ourselves beyond familiar limits. We step outside our comfortable zones. Ironically, this is especially true when sharing the

Good News. People often appreciate the meeting of physical needs. But the Good News is spiritual. To people like the Greeks it makes no intellectual sense. To people like the Jews the bloody cross is a scandal. Proud, self-made men hate the implications of repentance and grace.

Far more people rejected Jesus than accepted Him. Didn't they enjoy the loaves and fishes? Of course they did. Had He limited Himself to that, they might have accepted Him. But, along with demonstrating Grace, He also insisted on speaking Truth—and that they could not stand. Stephen dared to speak out, and he too was killed for it. Paul was harassed because his declared theme was the cross. Why persist in delivering such a despised Message? Love! They believed Jesus' words carried eternal life (John 6:63,68). They believed people had to hear and obey this Gospel, otherwise they were lost (2 Thessalonians 1:8). The only merciful course was to share God's saving Message. This mercy overflowed in multiplied opportunities for many to hear and respond, and so the church grew.

How are we growing? Is there a correlation between our growth and our

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Love the Lord Above Family

By Dennis Okoth

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:26)

Editor's Note: At our annual World Bible School Breakfast in California, we were privileged to hear from Dennis Okoth of LivingStone International University, Uganda. He told about his conversion in Kenya through WBS, which involved a literal struggle for his life. He took seriously the cost of discipleship as required by Jesus (Luke 14). His story is reproduced here from his speech and from Sam Shewmaker's book A Great

Light Dawning.

My father, Okoth Mugande, was a traditionalist in every sense. He presided over rituals to appease the spirits and expected me to follow him. During my first year of marriage, I took World Bible

School courses by correspondence and also met people preaching the Gospel. I was so excited and was baptized in the river near my home. Immediately, I began to share the same message with all around me. My father became angry. To keep me from visiting



Dennis Okoth at the WBS Breakfast

others, he arranged for my uncle and others to ambush me. Six strong men chained my legs to keep me at home. My father sent my wife back to her parents, but she returned. She hid in the bush during the day and secretly cared for me at night. Others came to see me at the house. Ignoring the chains, I talked to them about Christ.

Eventually, my father brought a well-known witchdoctor. He berated me for having wasted my father's investment in my schooling and for embarrassing him in the village. Now he, the witchdoctor, would take care of me. He produced a large syringe used on cattle, and plunged its entire volume of white-colored poison into me. They left me and I passed into a coma. My mother was crying for she had known of the plan. The witchdoctor had said that it was better to get rid of one boy than to be ruined by Gospel preaching.

My chains were removed and the family anticipated my burial. But they could not bury me because my heart was still beating. Even in the coma, I was faintly aware of my wife caring for me. For several days during the coma, I had neither food nor drink, and did not go to the toilet. People came and wept, and

some rebuked my father.

While I was down, a letter arrived stating that I had been appointed as a school teacher. When I regained consciousness and a little strength, my father literally carried me to the bus, and I went and reported at the school to accept the job. The head master saw my condition and gave me sick leave. My body swelled so much that the sweater I was wearing would not come off my body. It was that bad. But that appointment letter freed me to leave home after my health returned. Along with teaching school, I preached and worked with the Christians to establish three new congregations. My missionary co-workers were Hilton Merritt, Sarge Hemphill and Larry Stephens.

During school breaks, I visited my parents. My father could not believe how well things had turned out for me. Seven years later he apologized for having tried to kill me. Later, he was baptized and became a Christian. Then he baptized my mother. Nearly all my brothers and their wives have been baptized.



What Motivated Them?

Back in March 1974, Jimmie Lovell asked the editorial question, "Where Have We Been All of Our Lives?" Jimmie (1896-1984) founded World Bible School. His life before WBS had been defined by love for the lost. But student responses in the 1970s opened his vision to even more magnificent vistas. He saw in WBS unprecedented potential for mobilizing the brotherhood and impacting the world's populations. Even in advanced age a new intensity seized him. His final decade was filled with wondrous stamina and joy. Because of WBS, he declared his last years

to be the best, the most fruitful of a truly abundant life.

What drove Jimmie and his co-workers? Read in Jimmie's editorial his all-absorbing purpose: "Christ came for an even greater reason—to seek the lost and save them from

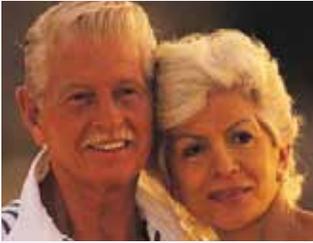


Jimmie Lovell:
the epitome of motivation

eternal death, and this is the cause for which I am placing my emphasis—all of my energy and possessions. Each of us must make up his own mind as to what he feels is the most important. In mine, it is that man must be born again else he has no chance no matter how much good he does." Jimmie's words reflect the truth and grace revealed by Jesus, and also the passion of Paul: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died." People are precious. They have died in their sins and will remain eternally lost unless

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Above & Beyond: IRA Giving

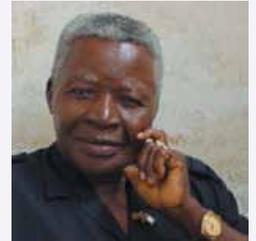
Generally, anyone over the age of 59½ can make charitable contributions from their retirement savings. These can be good giving vehicles for someone

who believes they have more in their retirement accounts than what they might need during their lifetime.

Those with “traditional” IRAs are required to take minimum distributions at the age of 70½. A “temporary” law (it’s been extended, again, through 2011) lets them make tax-free gifts to WBS using funds that would otherwise be subject to tax under mandatory withdrawal rules. This method of giving is called a “charitable transfer”. To give in this way, you don’t withdraw the funds and then make the gift. The funds must be distributed directly to WBS by your IRA administrator.

This opportunity is especially beneficial if you do not itemize deductions on your tax returns. It gives you the same tax reduction as if you had reported the IRA gift as a non-taxable, itemized deduction. For example: a retiree takes \$5,000 out of an IRA to make a gift to WBS. If she is in the 25% tax bracket, she will pay \$1,250 in taxes, leaving \$3,750 to WBS. Until this special IRA giving opportunity, if she didn’t itemize, she couldn’t realize any tax benefits of the gift. Now she can give the full \$5,000 to WBS without paying any tax at all.

Does giving from your retirement accounts seem appropriate to you? Would you like to know of other ways to give “above and beyond”? Contact us for more information.



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On the Sowing the Seed Gift Forms (below)...

- Note clearly if this is a monthly or annual commitment, or simply a one-time gift.

If you need assistance, please call Mickie Kennedy at WBS. Also note this: *Action!* is prepared well in advance. So if you wish to make a Christmas gift an *honor* or *tribute* for the November issue of *Action!*, be sure to send it to Mickie by October 10th.

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Memorial Gifts and Honor Gifts are ideal ways to pay tribute to a loved one's legacy or special occasions. At the same time, your gift will be used to "teach the Word and reach the world" with WBS. Upon receipt of your gift, an appropriate letter of acknowledgement will be sent naming the honoree and you as the thoughtful donor (without the gift amount).

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Signature _____



What Motivated Them? (from page 2)

they are rescued. Christ paid the price to save them, and we should care enough to share that Good News with them wherever they may be. The motivation is pure, unselfish love.

Jimmie was frustrated with selfish religion. "We are all too busy building up local situations which are 90 percent or more for the comforts and satisfaction of ourselves." He rejected passively waiting for others to come to our "beautiful buildings." WBS presented the opportunity for members to engage seekers locally and worldwide. Here

was an evangelistic method that could involve every member. From a small but amazing experiment in WBS advertising, Jimmie wrote in 1974, "There are thousands, and in another year or two, millions begging for us to teach them about Christ."

What a seemingly prophetic vision! Today, 37 years later, 25,000,000 seekers have received WBS lessons, and a world of potential awaits us yet. With your help, the current 1,000,000 new postal students per year can double. Internet encircles the globe,

yielding one new student for every \$1.50 invested in advertising. Our only limits have to do with our love and faith. Will we truly repent of diverting 90% of our resources to "the comforts and satisfaction of ourselves"?

Where have we been all our lives? Wherever we were, those years are now past. If the Lord permits, the future is ours. Let us claim that future for His cause. Let's turn these next years into the best yet for reaching souls worldwide and at home!



WBS Beginnings Include Coxes and Myers

Working right alongside Jimmie—from the first stirrings of what would become World Bible School—labored a dedicated couple, Howard and Margaret Cox. Jimmie was the enthusiastic, hard-driving visionary. Howard and Margaret worked out many of the details. They also helped to inspire WBS. When the Torrance church developed a successful Bible



Howard and Margaret Cox

were instrumental all along the way. They volunteered their time, and never received a salary. Now in their mid-eighties, they are

correspondence program, Howard looked up from his work on lessons and said to Jimmie, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if more congregations would do this?" That idea took hold. Jimmie promoted it in his periodical called *Action*. As the method grew, Howard and Margaret

still sacrificially involved. Why have they worked so tirelessly with so little recognition for all these 50 years? All who know them can summarize the answer in one word: Love. Why did the Cox's friend Jolly Myers and his daughter Betty set up a fund to ensure that pensioners could use WBS even if they could not afford to purchase lessons? Again, their motivation can be captured with one word: Love.

In the next issue of *Action!*, we plan to report a watershed event for World Bible School. This momentous occasion will also serve particularly to honor the Coxes and Myers. We hope that you will participate to fulfill their passion far into the future... for one simple reason: Love.



Jolly Myers during 1974 mission on Nevis Island in the West Indies



For Love of Ministry

In 2004, when World Bible School experienced special needs, Jerry Brooks stepped forward to help, first as a consultant and then as WBS' Executive Vice President for six years. Jerry brought to WBS a wealth of business and spiritual experience. He had retired from a varied career that included hospital administration and hospital association management.

Why leave a comfortable retirement to devote full-time to challenging ministry demands? Because Jerry's life is all about ministry. Along with continual congregational activity, he has long been involved with Baxter Institute in Honduras preparing church leaders for Central and South America. Over 20 years ago, he helped establish Hidden Manna,

a ministry to strengthen marriages, and continues to serve on its board. He has also served on the board of Brentwood Christian School. Jerry and his wife Teresa have long given themselves to good works and generous support of spiritual causes. So it was entirely in character for Jerry to dedicate himself to WBS ministry with significant sacrifice to himself and his family.

Along with an emphasis on organizational and financial stability, the most significant development of Jerry's tenure (2004-2010) was an entirely new interactive model for WBS, namely Web-based Bible teaching. With steadfast faith in the importance of technology for WBS' future, he shepherded Internet growth through tough economic



Jerry Brooks with the Dayes of West Africa

times. The technical vehicle, built from 2007 until now, is foundational for teaching processes, both electronic and postal. It serves WBS Connect (USA outreach) and positions WBS well for greater impact in Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Thank you, Jerry, for your valuable service, motivated by love!



Tips for Teachers!

By Beth Reese and John Tesseyman



John Tesseyman with WBS lessons from Zimbabwe

Have you ever wondered why your student doesn't respond faster? We recently spent several days sorting World Bible School mail in Zimbabwe at the Harare Service Center that receives six to eight large mail-

bags—over 80 lbs. each—of lesson answers each week (photo 1). Processing these to pass them on to you is a huge task. These tips should help speed the process.

- **Please make sure the address has details similar to an address in the States.** Every address must have normal items such as # Street or P.O. Box #, Town, and Country. We hear some teachers say, "Maybe they do it different over there" or "If it gets that far, someone else can figure it out." An address without key information (photo 2) will not work anywhere. Russ Beshirs (photo 3) of Huntsville was with us on the trip. In his WBS

work at Mayfair church, he had found a web site listing all Zimbabwean towns. He already used this list for the accuracy of student addresses. Also, current Post Office rules call for the country, and *not* the region of the world. For example, write "Zimbabwe" rather than "Zimbabwe, Southern Africa" (the latter's extra words may interfere with modern automation).

- **Please pay closer attention.** Often students sign up on a sheet with other students. When they share the same address (such as a school P.O. Box) they use "ditto" marks to save repetitive writing. One WBS teacher just cut the names apart and glued each name and address on its envelope—ditto marks and all—and mailed it. The Post Office returned it as undeliverable. The teacher then sent it to the Harare Service Center (photo 4). Though highly motivated, we, too, failed to locate the whereabouts of this ditto.
- **Please don't ask the Service Center to forward your normal student mail.** Yes, it is cheaper to mail lessons when they are all going to the same address. But think of the added burden on the Service Center workers. They have an enormous load of legitimate work. And they don't have funds to re-mail your mail for you.



Beth Reese with ladies' class translator at the International Gospel Lectureship in Zimbabwe

Unless there is a specific problem (such as that in the related article "Love Seeks Solutions"), please mail all lessons directly to the student's address.

- **Please put your WBS code # on all BRM envelopes you send.** Our Service Center sorts thousands of Business Reply Mail (BRM) envelopes every week. Anything that simplifies the process saves much labor. The first step is to sort envelopes into piles according to code numbers. Envelopes without a code number must be set aside for later attention. Avoid this delay by placing your code *prominently* on the BRM envelope (photo 5). Some congregations make a stamp to put their WBS code # on the BRM envelope in big letters. Also facilitate easy sorting by placing your WBS code # clearly and prominently on Pink Page 1's red box (in Master Series courses). Such thoughtfulness is appreciated—and helps you get your mail faster!



Appreciation

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all—our co-workers, supporters, friends and readers—for your many expressions of love and encouragement for us at WBS. You lift up our hands and our hearts in the mighty battle for souls. Your prayers are the wind beneath our wings. Your humor lightens our load.

A playful message from Bill Altaffer epitomizes your supportive spirit. Bill writes,



Dot Bradley, Mary Nell Kemper, Gale Scott, Mickie Kennedy, Rejena Anderson, and Linda Reville (inset: Charlotte Wright and Sheryl Williams)

"Am enclosing some cash. *No*, that is not for Tex Williams to buy a steak supper, and, *no*, that is not for John Reese to buy a Starbucks' coffee. That *is* for someone to slip by Walmart or wherever and buy the ladies at WBS some nice red roses!! They, like preachers' wives and the third verse of most songs, are sadly overlooked and under-appreciated."

Many thanks, Bill and Norma, for your special thoughtfulness! Your consideration means a lot to us (even to us starving men). In tomorrow's devotional we'll be sure to include third verses.





Love Seeks Solutions

The huge success of World Bible School in Zimbabwe has not been without snags. The very poverty that increases receptivity creates logistical hurdles. But we care enough to persist and to seek solutions. A recent problem arose when the government failed to fund its high schools. This caused some schools to default and lose their P.O. Box addresses on which our WBS students rely. Lessons sent to closed boxes have been returned as “undeliverable” to U.S. teachers who have then sent them to our Service Center in Zimbabwe for some kind of solution. This was recommended by Cedar Park. However, the literal avalanche of such mail was overwhelming even for our resourceful Harare crew.

The Reeses, with several U.S. guests, saw this first hand when they were invited for the International Gospel Lectureship (IGL) in Harare, at which John addressed (photo 1) thousands of members from Zimbabwe and neighboring nations. At the WBS Service Center they saw the large piles of mail returned by teachers from closed boxes. Beth Reese had a brainwave: “At the IGL there will be Christians from many parts of Zimbabwe.

Let’s sort this mail by town, then get it to those Christians who can deliver it to the students in their respective towns, and also work on better addresses.” So the U.S. guests joined Alice and Si and extra volunteers for intensive hours of sorting and boxing the returned mail (photo 2), and Alice transported it (photos 3 and 4) to the IGL venue, the Rainbow Towers Conference Centre (photo 5). After John’s speech (photo 6) and announcement, with the Lord’s blessing, volunteers (photo 7) took most of it back to their homes to reconnect with the students. Our friend Chris Magadu (photo 8) will do the same with what remains. Government officials say that they will waive P.O. fees for schools, so we hope this particular problem will not recur.

Flowing mail far outweighs problematic mail. When we arrived, about 100 lbs. of mail had been processed (stripped, sorted and stapled), with a further 700-800 lbs. of unprocessed mail waiting. That represented one or two weeks’ worth of normal mail from students to their teachers. Time ran out, so our group (Photo 9) carried the processed 100 lbs. plus some 400 lbs. of the sorted (but not stripped) mail in our suitcases to Cedar Park

for forwarding to the respective WBS teachers. Photo 9 shows John Reese, Peggy Sullivan, Beth Reese, John Tesseyman and Russ Beshirs with mainly WBS luggage at Harare’s airport. Paul Lockman (photo 10) of Skillman Ave., Dallas, traveled later.

Editor’s note: All this activity illustrates the success of WBS and underlines the need for more workers at our Service Center in Harare. A retiree in Moorcroft, Wyo., saw the previous appeal in Action! and sent two months of salary for the extra worker needed. Simultaneously, a Christian couple in Austin, Tex., provided an entire year of support. Their generosity springs from love. As WBS teachers, they know just how responsive these WBS students are and the importance of follow up reaching them. Their one-time gifts aim to give congregations time to evaluate and adopt the mission strategy of assisting a WBS Service Center. Let us provide information for your research. May the Lord guide you into this labor of love that leads to hundreds of discernable baptisms and multiplies new congregations. Please contact John Reese or Ron Pottberg through our Cedar Park office at 512-345-8190.



Editorial (from page 1)

love? In other words, do we *care* enough to tell the Message? Does our love overcome our fear of rejection—for rejection there will be if we imitate Jesus (John 15:20; Mark 4:17; 8:38). I worry that we find other routes easier, perhaps even adopting a form of works salvation: “By our works they shall be saved (if they even need saving).” That is so self-satisfying, so much friendlier, so much more accepted in polite society.

As you read your Bible, was “acceptance” ever a goal of godly leaders? True, Christ-like living enjoys a side-product of “favor with all the people” (Acts 2:47). But that favor is not the goal, as proved by the apostles’ determination to keep on speaking the Message with boldness, with or without favor, in season or out of season, even to the extent of igniting persecution that

scattered God’s family. Why persist in something so opposed? Love: Love for God. Love for His truth. Love for His mission and method. Love for the lost, for “salvation is found in no one else”. (Acts 4:12)

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.... For Christ’s love compels us....
(2 Corinthians 5:11, 14)



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