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The Joy of Harvest



By John Reese

One blessing of working with World Bible School is a steady stream of good

reports. We value reports about snags; they stimulate solutions as we connect seekers (by the millions) with teachers (by the thousands) across the globe (200 nations). When difficulties wear us down, positive reports remind us why WBS is so worthwhile. This issue immerses you in this stream with a sampling of recent conversion reports.

Frankly, we ought to expect such reports. Prayer and kingdom proclamation are the most powerful forces on earth.

Think about **prayer**. "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). At the recent Asia Mission Forum, Atsushi Tsuneki of Japan made a dynamic point: By choosing the smallest seed, Jesus encouraged us to use the faith we have. Even if your faith is small, *use it*, and God will move mountains! In a similar context, Jesus promises, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24). Ask for success in bringing souls to the Savior. Apply your faith—and "it will be yours!" As Reuel Lemmons said of WBS, "This is something that anyone who can read or write can do. No excuses. If you want to save a soul, *you can*."

Think about **proclamation**. From the

analogy of rain producing a harvest, the Lord affirms, "So is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). God gives this same power to His Gospel. We do our part by proclaiming it. God does His part by germinating His seed in every seeking heart. Paul said, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6). From the first century until now, this Gospel still yields its harvest.

Think about the **kingdom**. Jesus describes the kingdom in expansive terms. It is the mustard seed that grows *large*, the net *full* of fish, the yeast worked into *all* the dough, and the wedding hall *filled* with guests. Its message will be preached to *all* nations,

**Look at the fields!
They are ripe
for harvest!**

drawing new citizens from east and west. It is the seed that sprouts, grows and produces grain—abundant harvests thirty, sixty and a hundred times what was sown.

Such growth is not without struggle. Fruit comes "with patience" (Luke 8:15). Psalm 126 well says: "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him." First comes the labor, the sweat and the tears. Then comes the harvest. Earthly farmers may toil in vain (as Texas' current drought reminds us). But this spiritual harvest is assured—perhaps not according to our timing or expectations—yet truly assured. This is the kingdom Isaiah foretold as always *increasing*.

This is Daniel's visionary mountain that fills the *whole* earth. In the end, this will be John's multitude grown so great as to defy counting.

What Jesus, Isaiah, Daniel and John foresaw, we now witness as streams of reports, of which this issue is a brief snapshot. It gives a sense of what happens when we work God's field, whether focused on the United States or elsewhere. We do our (small) part by obedience, prayer and seed-planting. God does His (great) part by answering our prayers. When His kingdom-seed is sown, He honors it with abundant harvests. "Open your eyes," therefore, "and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest!"



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For the Joy of Harvest...

WBS Welcomes Jonathan Towell

We enthusiastically welcome Jonathan Towell to the Management Team of World Bible School! Jonathan, his wife Lori and daughters Abigail (3), Lydia (1) live in Lubbock, Tex. Jonathan combines a passion for missions with cutting edge technical and business skills. At Harding University he majored in Information Technology and minored in Spanish. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and won the 2006 Outstanding Christian Business Student award. Earlier, through Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI), he completed the AIM program and served as an apprentice missionary in Portugal. Later, he managed the computer network at SIBI. He and a partner built a marketing software business. Jonathan sold his share when he was employed as a project manager by a firm that

develops marketing and web applications for companies such as Microsoft, Samsung, Intel, DuPont, Welch's and Conoco Phillips.

Jonathan's career path was pleasing and secure. He and his family did not make the decision lightly to join WBS fulltime. They prayed and they consulted with wise leaders. They finally informed WBS President John Reese on June 26 of the decision to move to WBS. Why would a young man in a promising career make such a choice? He and Lori put the Lord first. They know that WBS positions them to share the Good News of Jesus with literally thousands and then millions. They anticipate the joy of great harvests as the Gospel yields its fruit worldwide.

The Towells already have proved their devotion. During his career, Jonathan has pursued

world missions through World English Institute. WEI was started by Dick Ady, and its Internet side is handled by

Jonathan's grandparents, Bob and Jan Towell. While they shape its use, Jonathan has built all of the technical side: the Web site, the Internet advertising, the enrollment, the auto grading, the record-keeping and more. He accomplished this on his own after-hours time, most of it contributed. This same sacrificial spirit has led the Towell family to WBS.



**Jonathan and Lori
with Abigail and Lydia**

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By John Reese

There are many ways to measure growth. One of the more visible is the evolution of our regular meetings. Back in 1961, nine missionaries in Asia came together for mutual encouragement. So began the Asia

50th Asia Mission Forum

Mission Forum (AMF) that has continued annually ever since. This year Chiang Mai, Thailand, hosted the 50th AMF. Robert and Jan Reagan and their team organized for the largest event yet. A testimony to the growth of the church in Asia, 252 attended. More telling



was the geographical range (15 nations) and the age range, with perhaps a majority of young people participating. The Gordon Hogans were the only family present who had attended the first AMF. They and the Parker

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150 Respond! New Congregation!

By Washington Mhlanga

This story began with Peter Mahumba who was converted to Christ through WBS and now works with Rupange Church of Christ in the Mrewa area of **Zimbabwe**. Peter and Concillia have very little, but they are very generous in sharing WBS with many others. Eventually the number of active students led us to arrange a WBS seminar at Maremba, about 25 km from Peter's home. Well over 500 students, parents and teachers attended the seminar at the local government school. We took nine preachers of whom three were converted through WBS, two student preachers on field program from

Mutare School of Preaching and four others already serving in other congregations. After Bible studies, 150 responded wanting to be baptized. To say the least, we were overwhelmed as it was about 3:30 P.M., and the place for baptism was too far for walking.

With our one vehicle, we managed to ferry 58 to the river. Peter and Concillia stayed behind to arrange for the first church services. The next day, a Sunday, Peter baptized 25 more. After further studies, another 45 were baptized, giving a total of 128.

WBS worker Si Muraicho says of her experience at the seminar, "Just being at this seminar, I have learnt that some lost souls are

thirsty and searching for the word of a God. The students there were so receptive. We were so glad that they understood well. Please help us in praying for this new work."

Evangelist Godwin Marandure wrote to friends at Mayfair church in Huntsville, Ala., "The good news is that a new congregation was established today through WBS. This is one of the happiest moments in preaching Jesus. What a great moment seeing so many young people respond, and so **many high school** students accepting Christ! Thank you for your WBS work because today another congregation has been established."





Above & Beyond

by Kevin Rhodes

“Here’s the bottom line...”

An old acquaintance, a West Texas banker, called up WBS. Bob (not his real name) was considering making a contribution. So I shared our story. *There’s nothing like WBS: millions taught—two million at a time... every country on earth...by thousands of everyday Christian teachers...for just a dollar a student...*

“Now hold on right there,” Bob interrupted. Does he believe me? I thought. In the past, a few had been skeptical that *for every dollar used by WBS, one soul studies the Bible.* “Tell me more about what a dollar can do. What are those dollars accomplishing? How do you get ’em? And how do you use ’em? Are you using ’em well? I want to see your current, audited financial statements. And while you’re at it, send me your operating budget for this year.”

Wow! The banker in Bob was expressing



himself in no uncertain terms. So, we delved into the financial workings of the worldwide ministry that is *World Bible School*—how dollars

and stewardship fuel the mission. I went over the math of the dollar per student. And I added this: “For that matter, for every \$77 we use, one of those souls will study their Bible lessons far enough to request baptism.”

“Here’s the bottom line,” Bob summarized flatly. “I want my giving to really make an impact.” “Well,” I responded, “how many people do you want to help study the Bible? One dollar lets one soul study.” After some closing comments, we wrapped up our conversation. “But send me those financials,” Bob reminded me.

Within two weeks, we received a significant check from Bob: \$7,700. Someone here commented on the

**Why a check for \$7,700?
But Bob and I knew
exactly what it meant.**

odd number. Why seventy-seven hundred? But Bob and I knew exactly what it meant. ***He had given to ensure that 100 WBS students would ultimately request to be baptized into Christ.***

I’ve told several groups about my banker friend’s gift. He wants to use his charitable giving to make an impact. He wants it to share Jesus, to teach the Gospel, to reach the lost, to fulfill the Great Commission.



What about you? Will you let God bless your gift as He blesses the evangelistic outreach of WBS?



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Wilburn French: The Modern Job

By Bob Penick

Wilburn French has experienced more health problems than anyone I've heard of, back to Job in the Bible. It would require a book to record his physical problems and accidents (snakebite, burns, fractures and more). Numerous operations have sought to keep his hands and feet functional. Medication for arthritis may have contributed to lymphoma cancer and other complications. In 1992, health problems forced his retirement from a profitable career at age 56. His doctor said he might live ten more years. Reaction to chemo almost took his life. Staph infection and pneumonia set him back. After a seizure in 2007, a brain scan revealed a large brain tumor. He is now confined to home—except when he forces himself to attend the baptism of yet another of his converts. While Wilburn suffers like Job, he shares Job's faithfulness. God keeps blessing Wilburn with abundant fruitfulness, which Wilburn summarizes in his own words....



Alma Jo and Wilburn French

I grew up in South Austin, the youngest of seven children with a single mom. When she was sick, members of the church of Christ helped us and brought food. After she recovered, she walked two miles to church services with seven children and was never late. I was baptized at the age of 11 and began teaching Bible classes at 18.

Later, my wife and I began to teach people using the Jule Miller filmstrips. I learned a lot from Louisiana's School of Personal Evangelism that sent a group to Austin. When we taught our congregation's middle school group, it grew from four to over 70. I taught adult classes for 50 years.

At age 44 severe health problems set in. I learned then that it was not my job to convert people but to teach them. I served as an elder (19 years), beginning with my mentors Reuel Lemmons, Roy Holcomb and Tom Spoons. I also served on the Board of World Bible School (8 years). Despite all of my health problems, I have led over 100 people to Christ. God's word is very powerful.

My health now is very poor. But one of my caretakers asked me to teach her. I did and she is now an active Christian, teaching her five boys and bringing friends to church. Recently I managed to attend church to see another of her sons baptized. I cannot get out much, but I can still teach, hug grandchildren and share the Gospel with anyone who gets near me.



Dorrity Tribute

By Bob Bennett, elder, Summerville, SC

Bill and Alise Dorrity are multi-talented Christians. Bill, in his early 80s, is a master bible teacher, physicist, professor, preacher, carpenter, sea captain, author, missionary to many countries and a veteran of Korea and World War II. His best talents and fulfillment are in leading World Bible School here at Summerville. Alise provides valuable help and also has served in the Army Corps of Engineers, in nursing and health worker, in English teaching, and in orphanages in Mexico, Nepal, The Philippines, Guyana, Cambodia and China.



Bill and Alise Dorrity

A church that works together stays together, and WBS has provided a great way to evangelize for over 15 years. We currently mail out over 100,000 lessons per year!

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Ghana Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Willie Gley

By Willie Gley

Churches of Christ in Ghana are 50 years old this year. Special events are celebrating the great increase given by the Lord during our relatively short history. From mustard seed beginnings, the number of congregations has grown to about 4,000 congregations and about 400,000 members.

The impact of World Bible School has been felt since the late 70s. Jake Coppinger was instrumental in the spread of WBS in Ghana.



A large percentage of the preachers were converted to

Christ through WBS converts. For example, Fred Asare, the managing director of the Village of Hope, became a Christian after he took WBS lessons as a school boy.

While in Liberia in 1982, I took WBS courses and was baptized. I later worked with the WBS office in Monrovia. My wife and I served as WBS teachers when we lived in Dallas, Tex. I opened the first WBS office in Accra, Ghana, and used the courses to touch the lives of many people. Today, I continue as the coordinator at this WBS office. I encourage congregations to enroll new students. Each congregation is asked to recommend one member to be part of the WBS Evangelism Team. WBS continues to impact Ghana.



WBS Welcomes Jonathan Towell from page 2

WBS does well in Africa—as evidenced in this *Action!* While we continue to harvest such a receptive continent, we are turning attention also to the vast fields of Asia, such as China, India, Indonesia and more of the Muslim world. Jonathan's experience with WEI—which he will continue to help weekly—will be invaluable for this purpose. Jonathan personifies the increasing convergence between WBS and WEI, which will impact missions significantly. October 10, 2011—Jonathan's first day full time at WBS—marks the beginning of a new era for Internet evangelism.



Tips for Teachers!

Applying to the Myers-Cox Teacher Assistance Fund



If you are, in good conscience, financially unable to fund all your World Bible School teaching efforts, you can apply for assistance from the Myers-Cox Teacher Assistance Fund for the following items:

- the purchase (not shipping) of printed WBS materials;
- the monthly shared cost subscription (\$10 per month) for email and Web teaching;
- printed lessons for mission efforts seeking to enroll WBS students.

The Myers-Cox Fund does not provide “cash” reimbursement or for items outside of WBS. Rather, the Fund allows WBS to waive or to offset costs to WBS. Such assistance depends on a successful application process. For application details, request the Myers-Cox Fund Policies from info@worldbibleschool.net or send a letter to WBS.

The Myers-Cox Teacher Assistance Fund began out of a concern that seniors on fixed incomes fulfill their desire to

share the Gospel through WBS. Some have more time to teach, but less means. Others have the means, but less time. If the latter describes you, please continue to build the Myers-Cox Fund through generous donations. Make out your check to World Bible School. Memo it for “Myers-Cox Fund,” and mail it to WBS, P.O. Box 2169, Cedar Park TX 78630.

Working together, we can reach and teach more and involve more volunteer Christian teachers.



Winter, Murder and New Life

By Chester Woodhall

Our World Bible School outreach has been affected temporarily as our mail box has received little or no mail. The post office system in the Eastern Cape [of South Africa] has literally been on freeze [during a record winter]. However, personal follow-up has continued. Recently, 16 have been baptized into Christ.

One of our Eastern Cape preachers, Kholekile, was murdered in Transkei. His mother also died, apparently from shock. He had trained through East Cape Bible College (ECBC), was active in new church planting, WBS follow-up and

prison ministry. Please pray for his widow and children.

WBS works well. There have been countless baptisms and introductions to local churches. It reaches into communities where we have no initial contacts. WBS can work anywhere. Three examples are David, Wellington and Rosemary. David became a Christian as a result of WBS lessons sent by Clyde, Tex. Today, he is a church leader in East London, South Africa, and is in his final year at ECBC. Wellington and Rosemary were WBS contacts. They attended ECBC part time and graduated.

A church has been planted in their community, Bisho.

Editor's Note: Good World Bible School teachers learn patience. It just so happens that places where people are receptive also have many problems. Life is hard and that makes them hungry for Good News. Notice in Chester's report various causes for delays and interruptions. Whether or not you know specifics that affect your students, keep practicing persistence to re-connect and to find follow up. The results will follow, as they have for Clyde's outreach to South Africa.



WCBC Partners into All the World

By Dick Brackett

The fulfillment of a commission! The realization of a dream! Those two ideas drive daily work at World Christian Broadcasting Company (WCBC). We try to honor Jesus' directive to “preach the Gospel to all creation.” Our approach is the culmination of one man's dream. During World War II, a young U.S. Army lieutenant, Maurice Hall, saw short wave

radio's potential for broadcasting the Gospel worldwide. It seemed a far-fetched idea and took Hall nearly 40 years to gather support. Finally, WCBC was formed.

Board members Lowell Perry and Ken Ferguson, with French interpreter Hal Frazier, crashed during research in the Caribbean. Despite these losses, the remaining

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Henry Farrar, Paul Ladd, John Reese and Gayle Crowe in recording session

1,000 Souls



George and Ria Funk

By George Funk
God continues to give the increase.

The last year has seen about 1,000

souls baptized into Christ, many of whom are students of World Bible School. The churches in Southern Africa have gone out of their way to work with us in reaching out. The Gospel Chariots have traveled into South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique and Swaziland. Next are

Lesotho and Botswana. It is amazing how every year gets better and better. The brethren



Gospel Chariots

from the different countries and the Gospel Chariot team need to be commended. Churches are being planted and souls are coming to the Lord and new converts are being trained at our short term schools. Some exciting news is a new Gospel Chariot that will be rolling into West Africa in 2012, Lord willing. God is working and we give Him the glory. Be praying for all involved in this African dream for Jesus.



Breakthrough in Nsanje

By Ruth Orr

In January 2011, I received the last lesson back from MacMillan Nyantakanya, my WBS student who was a religious leader at Nsanje, Malawi. He requested a visit to discuss baptism. Timplex Nkosi travelled about 13 hours and stayed a week in Nsanje, teaching and working with MacMillan's family and members. At the end of the week, MacMillan, his wife, his five older children and 75 members were all baptized for the remission of their sins.

At great sacrifice, Fletcher Mkandawire and his family moved to Nsanje to help the new congregation. Others had tried for years—to no avail—to start churches in this

area. We believe the time is right; God has opened the door of opportunity through WBS teaching. Now God has given the increase of over 200 members in Nsanje. Three more congregations have been planted in the area, with another one on the border of Mozambique.



141 Won in Ghana Campaign

By Joel and Pat Coppinger

We led a team of six Americans on a two week World Bible School Campaign in Ghana, West Africa. We worked with Ghanaian WBS Follow-up workers to baptize 141 and establish a new congregation in Asotwe. One of the converts is a schoolmaster who offered the use of a classroom for the new church's meetings.



Everywhere we turned, people recognized our WBS badges and said, "I was a WBS student."

The customs inspector remembered the name of her WBS teacher and passed us without opening our bags. Local church members brought students for the WBS team to teach. The seed was planted and God will continue to give the increase.



Dorothy Tribute... from page 5

Thank you, founders and leaders of WBS for all that you do to make our Christian walk more fruitful. And a very special thanks to Bill and Alise Dorothy for the great leadership they have provided for WBS here at the Summerville.



50th Asia Mission Forum from page 2

Hendersons were honored as representing early generations that opened up Asia for churches of Christ.

One veteran, Ken Sinclair of Malaysia, observed, "I've been attending since 1969, and this is one of the mountain-top experiences for me." We Reeses concur (our AMF class topic was "Faithful Families").

Gary Jackson of China said, "I loved the fellowship we have with so many countries. It's such a unique opportunity to be with Christians from everywhere in Asia."

"I loved getting time to meet family from the body of Christ, getting to see how big God's family from all over Asia is," Gary and Danita's daughter Elizabeth added.

Luis "Chico" Cusi of the Philippines added his perspective of past and future: "I like the sense of history, how the past 50 years have been fruitful. I look for 50 more fruitful years as all these young people get involved." Speaking for the many young adults present, Naveen Vikraman of Malaysia said, "We young people are setting the foundation for the next generation of missionaries."



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board members all agreed to continue the work. On July 23, 1983, KNLS ("New Life Station") began to broadcast from Anchor Point, Alaska. Since then we have heard from listeners in every country and all 50 of the United States. When the Berlin Wall opened in 1989, we received 30,000 letters from formerly secret listeners. In 2010, our Chinese website received three million hits. Currently our Alaskan signal crosses the top of the earth into Russia, China and Pacific Rim countries, using Russian, Mandarin and English.

Early in 2012, our second station will open on Madagascar. Its fan-shaped beam will cover all of Europe and Asia, all of Africa, all the Middle East and wrap around to South America—potentially reaching 80% of the world's population. From this facility, we will add programs in Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese with matching websites.

Just as we partnered with Eastern European Missions for Bibles, we look forward to partnering with WBS to provide Bible correspondence. Our Africa Service has announcements of free courses recorded by John Reese ready to broadcast when Madagascar World Voice goes on the air.



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