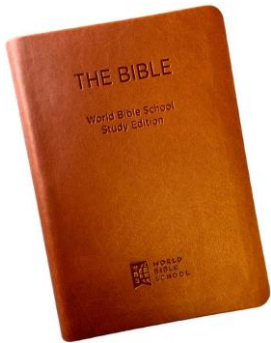

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

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WBS BIBLES GOING FAST!



As of this writing we have sold some 16,000 WBS ESV Study Edition Bibles, and our second shipment of 20,000 is due in Cedar Park in late May. Some churches are using the new Bibles as pew Bibles, some as school graduation gifts, and many are sending them to their WBS students. One congregation purchased 500 Bibles to distribute in area hospitals since “the Gideons are no longer placing Bibles in hospitals” in their area. Another is adding a Bible to each of the “Baskets for Babies” they provide to new mothers in their area. Our prayer is that this new Bible will help more Christians share the Gospel with those who need it. (Go to www.worldbibleschool.net/incentive for info on sending Bibles to qualifying WBS students for just the shipping cost!)

NEVER GIVE UP

(The following story came from Gale Scott, a long-time WBS study helper and my WBS co-worker in the Cedar Park TX WBS office. It is an excellent example of why we shouldn't get discouraged when we don't see what we judge to be good “results”. We simply never know what God has in store.)

In the late 1980's I was studying with 2 brothers, Oludare Busari (age 14) and Oluwole Busari (age 13) in Nigeria. Both boys were excellent students and made the decision to be baptized. I made arrangements for a preacher to go to their remote village to conduct the baptisms. The boys' mother not only refused to let her sons be baptized but also forbade me any further contact with them. I prayed about these two boys for several years but eventually moved on to other students.

Eight years later Oludare wrote me a letter and said he had moved to Northern Nigeria to attend college. He said he had saved all of my letters and teaching material and was baptized as a result of the teaching he received when he was a young teenager. What is even more remarkable is that I received a letter that year from Oludare's mother who said she wanted to thank me for caring so much about her son.

We plant and water but it is God who gives the increase.

JAIL/PRISON OUTREACH

- We have heard from several different jails and prisons recently about changes in what is allowed to be mailed into their facilities. For example, we learned last week that the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority (Duffield, Tazewell, Haysi & Abingdon locations) will no longer accept mail with colored ink or colored paper. Obviously such changes are of great interest to WBS study helpers, and can cause you to adjust how you approach your ministry in some facilities. If you are considering beginning a prison/jail ministry outreach using WBS materials, I highly recommend you contact the facility you want to enter up front to be sure they will accept WBS materials and Bibles mailed to inmates there.
 - If you are involved in jail/prison outreach, please consider attending the 44th annual National Jail and Prison Ministry Workshop, hosted this year by the Elysian Fields Avenue church of Christ in New Orleans. This event includes speakers with extensive experience in prison outreach, and offers great opportunities to learn how to make your outreach more effective. This year's event will be held June 14-16. For more information, go to www.nlbm.org and click on “national prison ministry workshop”.
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INCENTIVE BIBLE UPDATES

I'm happy to announce that the cost to mail an Incentive Bible overseas has been reduced from \$11 to \$9! Mailing cost within the U.S. remains at \$3.50. Also, to ensure we generate accurate mailing information, we can not take phone requests for Incentive Bibles. To request an Incentive Bible for your student, either complete the online form (www.worldbibleschool.net/incentive) or complete and send us the form attached to this email (also at www.worldbibleschool.net/incentiveform).

FROM A WBS STUDY HELPER

"I have a student in Pennsylvania, and boy does he have me studying!" One of the joys of helping others as they seek the truth is the way it helps us increase our own knowledge of God's word.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at these WBS events (Go to www.worldbibleschool.net/events to see where we'll be next):

- WBS Display @ Ohio Valley University Lectureship: Apr 23-26, Ohio Valley University Alumni Gymnasium, 1 Campus Drive, **Vienna WV** 26105
- WBS Presentation, Sermon and Workshop @ Lockhart church of Christ: Apr 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 317 S. Blanco St. **Lockhart TX** 78644
- WBS Presentation & Workshop @ Hardin Valley church of Christ: May 7, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 11515 Hardin Valley Road, **Knoxville TN** 37932
- WBS Benefit Dinner @ Huntsville Marriott Hotel at the Space & Rocket Center: May 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 5 Tranquility Base, **Huntsville AL** 35805
- WBS Presentation, Sermon and Workshop @ Sun Valley church of Christ: May 21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 1015 N. Recker Road, **Gilbert AZ** 85234
- WBS Display @ National Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop: Jun 16-18, Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel & Suites, 2601 Severn Avenue, **Metairie LA** 70002
- WBS Presentations & Classes @ Red River Family Encampment: June 24-28, 101 W. River St., **Red River NM** 87558
- WBS Display @ Tahoe Family Encampment: Jul 22-28, Tahoe Valley RV Resort & Campground, 1175 Melba Drive, **South Lake Tahoe CA** 96150
- WBS Benefit Dinner @ Renaissance Austin Hotel: Aug 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., 9721 Arboretum Blvd, **Austin TX** 78759
- WBS Benefit Dinner @ DFW Marriott Hotel & Golf Club @ Champions Circle: Aug 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., 3300 Championship Parkway, **Fort Worth TX** 76177

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