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Recently Christian workers gathered at a university for a think-tank on educating for Kingdom growth. I was impressed by reports from various ministries that prove again that God’s power and grace are both real and multifaceted. Grace, as 1 Peter 4:10’s literal wording suggests, has rainbow colors that shine through the mists of our servant-lives. There are bright reasons for optimism, the foremost being God Himself. If He is for us, who can be against us? If He gave His own Son, will He not also give all the mission needs? Jesus is the Father’s emphatic “Yes!” to all His promises. Our part is to believe, which is to say, “Faith is the victory!”

“Faith” raises Jesus’ sobering question: “However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). Do we still believe Jesus? When He shows us how the Kingdom grows, will we work with Him, or think ourselves wiser? After all, who knows our age and culture better than we do? Each new generation deems itself superior and rejects the past. Amid our generational swings, is there a rock of stability? Does the Son of Man give permanent principles that transcend the perspectives of our moment on earth?

If we believe, we know the answer. The shifting sand of Matthew 7 is not about ignorance. The builders on sand hear Jesus’ teaching. They just choose not to apply it (Matthew 7:21,26). The builders on rock also hear, and they do their building His way (Matthew 7:24).

Today, storms beset our movement. Do we hear creaking sounds, as of a structure under stress? Do we feel a sliding sensation? If we seek stability and better building, we must revisit the basics of what Jesus taught, and central to that is... what Jesus taught! Yes, the Message itself plays an essential role. The Gospel has unique power, to which *Action!* stories again attest. But we wonder, “Why doesn’t the Gospel seem as effective where we are?” For a possible answer, please read the related article “Seed Power.”



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Power Over Witchcraft



Isaac Daye at the Graduation

By Isaac Daye

With unemployment on the rise around the world and jobs hard to find, most of us will make sure we secure our jobs and not lose them. But that is not so with Emil, a

WBS student. When he enrolled and studied WBS lessons, he discovered that his involvement with the occults and the practicing of witchcraft was wrong and sinful. The lessons

opened his eyes. Also, his spiritual struggle caused sleepless nights and fearful dreams.

In the Gambia, witchcraft is called *marabout*. Realizing his need for deliverance, Emil refused to go with his boss to the marabout session. Instead, Emil came to me with a bag full of charms and amulets and asked me to assist him with destroying them rather than returning them to his employer, a big hotelier in the Gambia. The boss had insisted that Emil continue to practice marabout with the magic charms in order to bring success to his business. If Emil refused, the only alternative was to be fired from his job as an accountant and



Isaac with WBS course completers

chief purchasing officer.

Emil was willing to pay a price for the truth. He was willing to lose his job to gain Christ. His request to me was on January 12, 2011. First, we read Acts 19:18-19. Then

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Seed Power

By John Reese

Do you believe God's Message has special power? It issues from the very mouth of God that called the universe into being, and now breathes "spirit and life" (John 6:63). It is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). It gives sinners new birth and spiritual growth (1 Peter 1:23; 2:1-2). The Word of God has power within itself, which Jesus likens to a "seed" (Luke 8:11) and Paul calls "power" (Romans 1:16; *dunamis* in Greek gives us the term *dynamite*).

The Word's unique power explains the New Testament's emphasis on sharing the Message by *proclaiming* and *teaching* it. These are not an emphasis of our age.

- Firstly, many view truth as uncertain ("my message may not be better than other messages"). Here are figures I received at the recent think-tank. A survey of our young people asked, "If a person does not accept Jesus as Savior, what are the eternal consequences?" A majority (58%) still believed the person would be eternally lost. But a significant 42% replied, "I don't know."
- Secondly, newer generations see service as more relevant. The same survey asked, "What kind of mission work would you most likely be willing to do?" 96% answered in terms of humanitarian outreach (child and orphan care 46%; develop-

ment 22%; health care missions 16%, etc.) Just 4% selected the category "evangelism and church planting." These results are about the same for 2010 and 2011.

It seems that comparatively few would choose the evangelistic roles described by the apostles in Acts 6:2, by Luke in Acts 8:4, and by Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:16 and 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Doubts about the Message and its relevance are bound to affect seed-sowing.

If our harvest seems small, let's start with some obvious questions: "Did we believe in the Seed enough to do much with it?" "Did we distribute the Seed in the field?" Just preaching to ourselves often amounts to rattling the seed in a box.

Realistically, how much ground—human population—have you covered lately? For example, how many new people heard the Message from you in 2010? Would a simple survey show a few seeds dropped into a tiny corner of a vast field? The Gospel's power is not the problem, but rather our lack of faith to distribute it so that it can act on human hearts. They can't respond when they've not



heard, and they can't hear without a deliberate messenger (Romans 10:14).

Jesus' parable of the sower has Him covering the whole field and more. Since we cannot predict who is "good soil," we must share the Message as widely as possible so that receptive hearts have an opportunity to respond. We cannot force growth. But if we get the Word to our communities and beyond, God will honor His Word and give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:7; Isaiah 55:11).

If this analysis has merit, please consider World Bible School. WBS is often hailed for its successes. In fact, every success belongs to the Word. By design, God's Word shines through each lesson and each test question. Serious dissemination lets the Word do its work. The Word's divine power accomplishes far more than can be done by our smartest tactics and best deeds.

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1

You must read the WBS Connect Program Guide.

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2

You must understand the costs.

Using *WBS Connect* is not expensive, but there are costs to consider.

a) First of all, WBS doesn't find students for you—that's entirely up to you.

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That Leaky Roof!

The roof on the World Bible School facility could not withstand Texas-size rains. Leaks damaged WBS courses in the warehouse level. Cash flow, however, was so poor that repairs were delayed. We appealed to a friend who answered in effect, "I'm interested in souls, not roofs. Anyway, what are you doing asking for such a limited amount, when WBS deserves millions?"

Then he and his family got to work on long-term solutions. They contributed generously to get WBS through 2010. They also offered a challenge grant: If WBS would raise \$50,000 in "new" gifts in January 2011,

the family would match it, providing a better cash-flow start for the year, and paving the way for future progress. Many of you rose to the challenge. An unprecedented \$250,000 was raised in January, much of it brand new.

Our sincere THANKS to the family and to you! Our friend is right: It's not about roofs; it's about souls! With your continued outpouring of generosity, WBS will move well beyond cash flow issues into a new era of worldwide impact—beginning right here in the USA! Let's build on this momentum to develop the stability for reaching millions more with the Good News of Jesus. The

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Priestly Power



WBS Teaching Team at Hobbs (Keith, Tom and Will on right)

By Keith Rall

Editor's note: My annual pilgrimage to Hobbs, NM, reminds me yet again why World Bible School is so effective. The key is the Word spread by fine members through lessons and godly lives. To others they may seem ordinary. Biblically they are royal priests who proclaim divine Truth (1 Peter 2). The world sees Keith Rall as a high school band instructor. The Jefferson Street congregation knows him as the WBS coordinator since 1991, deacon in charge of missions since 2000 and WBS Board member. I asked him to tell you about two families in his WBS teaching team.

there that continue. Their encouragement extended to Amos' son Keith who was asked to coordinate WBS teaching in 1991, then missions in 2000. The elders support WBS vigorously as an important tool in local and international evangelism.



The Jones Family

Tom Jones, his wife Connie and their daughters Hannah and Becca are local ranchers in the area. Tom (over 60) is also a rodeo cowboy who competes in the event of calf roping. This past year Tom was checking his property fences and noticed a stranger, Will Mathwig, whose truck had broken down on the highway between Seminole and Hobbs. Initially, Will turned down help. But, as time passed and Will's solutions did not work, Tom found him a place to stay and gave him a job. Tom and his family also encouraged Will to come to worship services. Will attends regularly and works with Tom and many others in WBS. God be praised for Tom's willingness to aid someone in distress.



Dorothy, Gerri, Amos and Keith Rall

Amos and Gerri Rall have served the Lord in Hobbs, NM, for more than 60 years. Amos worked as a transmission mechanic and Gerri as third grade teacher in the Hobbs Municipal Schools. Amos and many others at Jefferson Street began to work individually as WBS teachers in the 1980's. Their converts through WBS in Liberia led them into missions



Jones branding cattle...



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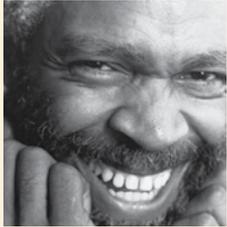
Tips for Teachers!

Grader Program

Gary and Lisa Marsh have developed the World Bible School Grader software to improve the teaching experience of both WBS teachers and students. How can students review test questions they have answered incorrectly, and learn the reason for the correct answer? Prepared responses are available to teachers on the Grader program, which can be downloaded from <http://www.mvchurch.org/wbs/grader-software.html>. This site offers two versions: 1) 1.2.004 which supports the Microsoft Works and WordPerfect word processors, and 2) Version 1.2.005 which supports MSWord. The site contains minimum requirements and the download instructions. Setup is fairly self explanatory if you pay attention to instructions (such as the end-note about turning off virus protection during installation). This tool can save time and improve your teaching.



English Humor



Worldwide desire to learn English attracts many students to World Bible School and our sister ministry World English Institute. That desire is a God-given bridge for evangelism. Recognizing its value, you as a teacher can develop an extra measure of patience with language difficulties. You may even enjoy the humor, such as when a student uses a dictionary to translate from his language into English.

This may explain oddities in Joseph's note to his WBS contact Dottie: *"Thank you for the pally oracle I have just derived. Oh it's enthusiastic that I am your chum Dottie. That means there is no impediments to resist us from being mutual. Our pact is really vivid so I thank you again in mysticism. Please Dottie reply any topic you desire concerning Scripture or any charming to you. I am ready to drive it and reply back before I require which is on the way. God bless you."*



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Internet ministry. Many churches pay this shared cost for their teachers. (Note that Email teaching is not currently supported for the WBS Connect program, but may be at a future date.)

3 You must get the **commitment** of your church.

The *WBS Connect* program will not work well without the ongoing, dedicated effort of your church. It will take a commitment to community outreach, active teaching with WBS, prayerful planning, able implementation, an involved membership, spiritual oversight, consistent efforts, and persistent prayer.

4 You must have your **Connect Web site name**.

All of your promotional efforts will drive traffic to this, your unique WBS enrollment site. Read more in the *WBS Connect Program Guide*.

5 You can then go online to **enroll** in the program.

Enroll at www.worldbibleschool.net/connect.

Take Malawi Names

Regular readers of *Action!* may recall Malawi problems that created a massive mail backlog. Unknown to us, returned answer pages were being held in Malawi by the Postal Service, awaiting redemption. Upon discovering this, we negotiated a cut-rate redemption (\$8,000) and also initiated Business Reply Mail (BRM) in Malawi to facilitate mail flow and to prevent further backlogs.

We asked congregations who received redeemed mail to defray costs and to use BRM in future for their Malawi students. Some

chose to do this, and some did not. The latter returned to WBS about 50,000 Malawi returns to re-distribute to other WBS teachers. Many of these students were part of the way through their studies. They need the new teacher to send the next course in the series. By this time, some addresses may be old.

Despite disadvantages, each redeemed return represents a soul who made an effort to study the Bible. Those who take these students should also make the effort to re-connect using BRM. Without BRM, the problem of stamps falling



Sherri with some of the 50,000 returns

off or being stolen may hinder returns. The BRM service is now fully functional, helping to ensure continuity for responsive Malawian students. These students are at the front line of the titanic struggle between Islam and Christ (see page 8). For names or details, contact Sherri at 512-345-8190.





Powering Up @ 88 Years Young

By Katie Tucker

My husband, George (Tuck) Tucker, was an elder at the East Ridge congregation. He was in charge of WBS at East Ridge, and we were both very active in postal teaching. Most of Tuck's students were in South Africa, of whom a number were baptized. About six months before Tuck passed, he mailed 400 WBS Introduction lessons to students in South Africa. Several months after Tuck passed away we received a report of more baptisms from those 400.

In March 2004, Tuck and I had an opportunity to purchase a computer at a good price. Tuck wanted to buy the computer to enhance our WBS efficiency. We bought the computer, but he didn't get to send WBS lessons on it. On March 29 we found that he had a very aggressive form of cancer. He passed away on June 29, 2004.

I had never used a computer, but I knew that I needed to use it for WBS teaching—that



Katie teaching with WBS

was the reason for the purchase. After I settled down from Tuck's death, I learned enough about computers to enroll as a teacher for WBS Internet. I was 84 years old at the time. I am 88 years old now, and I can truthfully say that teaching WBS by Internet has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Tuck was one of the most dedicated soul winners that you would ever meet, and he taught me to be concerned about the lost

people of our world. Every night after dinner, I get on my computer to see if my WBS students have sent answers to their lessons. This has been a wonderful way to spend the evenings, especially the long winter nights.

Needless to say, not every student obeys the Gospel. Four have been baptized. But there is great satisfaction in the fact that I have taught them about Christ and His church.

Editor's note: Katie is a breast cancer survivor of many years. Last year she had a recurrence. I did not realize this when I saw her in Chattanooga and requested her story. Nevertheless, she wrote this article during the course of daily radiation treatments. She requests, "Please pray for me, that my health will continue to improve. God is so good. I feel fine. I attend all the services and social events of the congregation, plus I do all my house work and some yard work during warm weather. Each day is a gift, and I strive to enjoy every day that God gives me."



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we took the charms to a dump site near my house and poured fuel on them and set them ablaze. Then we returned to my house where I prayed for Emil. My wife suggested a special fast and more prayers for Emil, which we did the next day. After the fasting and praying, Emil asked me about salvation and rebaptism. With the Bible as our guide, I showed him from Scripture the steps of salvation and the one baptism authorized

by Christ into His body, the church. Emil said he wanted to be baptized that night. The River Gambia is very cold at this time of the year. If I had my way, I would have suggested that his baptism take place the next day. But his faith increased my faith. By faith we and my assistant Lucky drove to the River Gambia, and Emil was immersed into Christ. Now he is free from sin and Satan. This shows the wonderful working power of

the Gospel and why we need to get WBS lessons into the hands of as many as we can.

Emil and 17 others students graduated after completing all the WBS series at a colorful ceremony held in the Gambia on January 22nd, along with five students of the School of Religious Studies. A total of five baptisms were recorded in the month of January 2011.



WBS in the Shona Language

In June of 2000, a World Bible School team from Amarillo, Texas, conducted a WBS seminar in Zimbabwe for their 600 students in two high schools, Mukondwa and Wedza High. They could not have dreamed of the result. 96 were baptized and many congregations and preaching points began in the schools and bush areas. They also met Witness Masarakufa, the Headmaster of Zana High School. They immediately recognized him as a great teacher and leader with outstanding abilities. Roger Dickson of Africa International Missions located in Cape Town, South Africa, trained emerging leaders, including Witness who helped to establish the church of Christ at the Zana School. During a 2007 visit, Southwest leaders asked Witness to

translate the WBS *Introduction* study. By 2009, the *Introduction* and *God Has Spoken* were

completed. The courses were printed in Cape Town and shipped to Zimbabwe. Champion Mugweni of Mutare, Zimbabwe, is now helping to distribute the courses. We are thankful to God for Southwest's vision and for those who helped finance this wonderful project. *Knowing Jesus* has been translated and should be printed next. For more information contact Paula Leverett at pleverett@clear.net.



Masarakufa and family with Paula and Lynn Leverett



Power Struggle

By Paula Leverett

I have been blessed to be a World Bible School teacher for 35 years. WBS has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I have also been blessed to travel to Africa and discover first hand what humble and teachable hearts Africans possess. It has been my first priority to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those in Africa through WBS, but the urgency of this priority was highlighted for me when I met with a friend, a highly placed African leader, who shared with me his recent experience in Libya, as follows:

Recently many key leaders from African countries were invited to Libya. There they met with Muammar Gaddafi (born in 1942 and often called Colonel Gaddafi). He came to power through a coup in 1969.



Muammar Gaddafi

Later he replaced his official title of Prime Minister with the current title “Brotherly Leader and Guide of the Revolution.”

At the conference, Gaddafi called himself

“Commander of Africa” and made the following proposals:

1. Africa needs to be one nation like the United States or the former USSR.
2. Africa needs to have one economy.
3. Africa needs to have one religion, and that religion should be Islam.
4. Africa needs to have one army, and Gaddafi should be the army’s great Commander. (My friend knew this to be a reference to Jihad.)

My friend recounted that one representative from a country rose up and said in effect, “In the 1940s, God sent one of his special angels to the earth—and that angel was Gaddafi.”

Sadly, many joined his confederation. Wealth was on display in abundance. Some converted from Christianity to Islam while there. My friend told me that WBS is a great ministry and that we should be diligent in sending it out. He emphasized that we, as Christians, need to be bold about showing that Christ is the Way and Islam is not.

We are in a race for the hearts and souls of



Africa. Here is a call to redouble our efforts with WBS. Pray that the Lord will use more of us as teachers, that He will open doors to all the countries, and that Business Reply Mail solutions can be used in more places. Please pray for the students, and for those on the ground who work with WBS there. Pray for leaders like my friend. God has called on him and others to make a stand for Christ. They are placed in the difficult position of telling Gaddafi that they do not want to join his alliance. I ask you to pray and to share the Good News for Christ’s victory in this great continent of Africa.



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