

World Bible School . . . Let’s Get to Work!

Isaiah 55:11

INTRODUCTION:

A. **Illustration:** A Vision in Your Soul.

1. The story is told of a wise Indian father who wished to give his property and his possessions to that one of his three sons who showed the most prowess and promises.
2. As a test, he pointed to a mountain bold against the sky, and sent his sons toward it, asking each to bring back a token to show how far up the mountain he had climbed.
3. The first one returned with a white wild flower in his hand. The father knew that it grew above the timberline.
4. The second one returned with a red flint stone which revealed to the father that he had made it almost to the top.
5. The third son was gone for a long time, and returned empty-handed.
 - a. “Father, where I went,” he explained, “there was nothing to bring back, but I stood at the summit and looked out upon a valley where two great rivers join the ocean.”
 - b. The proud father said to him: “It has been the ambition of my life that one of my sons should see what you have seen. You have nothing in your hands, but you have a greater thing — a vision in your soul. This is the greatest of all!”

C. Brethren, Let’s have vision!

1. Enough vision to plan for WBS
2. Enough vision to desire to be a part of WBS
3. Enough vision to support WBS
4. Enough vision to pray for WBS
5. Enough vision to do everything we can to make it succeed.
5. Enough vision to realize the power of God sent forth in these lessons.

B. Scriptures:

1. **Matthew 28:19-20** – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
2. **Mark 16:15** – And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
3. **Isaiah:10-11** - "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,

And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

C. World Bible School We are Ready Are You?

1. Background:
 - a. Jimmie Lovell . . . 1973
 - b. Seed for WBS was actually sown when BCC lesson mailed out from Nashville to World War II troops.
2. How the WBS will work here at Red Boiling Springs
3. We have before us:
 - a. A **preaching** assignment.
 - b. A **personal** assignment.
 - c. A **precious** assignment.
 - d. A **pleasant** assignment.
 - e. A **possible** assignment.
4. Like Joshua and Caleb, “we are well able to overcome” the world for Christ.
 - a. We are well able *numerically*, we have the people.
 - b. We are well able *physically*, we have the strength.
 - c. We are well able *educationally*, we have the training.
 - d. We are well able *doctrinally*, we have the truth.
 - e. We are well able *financially*, we have the money.
 - e. Are we well able *spiritually* and *enthusiastically*? This is the question
5. We need Teachers who will send, receive, grade and return the lessons to students. . . And we need people who will support and pray for these efforts. You can do both!

May I challenge you with the following statements.

1. We’ll never bring *all the world into Christ*, until we bring *Christ into all the world*!
2. We’ll have no faith in the *mission before us*, unless we have faith in the *Master behind us*!
3. We’ll never get others to obey *the great commands* until we obey *the great commission*!
4. We cannot expect the *world to react* to the Word, till *we act* on it!
5. We’ll never get excited over *sowing the seed*, until we get excited over *seeing the need*!”
6. We can’t *make Christ mean anything to others*, until we *make Him mean everything to us*!

7. Let’s not jeeringly say, “*Look what the world is coming to,*” but joyfully say, “*Look what has come to the world!*”
8. We will make more *conversions*, when we have more *convictions!*
9. We’ll never get *others to see the joy of claiming Christ*, till we get *ourselves to see the joy of proclaiming Christ!*

World Bible School Success Stories

Man Led to Christ By Bible Lesson Found in the Gutter

A most amazing story has just come to our attention concerning a conversion to Christ through a World Bible School lesson. Alex Ngyeh-Young was walking down the street in Ghana when he came across a paper lying in the gutter. He picked it up and glanced through what was in it. The material was entitled How To Become A Christian And Establish The Church Of Christ In Your Community.

Alex was amazed that he had found the paper, but came to the conclusion as he read through it that God wanted to save him from the sins he had committed. Alex made up his mind to go to church. On the first day of the week he took the paper and found his way to the church of Christ in the village. He revealed the whole story to the preacher who told him how to have salvation. After the service the preacher studied with Alex “face to face” and preached to him “through the Bible”. In two days Alex repented, confessed His Lord and was baptized into Christ.

And now the rest of the story! ‘The above information was taken almost word for word from a letter written by Alex Ngveh Young. He sent it to one of our members, Patsy Wootton, thanking her that he was now a Christian through the information she had sent to his country. What Alex may not have known is that the Bible lesson had been mailed from America **more than seven years ago**. Where all it had been during those seven years we have no way of knowing. But we do know the end result in the life of one person with whom it came into contact.

Let’s read it again: “So is my word that goes out of 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**.

If anything, we ought to realize more than ever that God uses our feeble

efforts more than we can imagine (Marshall Henson — Springdale, Arkansas)

ANIDAMBIKE MWAKASUNGULA (An-i-damb-i-kay Ma-wak–soon- goo-la) was a bishop in a denominational group with 12,000 members in Western Tanzania. He enrolled in and finished the WBS course and asked his teacher, Diana Barnes of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, to direct him to the nearest church of Christ minister. He was visited by an American missionary and a native preacher and after several days of study, he and one of his ministers were baptized.

JACKSON RONO, a forest ranger in Kalenjin Kenya, finished his WBS course and attended a one week course held by the missionaries in Western Kenya for WBS students. He obeyed the gospel, left his denominational ties, and a short time later had a healthy church of about 25 adults in his home town, growing spiritually and teaching in nearby towns.

ZEPTIANIA KITTANY, (Zeph-tea-an-ni Kit-ti-knee)a primary school teacher, lives in one of the most remote and inaccessible areas of Kalenjin State, in Kenya. He finished the WBS course and attended the one week course held by workers in Western Kenya. Jackson Rono, Converted the year before, was his teacher. Zephania was baptized and went home to teach his wife and neighbors.

Now there is a church of about 35 adults in Zepliania’s home area, most of them a direct result of his efforts. Two years ago Zephania baptized a friend from another village 20 miles away. Since then, he has walked to and from that village almost every Sunday to spread the gospel there. At last word, 45 had been baptized in that village.

TWO CHILDREN in a Catholic school in Nigeria wrote for the WBS course. They took it and introduced it to their friends who took it. Some of the nuns found out about it and took the course. The priest heard about it and wrote for it. When he finished his course, he requested 200 of the WBS courses because he wanted to make it a part of the curriculum.

Later he sent a copy of an official document that had been mailed to the local and federal government stating that the school was no longer a Catholic church, but was now the church of Christ.

Fifteen months later, now a gospel preacher, he wrote saying “In the last 12 months, we have baptized over 500 people and started four new congregations. Just a 44 cent stamp and a Christian woman working as a World Bible School teacher in her home congregation.

Doing Much With Little

Three sisters ages 77, 80, and 86 have been active in World Bible Study since 1974. It is estimated that they have had 15,000 students. One of their converts recently taught and baptized an entire Methodist Church in Nigeria consisting of 125 members. They use their abilities in teaching the word of God to others through correspondence. This is a work that most people can do. When the seed is planted in honest and good hearts it will produce a ripe harvest. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? (Charles Williamson Lewisburg, TN)

Good News

An 82 year old man living in Hound Dog Holler near Sand Springs, OK, became a World Bible School Teacher four years ago. Suffering from cancer he did not despair. At last count he had 2,581 correspondence students in several foreign countries. The day he was buried, 77 lessons were being mailed to students he had been studying with. Among those letters, 21 were in answer to requests for baptism.

We are in a tug-of-war with the Devil for precious souls.

1. Let’s out pull him!
2. Let’s out work him!
3. Let’s out do Him with the power of God and the Hope of the Gospel!

Like Jesus, Let us:

1. Cross Racial barriers.
2. Cross Cultural and Social barriers.
3. Cross Religious barriers
4. Cross Moral barriers
5. Cross Distant barriers

Let’s Get to Work and Save Souls!!!!!!

God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation