

# Why *your* church should teach with **World Bible School**

Getting Involved: Churches

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World Bible School programs at churches like yours involve everyday Christians in evangelism. Grow your mission points! Involve your members in effective outreach!

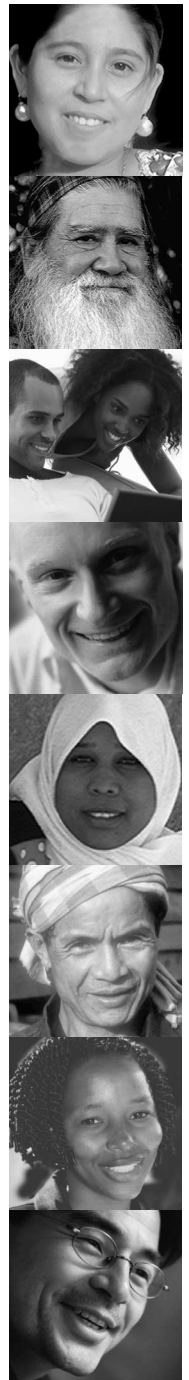
**G**od is working through His people, the church of Christ, and WBS. Did you realize that with WBS the members of your church can take the Gospel to the whole world! Right from your home town! As a result, tens of thousands come to know God's love and grace!

At the same time, loving Christians and missions-minded churches reap great benefits because of their involvement with WBS. What if your church members were truly involved with evangelism? How could your foreign or domestic missions grow? How might it affect your local outreach? How would it impact your missions giving? WBS programs provide all-around benefits to churches, members, missionaries, and students alike!

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers..." | Corinthians 3:7-9

A church-sponsored WBS program provides a proactive environment for church members to participate in WBS teaching and evangelism. More and more churches are seeing the value of setting up their own WBS program.

- WBS makes members more aware of missions and evangelism.
- Aware Christians participate more in missions and evangelism --whether international, domestic or local.
- Participating Christians contribute more generously and with greater conviction.
- Missionaries can receive referrals of "qualified" WBS students who are ready and eager to study face-to-face.
- Growing mission points, in turn, boost sponsoring church interest and involvement.



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- Church budgets can be invested in productive evangelistic outreach.
- Weekly classes can unite WBS teachers to teach their students together in fun, fellowship, mutual encouragement and prayer.
- WBS teachers, themselves, grow in faith and the knowledge of God and the Bible.
- The energy and zeal of WBS teachers usually spreads to the rest of the church body as well!

### Be a WBS "Partner in Evangelism"...

WBS readily recognizes that it is by the divinely-inspired partnership of dedicated Christians and missions-minded churches that WBS can accomplish what it does. WBS "Partners in Evangelism" are churches that participate in the WBS ministry by involving their members in WBS teaching programs and/or by dedicating a portion of their church/missions budget to the ministry of WBS.

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"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

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How is your church fulfilling the Great Commission? WBS can be a cost-effective component of your overall missions plan. WBS can provide a great, long-term boost to missions efforts you support. Consider that missionaries face a daunting, practical challenge: how to meet people who are willing to learn more of God and the Bible. A WBS program at your church can sift out and lead truth-seekers to your missionary or missions church--fully ready for personal study! A well-planned WBS effort targeting your mission point--an ongoing newspaper ad campaign, for instance--has been known to generate hundreds of responses for WBS Bible studies.

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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

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These student names are not immediately sent to the missionary, but to WBS teachers (who could be your very own members). Missionaries can be easily overwhelmed with (or discouraged by) the initial inquiries. These WBS teachers partner with your missionaries to teach via correspondence. With patience and prayer, and in due time, you will be able to hand off to your missionary people who are ready to study face-to-face. Or believers who want to

become a part of the local church family. Or those whose hearts are prepared to respond to the Gospel in baptism. Imagine presenting your missionary with people who have studied the Bible diligently with their WBS teacher and have answered a specific question with: "Yes, I want to be baptized!"

If you don't have a strong focus in worldwide evangelism, WBS can be a great place to start! Your church can support church growth and missions around the world by initiating a WBS program in your church.

### Be a Financial Partner in Evangelism

WBS wants to further the Kingdom of God throughout the world, to reach more and more truth-seekers. To do that, God continually blesses us with the financial resources to enroll Bible students, develop courses, distribute lessons and Bibles, coordinate churches and teachers, and cover day-to-day expenses. We believe that a big part of God's blessing is the partnership of financial contributions of churches throughout the brotherhood. Would your church prayerfully consider committing to an annual contribution to WBS as a part of your evangelistic outreach? We will be talking to churches about how they can work with WBS as Partners in Evangelism. For more information, you can contact Kevin Rhodes at WBS: 512-345-8190; kevin@wbschool.org

### How Can You Get Started with WBS?

Just carefully review the "Welcome to WBS Program Guide." Contact us by phone or at partners@wbschool.org to request one. This guide should answer most any question that you have.

Fulfill the Great Commission! Involve your members! Support your missionaries! Encourage the appropriate leader at your church to begin a WBS program at your church as a WBS Partner in Evangelism!



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