



## HAMRICK REPORT MAY 2021 WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE

### FAMILY

Everyone is doing well. Fortunately, we survived the record low temperatures of TX and all of us have managed to avoid getting Covid-19. **Rhonda** is almost completely healed from her hip replacement surgery and getting around great. **Caleb and Leah** are very happily married and doing well. Their house recently flooded during a downpour but they were able to replace the floor and all is good. **Bailey** is happier than ever and still in charge! With businesses and churches opening up again we are resuming close to normal activity. Thankfully, we have several speaking engagements lined up for the summer.

### MATAMORAS, MEXICO FIRST GRADUATION!



We are very happy to see our first graduating class of our Mexico extension. **Spencer Ross, Roger Medina, and Juan Luna** traveled to Matamoras to assist in the graduation ceremony and speak to the students. Pictured here are the graduates and school staff. Each of the graduates received a new Bible from WBI. The WBI crew were able to visit several congregations preaching and teaching and simply encouraging the brethren to stand firm in the gospel. Pictured below is **Roger Medina** teaching in the school. About 15 men are presently enrolled in the Preacher school.

**Juan Chavez** is doing a great job serving as Director of the school. We are very proud of the students at Matamoras and encouraged by their dedication to the preaching of the gospel.

Special thanks to **Mario Pimentel** from McDonough, GA for donating several computers to WBI. These computers were sent to Matamoras and were quickly put to use. Not only are the students using them, but they are also used to teach and train preachers in remote locations. Sadly, we learned that a school of preaching nine hours from Matamoras was recently shut down



because their director died from Covid – 19 virus. Fortunately, Juan Chavez, the director of the Matamoras school “adopted” that school and continued their training online through the use of the new computers. This is a new development so more information is coming in. This school is fully funded. God is good.

## NEW SCHOOL IN KENYA



We are so happy to announce a new WBI preacher training program in Kenya. Brother **John Ositu** serves as the director of the Openda school of Preaching in Kisii, Kenya. Though it is a small program we plan to increase enrollment as funds become available. Currently, there are five students and the school is off to a great start. Already we are seeing results of the evangelistic efforts associated with the training. Pictured right is the birth of a new brother in Christ. It is truly amazing to see the results of weekend evangelism as the students apply what they are learning in



their training through evangelism courses.

## BOOKS BEING SHIPPED TO KENYA



Special thanks to **Don and Janet Wilson** for bringing a truckload of books all the way from Georgia to Texas. Someone from Peachtree City, GA donated an entire library of preacher books to WBI. Many other books were donated from members of the McDonough, GA congregation. You can see **Don** and **Spencer** unloading the books to be prepped for shipping. These books will be a great blessing to the new school in Kenya who have no library. Most of our students in Africa do not have computers or internet access, so a religious library like this always serves as a great resource. This extensive library, and other beneficial materials, will be shipped by container through Mission Printing of Arlington, TX. We are so grateful to brothers and sisters in Christ who partner with WBI to provide books and shipping costs to make this good work possible.

## NEW WBI SCHOOL IN PAKISTAN

I would never have dreamed that we could train preachers in Pakistan, but the Lord has opened such a door. The new Sahiwal Bible College is now up and running thanks to a partnership with WBI. This is the only school of preaching in Pakistan associated with the church of Christ. There was once a school there but due to the death of the Director and the subsequent passing of the American missionary (Charles Scott) the school shut down. There has not been an American missionary from the Lord's church there since 2010. The potential is incredible. There are 36 churches of Christ with approximately 4,500 members. The host congregation for the school, Sahiwal church of Christ (pictured), has about 180 members.



**Naeem Sabir** serves as the Director of the new school. His father directed the program years ago. He is also the only translator for the school and works diligently to translate English materials into the local language Urdu. Muslim translators refuse to translate Christian materials. It is vital that we do what we can to produce as much material as possible while we have the opportunity. The school is currently a part time school with 15 students. We hope to get enough funding to start a full-time program next year. Naeem is pictured below baptizing a man into Christ.



The cost of running the school is only \$400/month. Of course, we want to help with additional expenses associated with working in that part of the world. The churches of Christ in Pakistan are very poor and could use some assistance with benevolence. We propose an additional \$200/month be added to the cost of operation for benevolence. Such will go a long way in plowing a path for the church in that hostile environment.

## **NEW SCHOOL IN INDIA**

A new preacher school was started in Puttur, India with the help of our brother Jeremiah Vankayalapati from the WBI Extension in Kamoralu, India. Brother Selvam will serve as the Director of the school. He is a graduate of the Kamoralu school. He is also credited with the church plant in Puttur. The school has 30 men ready to enroll but we only have funding for 15 on a part-time basis. The part – time schedule allows the men to maintain their current employment while attending classes. The church of Christ in Puttur has their own building and are happy to allow the school to use that facility. The cost to operate this school is currently \$485/month. If you can assist us with additional funding, please consider such. **Brandon Ferguson** is the WBI Coordinator for that work.

## **WBI NEEDS:**

All of our new schools could use help, especially those with a waiting list for enrollment due to lack of funding.

**Openda School in Kenya** – needs additional funding in the amount of \$300/month.

**Sahiwal Bible College in Pakistan** - \$600/month for new students and translation of materials.

**Puttur School of Preaching in India** – additional \$400/month for new students

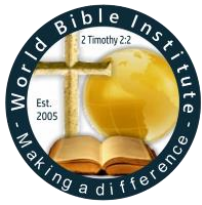
**Kamoralu School in India** – teacher support needed \$300/month

One time support for any school is very much appreciated.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE THIS GREAT WORK OF THE LORD POSSIBLE. COUNTLESS SOULS ARE BEING TAUGHT THE GOOD NEWS BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. REMEMBER, TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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## HAMRICK REPORT WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE JULY 2021

### FAMILY NEWS

We are all doing well. Unfortunately, my father, **Don Hamrick**, passed away in July. He was a good Christian man and I am indebted to him for bringing me up in a Christian home. Thanks to so many for your prayers and kind words. He will be missed. We have managed to avoid getting the virus but feel as though it is only a matter of time. I am not afraid of it but am fearful for **Bailey**. Her lungs are already compromised and I am concerned how well she would tolerate it. Caleb's sweet wife, **Leah**, got Covid recently but, thankfully, she has recovered and is doing well. We are grateful for new opportunities to visit congregations again about the work. It is refreshing to see signs of getting back to "normal". Recently, **Rhonda** and I were privileged to accompany **Caleb and Leah** in Glen Rose, TX where **Caleb** gave a report. We enjoyed going out to eat with one of the elders. I have just returned from speaking in Tennessee and will be traveling in August to Tanzania to look at starting a new school there. God is good and we are grateful.

### BIG CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA ENJOYS GREAT SUCCESS

**Keith Johnson** (WBI Coordinator) took four people with him to West Africa recently; two Harding students (**Mary Tatch and Erin Faurie**) and Erin's father **Jim Faurie** and **Jerry Mitchell** also from Harding University. Here they are pictured in African attire made for them by the brethren. The two girls were able to work with the children at Grace Christian International Academy (established by one of our graduates). The team conducted Vacation Bible Schools, Ladies classes, personal Bible studies, and the men taught in the WBI preacher schools and spoke to a good number of grateful congregations. There are so many congregations made new converts that need of such visits. was happy to speak



graduation ceremony for Volta Bible College and did radio preaching. They were also able to do some repair work and painting at the school and assisted in adding an Operating room to the clinic in Dzodze. The Operating room was generously funded by brethren in Arkansas. While they were doing all those things, **Doc** and his group from East Texas were working in an evangelistic campaign with our preacher schools as well. Needless to say, our students and faculty from all 7 schools in Ghana and Togo were very busy working alongside Americans. Amazingly, over 3,000 were baptized into Christ and 40 new congregations were established. It is clear why **World Bible Institute** is currently training 151 preachers in 7 schools in Ghana and Togo. Even still there is need for more! In the last 10 years, over 40,000 souls have been saved in these two countries alone. Together we are making a difference!



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### 18 PREACHERS GRADUATE FROM VOLTA BIBLE COLLEGE IN GHANA

It seems like every report I write includes at least one school having a graduation! That is a good thing.



We need to train as many men as possible to preach the gospel. One of many things that **Keith Johnson** was able to do while in West Africa was to participate in the graduation ceremony of the Volta Bible College. We always try to have a representative from WBI at every graduation but with the number of schools we now have that is simply not possible.

Thankfully, Keith was able to be there and

speaking to the 18 graduates and the host of visitors in attendance. With the number of new congregations being established, there will be no problem finding a place for each of these men to work. We are always proud of the work our brethren are doing in West Africa. The VBC operates with little involvement on our part. World Bible Institute works hard to make our mission efforts self-supportive and self-sustaining. This school still needs our support and will likely always require some assistance because of the extreme poverty. However, the farm project continues to provide funding and the courses are all now being taught by Ghanaian brethren (some of whom are our graduates). Here is a picture of Erin Fraurie from Harding University in the corn field just a few days ago.



## NEW CHURCH PLANT IN RIO VISTA, TX

We have just planted a new congregation in Rio Vista, TX. This is a small but growing community located



just 40 miles south of Ft. Worth near Cleburne, TX. Amazingly, this little town is adding about 50 people per month to the population and there is no church of Christ located there. We have rented a nice store front on the main road (Hwy 174) that goes through town. We have approximately 2400 square feet including classroom spaces. We are grateful to the **Flower Mound church of Christ** for donating over 100 nice chairs and to others who have contributed financially to help us get started. If you would like to help, you can give through the WBI website. Simply designate your contribution as Rio Vista church plant. We only need one-time contributions to pay for startup costs. It looks like our weekly contributions will cover rent and utilities. At this writing we have met two times but already have had visitors. We also

have a handful of prospects for Bible studies. We happily started with 21 in attendance and everyone is excited to see what God is going to do with this great need and opportunity. **Roger Medina** (WBI Coordinator) is designing a website for us which will be up soon. Our outreach will be driven by designing

every activity and/or ministry to be evangelistically focused. We intend to grow our congregation through sharing the gospel with the many people coming to our area. We have room to grow to about 70 before changes will have to be made. My son, **Caleb**, and I will be sharing preaching responsibilities. If you live in the area, please encourage us with a visit. Our physical address is 102 N. Hwy 174 Suite B. Thanks for your help and prayers for this endeavor.



## **TWO NEW ELDERS JOIN J. J. TURNER TO OVERSEE WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE**

We are sad to learn that **Roosevelt and Velma Harris** are moving to Searcy Arkansas. Brother Roosevelt served well as an elder while at McDonough church of Christ and his kind and effective leadership will be missed. We are, however, thankful that two others are stepping up to serve in that capacity. Just last week the McDonough congregation installed **Fred McClure and Sam Hartline** to join **J. J. Turner** as additional overseers. Both Fred and Sam have served as preachers in their lives and are equally dedicated to mission work. We look forward to working with these godly men and are grateful to the Lord for their desire to serve.



## **\$100,000 MATCHING FUND!**

We are in awe of how God continues to bless WBI. He not only opens doors of opportunity, but He always provides the means to go through those doors. Remarkably, we have been blessed with a brother who wants to help WBI train more preachers with a matching fund. His foundation will match any new contributions to WBI up to \$100,000. This opportunity lasts only till the end of the year. Time is a factor. So, we must work diligently to raise the funds while we have time. Can you help? Simply go to [www.worldbibleinstitute.com](http://www.worldbibleinstitute.com) and click the blue donate button, select the amount. Designate "David Hamrick" and follow the prompts. Thank you so much for your support! Tax deductible checks made out to "WBI" or "Church of Christ" can be mailed to:

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