



Quarterly Newsletter - Fall 2019

Brandon Ferguson - Ukraine Coordinator



Brandon Ferguson grew up in Alpine, Texas, moved to Ft. Worth in 2003, and to Huntingtown, Maryland in August 2019. Brandon was introduced to the church by his wife and was baptized in 2006. In 2013, he became a Deacon at the Northwest church of Christ and was assigned the congregation's Missions program, Audio/Visual program, Website, and assist in the Youth and Family program. Over the next three years, Brandon traveled twice to the Philippines with WBI and assisted them in coordinating the financial aspect of the work in Baguio City. In addition to overseas work, Brandon is involved in various domestic works like the work in the Navajo Nation and homeless outreach & rehabilitation programs. On the very first trip to the Philippines, the Ferguson's knew ministry and mission work is what they wanted to do. Brandon attended the Brown Trail School of Preaching from 2016-2017. During school and after graduating, Brandon has served as the Youth and Family Minister for the Highland church of Christ in Ft. Worth. Brandon is currently serving as the Evangelist with the church in Huntingtown, Maryland. He is currently pursuing his MBS in Bible at World Bible Institute and a MBS in Counseling. Brandon is married to his wonderful wife, Angela. They have three children Christian, Adeline, and Ava.

Keith Johnson - Africa Coordinator



Keith Johnson was born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He was introduced to the church when his parents became Christians in 1975 at age 10. He attended York College, Abilene Christian University (where he met his wife Renee), and Harding University. Children Keegan (18), Janessa (26) are Harding Students and Renee works at Harding. Their middle daughter Janelle (22) is teaching English in the Hubei Province through the "China Now" program. Keith and Renee have been married for 30 years. He spent 30 years in Youth Ministry, 2 Years as Involvement Minister and preached for 3 years while attending Harding. They have lived and worked in Orange County, California, Honolulu Hawaii, Houston Texas (20 years), Lake Texoma, OK and Searcy, AR. Mission work includes campaigns to South Africa, Mexico, Dominican Republic and recently Ghana and Togo. Keith is coming to WBI as the regional coordinator for Africa.

Caleb Hamrick - Philippine Coordinator



Caleb Hamrick was born and raised in Ft Worth Texas for most of his life. By age 8, he knew he wanted to preach. He went on his first mission trip at the age of 10, was baptized into Christ at the age of 12, and by 16 he knew he wanted to become a missionary. He graduated from Fort Worth Christian in 2013 and decided to go to Harding University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Missions in 2018. Caleb also had the privilege to work with Higginson Church Of Christ for a few years as an intern minister. Caleb has done mission work in Tanzania, Ghana, Hong Kong, and Philippines.



HIGHLIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The following are a list of highlights and upcoming events:

- **Graduation** - Pictured below are two graduations that occurred in May 2019 at our WBI extension programs. Top - Volta Bible College; Bottom - WBI Ukraine



- **Recent WBI Trips** - David and Caleb Hamrick visited the Restoration Bible Institute in the Philippines earlier this year. David also went to Ukraine with Spencer Ross in May and then Brandon Ferguson this past June. Keith Johnson has taken two lengthy trips to Ghana and Togo to work with our four growing extension programs. Spencer also taught and surveyed the work in the Philippines.
- **New Team** - 2019 has been a year for rebuilding the WBI team. The Lord has big plans for this work. Welcome Spencer Ross, Brandon Ferguson, Caleb Hamrick, and Keith Johnson.
- **Staff Retreat** - In September, the WBI staff spent the weekend with the church of Christ in McDonough, Georgia to dream, plan, report, and pray for ministry.
- **Upcoming Trips** - This fall, Spencer Ross has plans to travel and work with two possible new WBI schools in El Salvador and India. Spencer will also teach a WBI Seminar in Strasbourg, France in December. Keith Johnson will spend a month in Africa this fall. Please pray for these efforts.

Staff Planning Session

In August, the WBI extension school coordinators met at the Highland Church of Christ in Fort Worth for a planning session.

It was encouraging to hear how God is working in these schools. We heard positive updates from WBI graduates serving the Lord in different capacities, hundreds of baptisms in Ghana's summer outreach campaign, generous gifts from supporters, and action items to prepare for future growth.



Who is Spencer Ross?

Spencer Ross is a born and raised Texan. After becoming a Christian at the Keller church of Christ in 2005, he studied the Scriptures two years at the Brown Trail School of Preaching in Bedford, Texas, graduating in December 2008. Spencer also received his B.S. in Management Communications in 2011 from Amridge University and a Masters in Ministry from Heritage Christian University in 2017. He has labored as a Youth and Family Minister with the Bedford, Northwest (Fort Worth), and Keller churches of Christ. Spencer serves as the **Director of Foreign Extension Schools with World Bible Institute (WBI)** as well as the Missions and Outreach Minister at the Northwest Church of Christ. Spencer has done mission work in Mexico, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Ghana, Togo, Ukraine, Singapore, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and the Navajo Nation. Spencer and his wife,



Kandice, were married March 7, 2009. They have three boys, Landon (9), Kason (5), and Ryder (3).

From the President



So many blessings and so little space to share them!

God is good all the time, but He has really been blessing WBI of late. We have a tremendous staff and are adding to it. As a result, new online courses

are set to be offered free of charge on our website as of next month. A new online giving program has resulted in increased financial support enabling us to do more for the cause of Christ. Much needed attention is being given to each and every existing school and new opportunities as well as to help them be the best they can be.

The work in West Africa continues to expand the borders of the kingdom. Keith Johnson (Regional Coordinator for Africa) has already made two trips and planning a third to advance the progress there.

A new irrigation system has been meticulously designed and budgeted for the farm project in Ghana. Having water during the dry season will drastically increase production and financial aid for the preacher training program. Recent graduations were held at the Restoration Bible College in Baguio City, Philippines, at Volta Bible College in Ho, Ghana, at the Ukraine Extension school in Ivano-Frankivsk, and Togo Bible College in Noepe', Togo.

The new school in Atakpame', Togo has 60 men training to preach the gospel and another new school in Sokode', Togo has enrolled 15 new students. That means we are training close to 100 men to preach the gospel in Togo, West Africa. Three years ago, there were only 15 churches of Christ in Togo. Today there are over 75, and that number is growing. It reminds me of a statement once made about new Christians, "they are turning the world upside down." If God has blessed you in a way that you can bless others, please consider contributing to World Bible Institute. Go to www.worldbibleinstitute.com and click the donate button. Together we are making a difference!
- David H.