

# 'Word In Life' Report

An occasional update on this unique and contemporary study Bible

## The WIL Bible Featured on Radio

The Billy Graham Association's new daily radio program, "Decision To-day," featured the *WIL* on its March 11 worldwide broadcast. They described it as offering Biblical solutions to the daily problems in the 9-5 workplace. Theme editor Sue Cotten (lawyer), creative developer Pete Hammond, and managing editor Bill Hendricks were interviewed out of the dozen writers who helped create this USA TODAY-type format. Hendricks commented, "Timeless scripture truths connect with daily challenges. Here you meet friends who live and work in everyday life." The radio program staff offered to accept calls to give more information about what they referred to as the "Marketplace Bible."

The contact for the show was made when some of InterVarsity's Market-place mentors team were presenting at the Wheaton College "Missions Fest." Kate Kotfila from NY, Dave Hataj of WI and Ed Moy from Washington, DC shared their workplace ministries with students during the three day campus program. Decision Today interviewed Pete as the main speaker and decided to build a show around the *WIL Bible*.

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### More Users Comment...

*"I'm using my WIL Bible regularly and I love it. It works the way I think and act about faith, evangelism and life."*

(Campus evangelist, Chicago)

*"My first WIL Bible is a mess. I actually tore out my favorite articles to use in my talks to my clients in group therapy sessions. This Bible really works with seekers, new believers and recovery addicts. Several of our folks are begging for their own copy"*

(Addictions Therapist, FL)

*"I love my new WIL-Contemporary English Version. It is organized the way I think - in life oriented topics. I'm giving it to many of my relatives even though I feel that too many of us own too many Bibles."*

(African American prayer warrior, Pennsylvania)

*"I was visiting our director in the Phillipines. I noticed her copy of the WIL Bible. It was almost worn out."*

(International Campus Crusade Leader)

*"I want to say thanks for the WIL Bible. We give it to all the new Christians in our church along with a basic study guide that I developed utilizing the notes in the WIL. Almost all new Christians in our church are from a Roman Catholic background. The WIL is such an inviting format and so practical! This isn't your father's Bible anymore!!! They love it. ...For our church this Bible is an exact fit with our philosophy of ministry."*

(Pastor, MA)

*"I have been using the WIL-CEV regularly, and with real benefit. Thanks!"*

(Int'l Missions Executive)

*"I have had ten or twelve men who have been encouragers and models to me over the years to pursue marketplace ministry.... However, perhaps more than anyone, you took the issue public with the Word In Life Bible. Thanks for raising the flag!"*

(CEO, Oklahoma)

*"My clients from the homeless shelter for addicts can't get enough copies of the CEV translation. Its easy-to-read language level alongside the very insightful and practical notes really hit where they are in recovery. They devour it and I get requests for new copies every week."*

(Addictions Specialist, FL)

*"It is not easy to be a Christian in this corrupt and hugely competitive environment with my small business. I constantly face criticism and questions about why I am not 'leaving the world to become a pastor or a missionary.' At the conference I learned that most of the Bible heroes were not 'full-time Christian workers' but were in the world like me— including business men and women like Priscilla and Aquila in the 'mobile housing manufacturing business.' For the first time I understood that I was not a second class Christian. I feel affirmed and free to serve God in and through my business. I began to know that I am a worker like God was a worker!"*

(Kiev, Ukraine)

*"This Bible is wonderful, but I can't get my husband to let go of it ever since I let him look at my new copy. I'm going to have to get one for him for Christmas to get mine back."*

(Female CEO, MA)

*"We must have this Bible in my Russian language. It is just what my students and young alumni need to be able to serve God in their careers."*

(Ukrainian Campus Worker)

*"I have used your piece on 'Working Under The Curse' (WIL-CEV, page 11) worldwide in my lectures. It is the best material I have ever read on this issue. Can we get more stuff like this?"*

(Lindsay Brown, IFES General Secretary)

## College Pastors Use WIL

The annual gathering of campus ministry staff from the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities met in Sand Diego in February. [ed. Pretty smart scheduling huh?] Staff from colleges across Canada and the United States received personal copies of the *WIL-CEV Bible*. Pete Hammond presented two morning devotionals. The first day featured "Family Expectations" study of the first eight families in the Bible and all their acute troubles (pg 77-79). Hammond wove his own family journey in as he defined a family as "a coalition of sinners who *will* be themselves."

The second day focused on "meeting Matthew again for the first time." They walked through what Pete described as Matthew's "late-in-life spiritual diary" noting how his view of people, money and relationships radically changed as he followed Jesus Christ. Former Youth For Christ president and current president of Taylor University Jay Kesler presented three "reflections of an aging youth worker." One chaplain and professor inquired about making the *WIL Bible* a textbook on their campus in the state of Washington.

## College Faculty

A Christian Education professor in Indiana writes, "I teach four courses: 'Christian Education,' 'The Christian Family,' 'Principles of Worship' and a mini 'Altars Worskers Class.' I would like to pass out copies of ten articles from the *Word In Life-NKJV* to my students." Her selection covers family, atonement,

worship, fasting, seduction of the spirits and evangelism. Thomas Nelson's "Bible Permissions" unit of the Bible Editorial Department gladly granted her request asking only that proper credit line accompany each piece.

[Anybody else interested? Write Jean Musick at Thomas Nelson, 501 Nelson Place, P.O. Box 141000, Nashville, TN 37214-1000.]

## Organizations Order CEV

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Ministry in Daily Life Group (MDL) offered the campus staff, employees and board members group purchase options on the Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the WIL again this spring. MDL Administrator DeAnn Franklin reports selling 87 Bibles to 32 staff.

Brunswick Presbyterian Church in Troy, NY ordered copies of the CEV-WIL for use in their church staff and for members. Pastor Harry Heintz loves it and wants his people to be stretched in connecting faith with every dimension of daily life.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Mockler Center has stocked several copies of the CEV-WIL for its Hamilton, MA campus office. It will be used among the Mockler Scholar-ship students and with faculty and friends of this center on faith in the workplace.

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