

Dear WHMI Family,

As always, I am excited to share with you some of what God has been doing at WHMI. There is much to celebrate as we have seen good movement across the world in growth both in locations, number of students, and number of courses taught. At the close of Q1, we had celebrated the graduations of 608 WHMI Bible Institute students!

We have launched a new required course, our first one in a decade, addressing the theology around blessing and suffering. This course, authored primarily by Casey Hough, is meant to address the false theologies of the prosperity gospel. On March 27th & 28th, 67 WHMI Bible Institute alumni, along with several national instructors, gathered in Lemoru, Kenya, the site of our first graduation in Africa over 13 years ago, to receive our newest course. Through this course content, the participants were challenged to understand and organize their beliefs on this vital doctrine. This will further lead to healthier churches that can effectively address spiritual, social, and physical needs in their communities. At least 4 additional alumni gatherings are scheduled for this summer, where this course will be taught, with many more to come.

This summer, we are also thrilled to welcome two new members to our Team. On June 1, Dr. Tim Thomassian will join WHMI as the Associate International Director. Also on June 1, Marshall Pickett will come on board to step into the CFO position. Marshall will assume the role currently filled by Gary Barker. Gary and our Logistics Manager (Vicki) are retiring. We have been blessed with over 20 years of combined service from Gary and Vicki Barker. As you can imagine, we are praying for smooth transitions and incorporation of new team members all around. While no one can truly replace another we also know that God moves folks as He desires and will always fill the needs we have for team members. We praise the Lord that He is continuing to provide for our future team!

Amid incredible growth, we are strategically working to improve our processes for communicating with and gathering critical data from the field. With 60 nations and almost 400 locations, we fully understand the challenges of ensuring the ministry and our partners around the world are equipped, empowered and flourishing. Our team has embarked on a large scale project to streamline the steps necessary to accomplish our goals. With the help of our long-time friend, US Instructor and consultant, Randall Casper, we will begin to make these integral changes in July. Please pray for this endeavor and that throughout the entire project and its implementation, God will be glorified and praised!

And lastly, for those of you in the US, and specifically in Texas, we are planning two wonderful opportunities for you to be engaged in the Fall, one on the north side of Houston and one in central Houston. In addition, MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Oct 2-3, when we will be teaching the complete course, A Theology of Blessing and Suffering, in Houston at CityRise Church's Bellaire campus. MORE DETAILS TO COME for all 3 events!

I am thankful for each one of you and always thank God for your partnership in this ministry!



Dr. Stuart Sheehan
President & CEO

WHMI Q1 2026 At A Glance

CUMULATIVE LOCATIONS, NATIONS,
GRADUATES, AND CURRENT
ENGAGED STUDENTS
FROM 2025 TO Q1 2026

 **368 to 398** ACTIVE LOCATIONS

 **58 to 59** WORKING NATIONS

 **5629 to 6237** TOTAL GRADUATES

 **10918 to 11043** CURRENT ENGAGED STUDENTS

This year our WHMI Team is encouraging each other to focus on the scripture from Romans 12:4-5, *“For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body’s parts do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.”* Our Chaplain, Dr. Bruce Peters, shares a reminder of how important and essential it is to pursue Christian fellowship.

“A hallmark of the early church, and a template for all to follow, KOINONIA (fellowship) ranked equal with teaching, breaking bread, and prayer. Of course, believers’ fellowship is not consuming pie and coffee in the fellowship hall. Christian koinonia is a fellowship that unites the hearts and actions, it is the sentiment and synergy of believers’ lives. It is the living out together an interdependent life of thanksgiving to God. Our hearts are united in a common love and faith in Jesus Christ, committed to living out the Great Commission, all the while steadied and assured amidst spiritual pursuits and struggles by the presence of our brothers and sisters in faith who walk beside us.”

As we are spread across the world, each one focused on the mission of WHMI, we know that we truly are **BETTER TOGETHER!**





WHMI Vision:

To see transformed communities, served by healthy churches, led by trained pastors.

WHMI Bible Institute Mission:

To make theological education globally accessible so churches can be healthy and engaged in community transformation.

WHMI Global Reach Mission:

To partner with WHMI trained pastors and leaders, helping them and their churches engage in community transformation.

Trained Pastors ■ Healthy Churches ■ Transformed Communities

2026 Q1 Praises:

- In Q1, we have opened 29 new locations of the WHMI Bible Institute in 11 different countries!
- We are thankful for our Board of Directors and Advisory Council for their faithful and prayerful leadership.
- Over 450 students completed their Missions & Evangelism practicum in Q1 and shared the gospel with over 2000 people!

Thank you for your prayers and support of WHMI.

Please pray for the following:

- Pray for the 608 pastors and church leaders who graduated in Q1 as they lead their churches and transform their communities.
- Please pray for opportunities to introduce WHMI to new partners and donors.
- We have currently identified 40 heart languages. Please pray for translators and the funding to complete these translations for all required courses and electives.

SPOTLIGHT - Testimonies from our Partners and Leaders

"The highlight of this course was the transition from the classroom to the field. The practicum component allowed students to overcome their initial hesitation and engage directly with people. It was inspiring to see them apply the biblical principles of the Great Commission in real-time. One student shared that while they always knew 'why' we should evangelize, this course finally gave them the 'how' and the courage to actually do it." - From an Instructor in Romania



"Alumni of WHMI Bible Institute gathered for two days to learn, encourage one another, and take part in a newly introduced course – taught in the same place where the Institute's very first course in Africa was held over 15 years ago. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Stuart Sheehan for keeping Lemoru, Kenya and people around the world in your hearts and minds. Together, we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. We are prepared and committed to teaching sound doctrine, while also addressing, challenging, and correcting the mistaken 'transactional' gospel – the idea that we must do something for God in order for him to do something for us." - From Pastor Silas Kiprono Bungei, class of 2014 graduate in Kenya and National Instructor

...from the Field

WHMI Bible Institute Alumni gather in Kenya to take our new course, *The Theology of Blessing & Suffering*.



In the last 3 months, we have had 17 graduations with over 600 students! God is good.

Pictured below is a group of 54 students in Ljubljana, Slovenia who completed the course: *Doctrine of God and Trinity!*

