

## **BRETHREN TODAY SPEAK ABOUT THE BIBLE**

(from the DVD program)

“I have really found the Bible to be truly a source of inspiration and guidance. The Holy Spirit who wrote the Bible is the same Holy Spirit who is interpreting it and inspiring it in those who read it and study it. I have benefited greatly by having the Bible as my guide.”

Earl Eby, sales, former Dominican Republic missionary, Chambersburg, PA

“One thing that really attracted me to the Church of the Brethren was how important the Word of God was, to the point that they were constantly arranging and rearranging their lives to fit into the Word of God. It was powerful. And I’ve always wanted to find a group of people who made it that important. To just say, ‘All right. Jesus is our Lord, and whatever he says goes.’”

Jim Hardenbrook, pastor, former Annual Conference Moderator, Nampa, ID

“In the Bible God speaks through His Holy Spirit to me. I mean there’s been times I’ve prayed and I’ve actually been able to get a Scripture that I’ve heard bits and pieces of and I can actually look at the Bible and see the words right there. And it directly applies to my life. That’s why I love it; because it’s the living Word of God.”

Abena Bempah, college student, Germantown, PA

“I know who I am by looking to Scripture and discovering who Jesus has called me to be. I also know who I am by seeing how the people of faith have responded to situations similar to mine through the pages of Scripture.”

Jerry Crouse, pastor, former Dominican Republic missionary, Warrensburg, MO

“When we were in Bible school we had a thing we did...chunks of chocolate for chunks of Scripture. It made you memorize Scripture and it was fun – memorize a couple chunks of Scripture and you’d get chunks of chocolate. It made memorizing fun and easy.”

John Dentler, high school student, East Berlin, PA

“My friends come to me for a lot of their problems and I go to the Scripture to help them. I might not tell them the Scripture word for word, but I tell them what I’ve learned from the Bible to help them.”

Jess Dentler, high school student, East Berlin, PA

“We believe as Brethren, and I personally believe this from experience, that the power and meaning of Scripture comes alive as we begin to interact with it. We interact with it when we share what that passage means to me and I can hear what that passage means to you. There’s just priceless value of having these small group times to share in that way over Scripture. And of course in our tradition we believe that’s where God speaks the clearest about what that Scripture means for us in this time.”

- Jerry Crouse