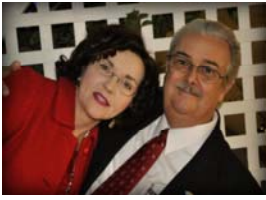


# Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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*Dear brethren,*

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are back from our mission trip to Africa. We had a great trip and much good was done for the cause of Christ. Jimmie B. Hill and Yaw Boteng were in Ghana, West Africa two weeks before we meet up with Jimmie in Zambia. In Ghana 8 were baptized into Christ and 12 were restored. Jimmie spoke 28 times and they visited 21 congregations. Thanks to the help of many faithful congregations and individuals we were able to get many good things done for the cause of Christ in Africa this year. Before our trip IBTM shipped almost 10,000 NKJV Bibles and New Testaments. We also shipped 100,000 tracts and booklets and 5,000 Tonga song books. Several boxes of text books were sent to our students and for 2 libraries in Zambia. Some of you helped in the purchasing of a replacement vehicle at ZSOBS. All 4 men who went on this trip raised funds and purchased this used vehicle. We were able to go out to the bush 2 times and it made the trip so much easier. We were able to teach at ZSOBS in Livingstone. Jimmie and Rusty taught I Corinthians and Earl and I taught the book of John. There are 19 full time students at ZSOBS. They started this past January and they seem to be a good group of men. We taught night classes each Monday and Wednesday while we were in Livingstone for our students with International College of The Bible. We also taught those same classes at Siamafumba. We had 3 students in Livingstone and 14 at Siamafumba. We had 3 different graduations for our students with ICOTB. There were 2 to graduate in Livingstone, 4 in Misika and 2 in Siamafumba.

We were able to purchase 18 cases of Bibles, 368 Bibles in 4 different languages for the people in need of a Bible. We were able to leave funds for food for both preacher training schools and for fuel for the teachers to drive to Kasungula where a new congregation was started a few years ago. This congregation is located near the Zambia- Botswana border, a trip of about one hour from Livingstone. Fuel prices have gone down some we only had to pay \$8.00 per gallon for gas this year. We also left money for fuel for the students at ZSOBS to go out and conduct gospel meetings this fall.

In Zambia we conducted 3 gospel meetings with about 30 lessons in each meeting. At Misika we had 109 to confess sins and 18 to be baptized into Christ. They had 1,326 present and 73 congregations represented. At Siamafumba there were 260 to confess sins and 54 were baptized with 1,857 present and 78

*“Go ye into all the world . . .”*

Mark 16 :15

*We CAN take the Gospel of Christ into all the world . . . if we work together!*

congregations represented. At Livingstone we had 4 baptized and 7 to confess sins with 229 present and 27 congregations represented. At the end of each meeting there were tracts and Bibles given to the congregations present. During our 5 week effort in Ghana and Zambia there were 84 baptisms and 388 to confess sins. Our thanks to each congregation and individual for your help and prayers in our efforts to get the precious gospel of Christ into Africa and all the world. Our work is growing so fast we need more good brethren to help.

We have graduated 30 from ICOTB and during our last trip we picked up 20 new students. This brings our enrolment to just over 100 students. At present we need to send each of the 20 new students a box of books and their assignments for their first 10 classes. The postage for these books will be \$55.95 for each box. The books we will send will cost around \$100.00 for each student. As you can see these new students will cost about \$3,000.00 to get them started. We are in need of finding more monthly support for our work fund. Brethren, one of the greatest needs for Africa is to train faithful gospel preachers. I also believe our Distance Learning School is the most practical and cost efficient way to train these men. Please join us in this great work. We need your help! We are hoping that those who are currently help with our work fund can increase their support at the first of the year. We are also looking for new congregations and individuals to help on a monthly basis so we can continue to train faithful men to preach the gospel. If you have any questions are if you would like for me to come give a presentation at your congregation just let me know. For our work fund please make your checks to IBTM and send to the address at the bottom of this page.

**WHAT \$100.00 WILL DO IN AFRICA!**

- Purchase 1 bike for a preacher
- Purchase 9 Tonga Bibles
- Purchase 40 paper back NKJV Bibles
- Ship 40 paper back Bibles to Africa
- Purchase and ship 20 paper back Bibles
- Purchase 133 NKJV New Testaments
- Postage for 2 boxes books to Africa
- Print and ship 2,000 gospel tracts
- Purchase 10 Bible commentaries for students
- Purchase 100 cassettes for Africa
- Feed 10 students for one month
- Purchase 5 cassette recorders
- Purchase 8 Strong's concordances
- Purchase 14 hard cover Bibles
- Help pay air fare for a mission trip
- Help purchase gas at \$8.00 per gal. in Africa
- Feed a family of 6 for 2 months

As you can see brethren \$100.00 will do much good in Africa. We need your help! Please continue to pray for our work and help us take the gospel of Christ into all the world.

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