

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The work of training faithful Gospel preachers is a large part of our work at IBTM. We have started 6 preacher schools in Africa and have almost raised the needed funds needed each month to support these schools. There are 7 other preacher schools that we work with trying to help them from time to time with various projects. Recently we helped many of these schools with Bibles in their local languages. We also help with bikes for the men who graduate and during droughts we try to send funds to these schools to help feed those who are hungry.

Our model for these preacher schools has been II Tim. 2:2 “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” Our graduates and current students are doing a great work for the cause of Christ. In 2023 they baptized 11,268 and started 81 new congregations. We had 41 preachers to graduate from preacher schools.

We try to get reports every 6 months from these preachers to keep up with the great work they are doing. Some of the graduates send us reports every month and we try to share as much of this good news as we can with the brethren here in the USA. I received a report on Sunday March 3 from Malawi. They reported that one of the graduates of the school who started a new congregation was reporting 17 baptized into Christ. On the same day I got a report from one of our Distance Learning students in Zambia that he had been studying with a Baptist preacher and making good progress with him and that the Baptist preacher and 16 of his members visited with them at their worship service. They were rejoicing to report that all 17 of the members from the Baptist church obeyed the Gospel and are now worshipping with them. We rejoice to hear such good news!

Last month we sent funds to roof 2 church buildings. We got word that heavy rains have destroyed both of these church buildings. Some have been found dead after these floods and others are still missing. Reports have told us that some Christians are missing due to the floods and feared to be dead.

We have started our fund raising efforts for our trip to Africa in July-August. At this time we have 9 who are planning to go. Each year we try to print several Gospel tracts and ship books for the preacher schools and many other projects. Our budget is the same as last year \$50,000.00. We have already started with many of the things that we have listed on our budget. We have purchased our tickets and we need to start getting our funds in so we can do the things that are needed before the trip. Many of you have helped us in the past with our mission trips. We need your help again. Please consider help us in the mission effort. If you or your congregation can help or you as an individual please make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission fund and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for “Africa Trip”. As always when we return we will mail out a financial report to those who helped with this mission effort. Please pray for our trip and send funds to make this trip possible.

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Budget for Africa mission trip August 2024

Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts.....	10,000.00
Books for preacher schools, mainly shipping.....	3,000.00
Printing & shipping materials.....	6,000.00
Travel, taxi, hotels, food, and fuel.....	4,000.00
Air fare, travel ins., Malawi and Zambia.....	10,200.00
Benov. for preacher schools, extra help for teachers.....	2,500.00
Bibles in local languages.....	3,000.00
Bikes for preachers.....	3,000.00
English Bibles to ship.....	3,000.00
Preacher schools extra help, food , supplies, cooking gas, Ink, office supplies, maintenance at schools.....	3,000.00
Missl. expenses and truck repairs.....	2,300.00
	\$50,000.00

Flood damage Malawi



17 bap. from the Baptist church



17 baptized Malawi



Some of the Things You Helped Accomplish Since Sept. 2007

Baptisms.....	45,987
Restored.....	42,440