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Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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Go ye into all the world ..." Mark 16:15 International Bible Teaching Ministries International College of the Bible

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This past year has been a great year for IBTM. With the help from good brethren we were able to make three mission trips this year. Some of the things we had planned to do in 2011 we were able to accomplish:

Send 100,000 gospel tracts to Africa

Send several hundred books to preachers and libraries in Africa Send about 10,000 Bibles and New Testaments to Africa Send several thousand song books to Africa and Malaysia Purchase 40 bikes for preachers in Africa Take several good used suits and ties to preachers in Africa Purchase several hundred Bibles in different African languages Raise funds to build a library/cafeteria in the bush for a preacher school Raise funds to fully fund the preacher school is the bush at Siamafumba Increase our on line BCC students (from 11 to 1,920 in one year) Increase our support for our work fund (some progress was made) Increase our distance learning students (from 114 to 167).

We are thankful that many congregations joined us in our efforts to take the gospel of Christ into all the world and help us with these and other projects. God bless you brethren, for your concern for the lost and your efforts that were made to spread the gospel around the world.

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We also want to thank those of you who have been praying for Jimmie B. Hill. Jimmie is doing better after his cancer surgery and is currently undergoing weekly treatments. Please keep him and Linda in your prayers. Jimmie and Linda have done a great job this year with our BCC program and our web page. Linda reported that last year we had over 60,000 visits to our web pages. We have had visits from all 50 states to our web page. In all we have had visits from 2.673 cities around the world. We currently have over 2,000 BCC students from 120 nations. As you can see brethren, much good is being done around the world with your help.

We are currently down about \$200.00 per month due to lost support. We are seeking to replace these funds. If you can help please let us know. We are also available to visit congregations to show slides and do a presentation concerning our work. If you would like for me to come and discuss our work some Wednesday night just let me know. Brethren, please continue to pray for our work and as you can please send funds our way so we can continue this good work.

Zambia, Africa Mission Trip- Aug. 2012

Each year about this time we begin our fundraising efforts for our mission trip to Zambia in August. The following lists most of our goals for this trip and the funds needed, please help us:

Air fare and travel
Hotel
Travel, gas, taxi, visa fees
Travel shots
Food
Tonga Bibles
English Bibles1,000.00
Tracts, English & Tonga 100,0002,500.00
Shipping 100,000 tracts
Books for preacher school libraries & preachers1,000.00
Postage for books & Bibles
Bikes for preachers, 100.00 each 1,000.00
Food for preacher school & supplies for one year3,500.00
Transportation for preacher students
Gas money to leave for gospel meetings,500.00

\$20,140.00

The brethren at Siamafumba also plan to build a church building on the property where the preacher school is located. These brethren will do most of the labor themselves but we will try to supply funds for some of the materials. If your congregation or you as an individual can help us on this mission trip please make your checks to Ronald D. Gilbert- mission fund and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald, P.O. Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506, and mark for Africa trip. Thanks for your continued support and pray for our work.

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