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Dear brethren:

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to thank each of you for your continued support and prayers for our work. The Lord has richly blessed our work with much success and faithful helpers. Since our last Newsletter we have 24 baptisms and 2 restorations to report from our students. We also have 2 baptisms to report from our BCC students. We want to encourage all our students past and present to report from time to time concerning their work in order that we might be able to keep up with the good work being done. What a great joy it is to know that people on the other side of the world are learning the truth and becoming New Testament Christians through our BCC program. We want to thank Jimmie and Linda Hill for the great job they are doing heading up the BCC program. We also want to thank the near 100 BCC volunteer teachers who work with us grading the courses and offering words of encouragement to our students. We had 12,231 visits to our websites in March. We also set a record with 378 new BCC students being enrolled in one month. This was an averaged of 12 new students per day. We have now had about 98,000 visits to our websites since they went online. As you can see brethren the Lord is blessing our work.

We are making progress on our mission trip to Zambia this year. We have 6 men and two women that plan to go on this trip. This is the most we have taken and we are looking forward to working with each one that is going. We are hoping to conduct 3 gospel meetings while we are there and several one day seminars at different locations near Livingstone. We also plan to teach 6 hours each day at ZSOBS in Livingstone and teach some at SSOBS in Siamafumba. We continue to make progress with our fund raising efforts for this trip. Currently we have raised \$13,600.00 of the \$20,000.00 we are seeking to raise. If you have not helped yet with our trip please do so we need your help. During the month of March we had 4 new students to enroll in our distance learning program. During the next few weeks we hope to be able to ship several boxes of books to different locations in Africa for our students to be able to check these books out and use them for their studies. This is a much needed work. These men who are studying to be gospel preachers need to be able to have good books to read and use in their studies. We have sent several hundred good books to different locations that are currently being used each day in

“Go ye into all the world . . .”

Mark 16 :15

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

training gospel preachers. However, we are in need of more funds for our “work fund” to be able to purchase these books and to pay the postage to send them around the world.

We continue to make progress raising monthly funds for our “work fund”. We are about half way toward our monthly goal. Brethren, if your congregation could help us with our “work fund” we would greatly appreciate it. I would be glad to come visit with congregations and show a slide presentation concerning our work and answer any questions you might have concerning our work and our needs. Please get in touch with me and we can make an appointment. We ask that you continue to pray for our work. Also please visit our web page and look over our BCC program and the gospel tracts and gospel articles we have there. www.IBTMinistries.org

Zambia

Zambia covers a land area slightly larger than Texas. In 2011 the population was reported to be 13,881,336. That is about the combined population of TN, KY and MS. They also report that 85% of their people are Christians, 5% Muslim, 5% indigenous belief and 5% listed as other. By Christians they mean believers in Christ. English is the official language in Zambia. There is no compulsory education, and the first 7 years of education is free. In 2009 the literacy rate was 61.3 % for women and 80.6% for men. Infant mortality rate is 67 out of every 1,000 die and life expectancy is now 52 years. 85% of Zambians are

involved in agriculture. British rule ended in Zambia in 1963 then it was known as Northern Rhodesia. Evangelism efforts were made in the early 1900’s by missionaries. Among the first known modern day converts was Peter Masiya. We work with his grand son who also is named Peter Masiya in Livingstone. Bro . Peter is one of the instructors at ZSOBS. During the 1960’s Keith Besson, Ed Crookshank and Rod Rutherford came and worked in Zambia. Lloyd Henson has lived and worked in Zambia training gospel preachers and doing mission work for many years. Several years ago Jerry Sullins moved the preacher training school from Botswana to Livingstone on the farm where bro. Henson lived. A few years ago the school was moved to Livingstone at it’s present location. A few years back we helped start a preacher training school in Siamafumba. Other faithful men that we have not listed here have worked in Zambia and done good work there. Zambia has been and continues to be a very fertile field for the gospel of Christ.

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