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Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord continues to bless our work. We are so thankful for your continued support and prayers. We want to thank Jimmie & Linda Hill for their work with our web page and our BCC program. Our new web page can be viewed at www.ibtministries.org and we are getting a lot of visits to that new sight. Jimmie has been working to get volunteers together to serve as teachers in our BCC program. Let me give you some information that Linda passed on to me. Website visits:

January 2011- 541 total; average was 17.5 per day

February 2011- 2,296 total; average was 82 per day

March 2011- 3,404 total; average was 110 per day

These visits have come from 162 nations around the world. From the USA we have had visits from 41 states plus Washington DC. The average visitor stays at least 6 and one half minutes and looks at more than 4 pages of materials.

Our online BCC students are growing very fast in numbers. In December of 2010 we had one student, in January we had 6, in February 75 and at the end of March we had over 200 BCC students and are signing up 3.7 new students each day. We are encouraged by these numbers. These statistics are very exciting because from them we know that people around the world are going to our web page and reading gospel tracts, articles and enrolling in our BCC's. Brethren, please pray that God's Word will have free course and that good and honest hearts around the world will learn and obey the truth.

We are continuing to get ready for our mission trip to Australia- New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. We hope to do much good there in our gospel meetings and classes.

“Go ye into all the world . . .”

Mark 16 :15

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

We are also making progress on the Bibles we hope to send to Africa this year. We currently have 3,000 ready for shipping. The brethren at Rock Valley church of Christ helped put the tracts we glue in each Bible giving the plan of salvation and how to identify the true church.

We just learned that our postage for sending Bibles to Africa through a company in Atlanta has gone up from \$2.68 per pound to \$4.00 per pound. We are continuing to raise funds to send Bibles and New Testaments to four different locations in Africa. We are getting a good price on purchasing our NKJV Bibles but the company we use is now about the same as the Post Office. Our new costs are as follows:

1 case Bibles, 24 per case,
Bibles plus postage is **\$191.76.**

1 case N.T. 50 per case,
Bibles plus postage is **\$81.00.**

Due to the weight of the Bibles we may try to send more New Testaments and just a few of the full Bibles. Brethren, if you as an individual or as a congregation would like to help us get these Bibles and New Testaments into the hands of people who are hungry for the Word of God Please make your check to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, P.O. Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark on your check for Bibles or New Testaments.

I received an e-mail from one of the instructors at Siamafumba School of Biblical Studies. They report that they opened the preacher training school there on February 15, 2011 with 10 students. They reported that the new building that will serve as library and cafeteria is almost finished. They also sent a list of books they need and other supplies such as; bookshelves, chairs, tables and other items that they need to purchase soon. These men are doing a fine job training preachers in the bush. They are also trying to get the brethren in that area to help in making several thousand bricks for a new church building that will meet near the preacher training school.

Thanks so much for your help.

In Christ,

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