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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. Many good things have happened since our last newsletter. Currently our BCC enrollment is over 3,215 students from 137 nations. We are hearing of our BCC students obeying the gospel of Christ each week. We want to thank Jimmie & Linda Hill for the great job they are doing with this program. We also want to thank the almost 100 volunteer teachers who grade the lessons, teach and encourage the students in God's Word. One of our students in West Africa recently obeyed the gospel. He was a preacher for a denominational group. I want you to read some of the things he has said by email.

"Please let me start my reply to your last email by thanking the Almighty God for His divine direction which I trust makes it possible for me to contact you.

Sir, I have read, studied and carefully learned about the true church in the Bible in the Gospel tracts you referred me to in your web page and have realized that I am not yet in the church of Christ. Thank you very much for this. Clearly I am not yet a member in the Lord's Church or the church of Christ for the following reasons: (1) My church does not bear the name of Jesus as recorded in Rom 16:16, I Cor. 12:27, Eph 1:22-23; (2) It's organization is not according to the plan of God; (3) It takes the Lord's Supper on just the first Sunday of each month contravening Acts 20:7; (4) It uses instrumental music during worship services; (5) To contend for the faith is crime. (Note, here he is saying in his denomination it is taught that it is wrong to contend for the faith.)...."Your study materials about the church are straightforward, understandable and most of them are self explanatory. But to implement them in settings where they are either not known or known but not put in practice for fear that those putting them in practice will not get the human following like others who practice false doctrines is now the greatest challenge and this calls for 'contending for the faith.'" After several weeks of trying to get someone in his area to visit him and teach him more of God's Word, we got the following email.

"In obedience to the Word of God you taught me and by His grace understanding it, I have done the following: (1) Got baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on Saturday 21st April, 2012. (2) Withdrew my membership from the

"Go ye into all the world . . ."

Mark 16:15

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

church in which I was worshipping, on Sunday 22nd of April, 2012.” This man told me in an email that he served in the denomination he was a member of as church secretary, men’s president, pastor, and was asked by the overseers to also serve as church administrator. This brother gave up a great deal to be a member of the New Testament church. He has a good heart and loves the Lord. There is no congregation that meets in his area. I got word from him a few days ago that he has started a new congregation which is meeting in his home. He is teaching his friends and family members God’s Word and inviting them to services. In one of his last emails he said, “I want to be what II Timothy 2:2 says.” He has enrolled in our preacher training program. Please pray for this brother in Christ. Brethren, good is being done souls are being added to the Lord, new congregations are being established and faithful men are being trained to preach the gospel of Christ through IBTM. Please continue to pray for our work and help us with funds to be able to do this great work.

Since our last newsletter we have been in touch with some of our students who are taking classes with us. We have asked that our students report the number of baptisms and restorations they have had since they enrolled in our program. Also we have asked them to report the number of new congregations they have established. We heard from some of them and they reported 370 baptisms and 18 new congregations started. Some of these numbers represent work they have done since the fall of 2007 when IBTM began.

We have also been busy sending materials to Africa during the past month. We shipped 1,400 gospel tracts, 143 booklets and 599 text books to 6 different locations in 3 nations in Africa. We have ordered 1,000 NKJV New Testaments to send to Africa that should arrive in the next few days. We are still planning to print more tracts in different African languages to send before our trip this Fall. We are making progress in fundraising for the Africa trip. At present I am about \$3,000.00 short of the goal for this year. There is still plenty of time brethren, if you have not helped yet with this mission effort please do so, we need your help.

We are also making some progress in our fundraising efforts for our “work fund”. This fund provides monthly funds for IBTM to go on year round. This fund provides for postage, Bibles, tracts, literature, web page, part time secretary work, sending books to our students and books to preacher training school libraries. We are \$2,000.00 short per month of needed funds for the day to day operation of IBTM “work fund”. If you as an individual would be able to help or if your congregation could help with these monthly funds please make checks to IBTM and mark for “work fund” and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, P.O. Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. We send financial reports two times each year to our supporters. Thanks again brethren, for your support and prayers for our efforts to take the Gospel of Christ “into all the world.” With your help and support much good is being done for the cause of Christ around the world. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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