

Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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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. June was a good month for us at IBTM. We set some new records for our work. We passed the 1,000 mark concerning baptisms with 1,064 known baptisms since our work started in September of 2007. Another record was that during the month of June we passed the 4,000 mark for the number of our online BCC students. We now have over 4,013 students from 139 different nations enrolled in our BCC program. We also now have shipped over a half of a million gospel tracts overseas. June was also a record month for BCC student enrollment with 407 new students enrolled. On June the 18th we had 24 new students enrolling in one day. We now know of 8 of our BCC students that have obeyed the gospel. Four of these eight have started new congregations of the Lord's church in their areas because there was not a congregation near to them. We were able to print and ship 30,000 more gospel tracts in different African languages to Zambia. Most of these tracts were written by Rod Rutherford. We were very glad to get permission to print many of his tracts and use them in our work. We shipped 2,155 English tracts to several of our students and to different preacher training schools in Africa. Currently we are sending materials to 6 different preacher training schools in 4 different African Nations. We also sent 1,008 NKJV New Testaments to Zambia and 87 books for our preacher students. We have asked our students to report on their work from time to time. We hear from some of them but most of them we have not heard from yet. Those who reported last month reported 87 were baptized into Christ. Three new congregations were started. One reported that as a result of a campaign that they held a church that had gone into error was restored and back in fellowship.

I want to personally thank each individual and congregation for helping me with fundraising efforts for the trip to Zambia. We had set a goal of \$20,000.00 for the Bibles, tracts, books and other needed things for this campaign. Our goal was reached! Thank you brethren so much for your help.

I mentioned in a Newsletter a few months back that we had another project that we wanted to work on after we raised the needed funds for this campaign. The preacher training school at Siamafumba is doing a great work. We have graduated about 35 faithful gospel preachers with 8 more to graduate this November. We raise funds to support this school. Last year while we were there the six teachers approached me to discuss the possibility of building a church building beside the school. Most of you that have had any connection with a preacher training school

“Go ye into all the world . . .”

Mark 16 :15

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

know the importance of having it with a faithful, loving, working congregation. It was decided that we would start a new congregation there at the preacher training school for the students to worship and work with while they are in the 2 year school. We raised \$15,000.00 to build the preacher training school. We hope to build a church building about the size of the school building. The church building would also be used by the school for classes and for lectureships and meetings. It took a few years to raise the funds and build the school building but it was worth the effort. The 6 men who teach at the school dug the footer, made many of the bricks, set the trusses and did much of the labor for the school building which helped keep the cost down. I know they will do the same for the church building.

If we can during the month of July we hope to raise a few thousand dollars of the needed funds in order to get the project started in August. While we are there we hope to be able to purchase concrete, cement, trusses and other supplies to get the project started. If your congregation or you as an individual would like to help toward this needed project then please make your check to IBTM and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, P.O. Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. Mark your check for "Church Building Project". We hope to raise enough by the end of July to get started on this new building. Please help if you can.

We got an update from one of our students in Zambia. He was converted in prison. He goes to the local prison about two times each week for Bible classes. He also goes each Sunday for a worship service. From January to May of this year he has baptized 11 men in prison. He requested some NKJV Bibles. We sent him a case of 24. The Bibles and postage cost \$204.65. We have also sent him a few boxes of good Bible study

literature for his classes. We also sent him several song books. I just wanted to tell you this to let you know this is part of what your funds are doing.

An Appeal for Help With our Work Fund

Brethren, the Lord has blessed our work with much success and many good supporters. We thank each of you for your help with our efforts to take the gospel of Christ into all the world. We are in need of financial help with our work fund. This fund is the day to day operation of IBTM, sending books to preachers and to six different preacher training schools, Bibles, printing tracts, sending tracts, purchasing Bibles, sending literature, helping with funds to operate the preacher school in the bush near Livingstone, Zambia, training gospel preachers around the world by distance learning. We need several new congregations to consider putting our work in their budget for 2013. We are seeking to raise \$4,000.00 per month for our work fund and at present we have about half of those funds. I would be happy to come give a presentation concerning our work and our needs at your congregation. Please contact me for an appointment and I will be happy to come give a slide presentation and meet with the elders or the men of the local congregation. Brethren, your congregation can make a difference in evangelism and all of us working together can make a big difference in the world for the cause of Christ. Please consider putting our work in your budget for 2013 and help us take the gospel of Christ, "into all the world." Also please keep our work in your prayers.

In Christ,

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Contributions to this work may be sent to:

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