

Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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Dear brethren:

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus. The time is getting short for our mission trip to Zambia to begin. Much work has gone into this trip and many things have already been done before we begin. Please keep us in prayer that we might have a good trip and a safe trip. I just returned a few days ago from a gospel meeting at the Fairview congregation in Dixon, KY. I always enjoy being with these good brethren. Bill Williams is the local preacher there. One of their members made several wooden communion trays for me and we plan to take them to Zambia on this trip. These brethren also brought several ties, shirts, pants and suits for us to take for the preacher schools in Zambia. They also gave funds for the new church building we plan to build in the bush. While we were there we had the opportunity to visit with brother Gary Puryer who preaches at Henderson, KY. He invited us to go with him to the preacher's workshop at Washington Ave. in Evansville, IN. I was given the time to give a slide presentation concerning our work to the brethren there. We had good attendance for the gospel meeting. The Pool and Madisonville congregations were very good to support the meeting. I had the opportunity to meet some of our distance learning students in person during our stay there.

During the month of July we had reports from some of our students that 7 were baptized into Christ. One new congregation was established. We shipped over 1,000 books to preachers and schools. We sent 152 tracts to finish filling boxes. We sent 52 Bibles and have 2 new students in our distance learning program. Currently we have over 4,300 BCC students enrolled from over 139 nations.

One of our students who also teaches for a preacher school in Uganda has recently translated 4 tracts from English to Kiswahili. This is very big news for us because we will be able to print and send them to Kenya, Tanzania and parts of Uganda. Millions of people in Africa speak Kiswahili.

Please keep Jimmie & Linda Hill in your prayers. Jimmie was hoping to be able to go on our mission trip to Zambia and had planned to do so. However, recently due to health conditions with his cancer his doctor told him it was not a good idea for him to try to go on this trip. Jimmie is going through some difficult times with his cancer and treatment.

Last month we made an appeal to churches and individuals to help us on a monthly basis with our "work fund". This fund is the day to day operation of IBTM. Since that time we have heard from one congregation that they plan to start helping some each month starting in a month or two.

"Go ye into all the world . . ."

Mark 16 :15

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

Just to give you an idea of what we are doing with these funds I will list what we spent in July:

Printing envelops.....	85.00
Phone & internet.....	100.00
3 boxes of books sent to Zambia.....	182.85
2 Bibles & tracts sent to BCC, students that finished all BCC.....	31.76
Travel expense.....	109.41
Postage 2 boxes books new students	121.90
Part time sect. work and internet.....	300.00
Internet advertising, web page.....	300.00
Web hosting domain, 3 yrs.....	1,052.73
Postage 11 boxes Books & Bibles to Preacher school in Uganda.....	820.20
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Last month was not a normal month for expenses because we paid over \$1,000.00 for our internet domains. We did so in order to save \$150.00. Also the books and Bibles we sent we had purchased them some months ago. While we do get one time donations from time to time from congregations and individuals our monthly contributions for our “work fund” is currently \$1,925.00. There are so many things we need to do each month that we just do not have the funds to do. Our current goal is \$4,000.00 per month for our “work fund”. These funds will allow us to purchase and send more Bibles, tracts, books to our students and to the 6 preacher schools we are

working with. Another project we are working on is helping get good books into the hands of preachers around the world. At the present time we have 6 faithful preachers in different nations who have agreed to keep our books in their home and allow area preachers to come and check out books from these libraries. I hope in the future we will have funds to have hundreds of small libraries around the world in the homes of faithful gospel preachers so that thousands of preachers will have access to good books and Bible study materials so they can learn more of God’s Word and teach it to others. We are also trying to ship Bible class materials for children to many places in the world. We have good brethren here in the USA that give us good materials and we only need to raise funds for the postage to send it to many churches in need of this material. As we approach the fall of the year many churches will be looking at their budgets for 2013. We are asking brethren to consider putting our “work fund” in your budget for any amount if you can. We send financial reports to all congregations that help with our work. During the past almost five years IBTM reports over 1,000 baptisms, nearing 1,000 restorations, 35 new congregations started, one new preacher training school started, 97 preachers to graduate, 4,300 BCC students from 139 nations enrolled, over 25,000 Bibles sent overseas, over 500,000 gospel tracts sent, over 14,000 books sent to preachers and preacher schools. Our work brethren is getting results and we need your help. We can take the Gospel of Christ into all the world if we work together. Please keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can.

In Christ,

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