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Ronald D. Gilbert Newsletter



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“Go ye into all the world . . .”

Mark 16 :15

*International Bible Teaching Ministries
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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Since our return from Zambia we have been very busy with our new students. We signed up 23 new students during our stay in Zambia. We currently have over 100 students from 12 nations taking classes with International College of the Bible. We have had 30 to graduate. Last week we sent out our last box of books to these new students. Each was given assignments for the first ten classes. These classes were: John, Matthew, Luke, Acts, I & II Thess., I & II Cor., Gal., Romans, Church History and Inst. Music in the Worship. Each student received the following books: Johnson commentary on John, McGarvey commentary on Acts and the books of Thess.- Corin.- Gal.- Romans, Boles commentary on Luke and one on Matt., Shephard's book on The Church -The Falling Away and The Restoration, Inst. Music in the Worship by M.C. Kurfees, Halley's Bible Handbook, Webster Dictionary, Bible Dictionary, NKJV Bible, Nichol's Pocket Bible Encyp. and Introducing The church of Christ. These books cost about \$2,668.00. The postage for each student was \$55.95 so each new student is a cost of about \$171.95 for their first 10 classes. We purchased several other books for other students already taking classes who need other books. This is very inexpensive if you consider the cost of bringing foreign students to the USA and housing and feeding them plus the cost of building school buildings and supporting full time instructors. We believe that Distance Learning Schools are the most cost efficient way to train foreign students to preach the gospel of Christ.

We are in need of replacing \$200.00 per month of our personal support that was lost due to a very small congregation that has stopped meeting. We are asking our supporters to increase their monthly support just a little each month if they can. If some of our monthly supporters could increase their support by just \$50.00 per month we would have our needed funds. We also need to increase our monthly Work Fund. The Lord has blessed our work so much and it continues to grow we are in need of more funds to keep up with this growth. Our Work Fund is used to purchase Bibles, purchase books for our students, pay the postage to send this material to Africa, tracts, funds for office supplies and office equipment and all other monthly

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expenses for International College of The Bible. Just last week we had to replace our folding machine at a cost of \$779.99. We received a report concerning some of the funds we left in Zambia so the students at ZSOBS could go out and conduct Gospel Meetings. The following is from bro. Godfrey Pitika one of the instructors at ZSOBS:

“Dear bro. Gilbert,

Peter and I took 8 students to do a gospel meeting at Mukengami village. It was over 100 KM from the school. We left on Friday Sept. 3rd and came back on the 5th. The meeting went well. There were 11 congregations represented. The attendance was 181 on Sunday. We had two restored. We also gave them tracts and Bibles. The major problem in that area is the one cup doctrine and choirs. We did our best to help them. One group that brought their choir group left on Sunday night after we had showed them we do not have authority in the Bible for choirs in the worship. During this trip 476,000 Kwacha was used (That’s about \$96.08) fuel 200,000 K and food and water 276,000 Kwacha. Thank you very much for the money you left to be used in our evangelism work.

Yours in His service,

Godfrey Pitika.”

As you can see brethren, much good was done with the funds left for the students to go out and conduct gospel meetings. They should have enough left to do two or three more meetings.

Thanks brethren so much for the support you give for our work in taking the gospel into all the world and training faithful gospel preachers.

During the month of October I plan to go to Uganda, which is in East Africa with bro. Jerry Sullins. There is a new preacher training school starting up there by some of the men who have graduated from Zambia School of Biblical Studies. Bro. Sullins and I will be teaching each day at the new school, East Africa School of Biblical Studies. For the past two years we have been sending books, tracts and Bibles for this new school. This past week we shipped 15 cases of NKJV paper back Bibles, a total of 360 Bibles. I hope to be able to sign up several new students for classes with International College of The Bible. There are several preachers in that area who have completed a two year program and I hope they will go on for their BA degree in Bible. Please pray for us as we travel and all our efforts for World Evangelism. Thanks again brethren for your help.

In Christ,

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