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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are back from another successful mission trip to Zambia. We had some difficulties getting there but we had a great trip. Due to thunderstorms we were not allowed to get off our plane in Washington DC for two hours which caused us to miss our connection to South Africa. Barry Gilreath and I were then put on a plane to Paris. There we had a 10 hour lay over then connecting flight to South Africa. After about 8 hours in Paris we learned that our flight to South Africa had been canceled. We had to spend the night in Paris and arrived in Livingstone, Zambia 24 hours later than planned. Upon our arrival the airlines had lost one of Barry's bags and both of mine. Barry got his back in a day or so, mine were found 6 days later. When we arrived bro. Rusty Stark and his wife Laura were there. Rusty was teaching his classes and all ours also for the first day. Our first gospel meeting was at the Highland congregation in Livingstone. We had about 300 present for this meeting. There were 7 baptisms and 10 confessed sins. The following weekend we had our gospel meeting out in the bush at Siamafumba. We had 1,200 present for the meeting. The attendance was down some, the brethren there had failed to get the word out concerning the meeting in time for the brethren to travel to the meeting. During our stay in Zambia we saw 25 baptized into Christ and 162 confess sins. We were able to purchase 32 bikes for preachers while we were there and we sent funds for 8 bikes which were purchased a few weeks before we arrived. In all we purchased 40 bikes for preachers. We were able to purchase almost 200 Bibles in different

“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!

African languages while we were there. We also left funds to keep the school of preaching at Siamafumba going for another year. There are 9 full time students at Siamafumba. This November the 19 students at Livingstone will graduate and in January 25 new men will begin study at ZSOBS. We also had 3 men to graduate from ICOTB while we were there. Since our return we have signed up 10 new students. We continue to see much traffic to our web page. In August we had 6,648 visits. Our BCC program saw a big increase with 189 new students added in August. We averaged 6 new students per day in August. Just the past few days we have passed the 1,000 number for our BCC students. These students are from over 85 nations around the world. Almost all our BCC are from outside the USA. Our thanks to Jimmie and Linda Hill and their work in this area. Also our thanks to all our BCC teachers.

We have another mission trip planned soon we will be in Malaysia. I am scheduled to conduct 3 gospel meetings and to speak at home Bible studies in 3 different cities. Our efforts in Malaysia are to strengthen existing congregations. Please pray for us and our efforts.

WHAT \$100.00 WILL DO IN AFRICA!

- Purchase 1 bike for a preacher
- Purchase 14 Tonga Bibles
- Purchase 38 paper back NKJV Bibles
- Ship 24 paper back Bibles to Africa
- Purchase and ship 14 paper back Bibles
- Purchase 133 NKJV New Testaments
- Postage for 2 boxes books to Africa
- Print and ship 2,000 gospel tracts
- Purchase 10 Bible commentaries for students
- Purchase 100 cassettes for Africa
- Feed 10 students for one month
- Purchase 5 cassette recorders
- Purchase 8 Strong's concordances
- Purchase 14 hard cover Bibles
- Help pay air fare for a mission trip
- Help purchase gas at \$8.00 per gal. in Africa
- Feed a family of 6 for 2 months

As you can see brethren \$100.00 will do much good in Africa. We need your help! Please continue to pray for our work and help us take the gospel of Christ into all the world.

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