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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord. We are looking forward to our mission trip to Malaysia. I will be conducting four Gospel meetings on this trip and Carolyn and I are to conduct Teacher Workshops for Bible class teachers also. Our last Gospel meeting is in Singapore. We plan to visit at Four Seas Bible College. We have sent several books by mail that we plan to give out to the students there. Four Seas Bible College is a sound school doing a good work training Gospel preachers and Christian workers. We are hoping to get to meet some of our BCC students in Malaysia. We currently have around 100 BCC students there. Malaysia has a population of about 27,026,582. Malaysia is made up of about 60 % Muslim, 19% Buddhist, 9% Christian (believers in Christ), Confucianism, Taoism and other Chinese religions 3%. It is known for its production and processing of rubber and palm oil. We have made several mission trips to Malaysia and always enjoy getting to work with the good brethren there. Our main focus for this trip is to strengthen Christians and encourage them in their work for the Lord. Please keep us in your prayers.

Recently we received an email from one of our distance-learning students in Kenya, who also teaches classes for us helping train other preachers. He wrote, *“Thank you brother for your great work. Glory be to God, yesterday I was studying with a congregation which drifted from the faith. I am happy for their repentance back to Christ and are ready to do God’s will. This congregation was planted by white missionaries over 25 years. When we were studying the old people said that, this is what they were taught then but now they are being taught new things and they said they are ready to go back to the Jerusalem Gospel that saves a sinner. I pray their preacher who repented with them will do good also. My plan is to help them by sending one of our preachers in class to help them for their preacher might still have problems.”* We are thankful for this good brother and the great work he is doing for the Lord. We have called on him several times to travel and visit with our BCC students and further teach them and assist them in becoming New Testament Christians.

If you have not visited our web pages recently you need to do so. We are putting several new articles and several new Gospel tracts online. We are working on a new project during the month of April we hope to get several e-books on our WWW.ICOTB.org web page. We hope to have several Church History, debates, sermon outlines, homiletics and other books available for reading as e-books. We will have more to say about this in our next newsletter.

We continue to make progress on our mission trip to Zambia. We have raised over half of our funds that we listed for our goals this year. We are counting on many of you who have helped us in the past to do

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so again this year so we can reach our goal and get the Bibles, tracts, books and other items there for our trip in August. We are still working on sending the last 2,000 New Testaments to Zambia. We also have several text books that we need to send. Your help will be greatly appreciated. We also send financial reports each year when we return to the congregations that help with our mission trips.

We have had a few new congregations to start helping on a monthly basis with our “work fund”, which is the day to day operation of International Bible Teaching Ministries. We are still short of our needed monthly funds and encourage congregations and individuals to consider helping our work on a monthly basis. Much good is being done around the world through IBTM and with your help we will do all we can to take the Gospel of Christ “into all the world”.

Ronald D. Gilbert
Director, IBTM

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	1,220
Restorations	1,193
New Congregations	37
New Schools of Preaching	1
Online BCC Students	7,714
ICOTB Students	219
ICOTB Graduates	45

IBTM News

Our part-time staff is growing. Dave Amos has been our Q & A expert for quite a while. Now he is being joined by Rod Rutherford and Rusty Stark, both ICOTB instructors, and Julie Roper, secretary for IBTM. This is wonderful news for Ron and me both because with more workers we can accomplish more work.

The materials we have available for study are also growing. New tracts, articles, and even e-books will soon be uploaded to our website. But we are also printing our Bible correspondence courses for the first time. While most of these will be shipped overseas to the schools of preaching assisted by IBTM, we will have some when an online student tells us he needs the postal version instead.

And our online study program is growing. That statement may sound familiar, but the speed continues to surprise me. 20 or more new students enrolling in a single day is no longer unusual but a new high was set on March 18th when 32 began the study. 32. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have that many *every day*? But FIRST we would need more teachers.

If you would like to join our growing list of teachers write to info@IBTMinistries.org. I will send you the information you need to get started.

Linda Hill