

# The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Wednesday October 1, 2014 we shipped 68 boxes to 7 different locations and 5 different nations in Africa. Most of these boxes were the remaining shipment of the 5,000 NKJV New Testaments we planned to send as part of our 2014 mission trip to Zambia. We also send several boxes of our BCC lessons. Several places have requested hard copies of our BCC lessons as many do not have access to the internet. Our thanks to the congregations and individuals who gave to make this possible. We have sent out our financial report to those churches who helped with our trip. If your congregation helped and did not get a financial report please let us know and we will send one. We are having several more of our BCC lessons printed; they are in big demand in Africa.

Although we have just finished our mission trip to Zambia returning on September 3, it is time to start planning and printing for our 2015 trip. During the past several years we have tried to print and ship 100,000 Gospel tracts, some in English and some in different African languages. Our goal for next year is to print and ship 200,000 Gospel tracts. This material is greatly needed and we are working with so many schools and individuals they are only getting a few tracts each year. We are currently working with 10 different preacher schools and we have over 60 graduates of ICOTB and over 300 current students and many of these make requests for printed materials. We also plan to send several hundred good text books and library books to these 10 preacher schools during the next few months. Our next big shipment will be BCC lessons and text books and library books. If you would like to help with these books a donation of \$20.00 or more to the Jimmie B. Hill library fund in memory of one of your loved ones would help get these books to Africa. Checks should be made to New Hope Rd. church of Christ and marked Jimmie B. Hill Library fund and sent to New Hope Road church of Christ, PO Box 1334, Dacula, GA, 30019. Jimmie was serving as an elder with this congregation when he died. The elders there have agreed to handle the funds for the Jimmie B. Hill memorial library fund and we appreciate their help very much.

From time to time we hear about congregations of the Lord's Church here in the USA that due to dwindling attendance and other reasons close their doors and sell the church property. This is always sad news when we hear of such things. However, may we suggest that if you are a part of such a congregation or know of one in your area that these congregations consider mission work as a good place to put the funds from the sale of church property. A church building selling for \$200,000.00 here in the USA, these funds in most African nations I have worked in would build 3 new buildings for a preacher training school to begin. These 3 buildings would include needed space for, dorms, library, cafeteria, office and a house for one of the faculty members to live in and fully support this school for 5 to 8 years. This school could very well train over 100 faithful young Gospel preachers who could work toward the saving of lost souls for the next 30 or more years!

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I think many times we do not see how much good can be done for the cause of Christ in the mission fields. This same \$200,000.00 could purchase land and fully build 3 different preacher training schools. We know of faithful brethren in different places in Africa that would start such schools if the funds were available.

Many congregations are thinking about their budgets for 2015 about this time of the year. Please consider putting IBTM in your budget for any amount for 2015. We are in need of funds for Gospel tracts, Bibles, books for preacher schools, printing BCC lessons, printing song books for Africa. IBTM is a good work and we are getting great results. From August 1, 2013 to September 5, 2014 we reported 1,197 baptisms, 2018 restorations, 38 new congregations established, 5,062 new BCC students added, 89 preacher graduated from preacher schools, 94 new students enrolled in our distance learning program, 4 more mission trips completed, 7,913 Bibles and New Testaments shipped to Africa and 108,750 Gospel tracts printed and shipped to Africa. These numbers are not given to boast but to show brethren that we are getting much success with our work. We need your prayers and your help with needed funds.

In Christ,  
Ronald D. Gilbert - Director

### *Things You Have Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	2,578
Restorations	3,441
New Congregations	81
New Schools of Preaching	3
BCC Students	15,162
ICOTB Students	336
ICOTB Graduates	60

### *Office News*

September marked the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IBTM and ICOTB. Take a look at the short list of results above - that's a lot in just 7 years! Making it more amazing is the fact that for the first few years IBTM/ICOTB was just one person - Ronald D. Gilbert. In 2010 my husband, Jimmie, and I joined him but the full-time staff went back to two in 2012. However, we have been blessed by the part-time staffers who are scattered across the USA, our many volunteer teachers who are actually from around the world, and our wonderful contributors who make this work possible. Thank you to all who are a part of this gospel effort that continues to grow rapidly.

Linda Hill

### *From the Inbox*

*"I will definitely recommend your Bible study courses to my friends and fellow believers. I have benefited greatly from your studies and now have a better understanding of God's precious and holy word."*

**BCC Student from South Africa**