

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we got back from Africa this past September I reported to our sponsoring church, Rock Valley church of Christ, about the need for land for the new preacher school in Mbeya, Tanzania. While we were there we looked for a plot of land and found a good place for \$11,400.00. This was a plot with nine and one half acres. Rock Valley decided to purchase the land and help get this new school started. I am always uplifted and thankful for the great faith of this good congregation. They have a great zeal for evangelism and I am very thankful to be a part of this good congregation. Before we could work out the sale for this plot it was sold but we were able to go out of town a few miles and purchase 20 acres and drill a well on the property for about the same amount. Tanzania School of Biblical Studies now has 20 acres of land to build a preacher training school, establish a new congregation and some farm land to help raise food for the school. Mbeya is a city of about 2 million people. This school started as a part time school with the students being taught from 8:00 AM to about 3:30 PM, Monday-Friday. We are seeking to find a congregation or individual who will be willing to give \$500.00 per month to support this preacher training school. At this time they have no monthly support. We have been sending some funds from time to time to help them get started but they are in need of monthly support. As the school grows they will need more funds but at this time \$500.00 per month will operate the school. If you would like to help with this great work please contact us.

The new school at Solwezi is getting ready to open in January with their first students. We made an appeal for support for this new school recently and we received word from a brother in Christ that he and his wife would be willing to send the needed \$500.00 per month to get this school started. We are so thankful for such wonderful Christians who are willing to take up this good work in helping train more faithful Gospel preachers. During the next several weeks we will be sending more text books and library books to this new school. They are just getting started and are in need of so many things.

We are currently working on a large shipment of materials to Africa. We will be send several library books and text books to the 10 different preacher schools we are working with. We are also printing 100,000 Gospel tracts in Tonga and in Kiswahili and also 100,000 Gospel tracts in English. These tracts are greatly needed. The cost for printing and shipping these 200,000 Gospel tracts will be about \$10,000.00. We are currently trying to raise the funds for these tracts. When we get these 200,000 shipped that will be just over 1 million tracts we will have sent to Africa since IBTM started in September of 2007.

We have been busy during the month of November reporting to supporting congregations. While reporting we have also been telling brethren about the 200,000 Gospel tracts we plan to send and we have raised about \$2,000.00 toward these tracts.

IBTM continues to grow and have great success. Many souls are being added to the Lord and many faithful Gospel preachers are being trained. Currently we have 340 students enrolled in our distance learning program and have graduated 60. We are very thankful to God for the increase and give glory to Him for the power of the Gospel. We encourage brethren to put IBTM in their budget for 2015. Some choose to set aside one fifth Sunday contribution each year and send to us for mission work. We appreciate so much the help this gives to our work. As we come to the end of the year many will be considering making a onetime donation for tax purposes. Why not consider helping IBTM? We need your help! If you can help please make checks to IBTM and send to IBTM % Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. Please continue to pray for our work.

In Christ,
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Baptisms	2,586
Restorations	3,441
New Congregations	82
New Schools of Preaching	3
Online BCC Students	15,556
ICOTB Students	340
ICOTB Graduates	60

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Brenda Wynn has added books in memory of

James Rose

Donations to this library should be sent to:
New Hope Road Church of Christ
PO Box 1334 • Dacula, GA 30019

Internet News

This has continued to be an exciting year at IBTM. New schools of preaching beginning, more students studying, libraries increasing, new materials available and 865 baptisms reported to us so far. And 2014 isn't over yet.

Of course the biggest excitement this month was the birth of Henry Baxter Roper on November 12th. His mom, IBTM staffer Julie Roper, dad Bronson, and big brothers Cole and Jasper all seem very pleased. I'm a tad partial myself since I'm also his grandmother.



Happy Holidays!
from the staff at IBTM



Valiant Volunteers

Shane and Emily Fisher have a lot in common. They were both raised in small towns in middle Tennessee and both earned Master degrees from Freed-Hardeman University (Shane's in Ministry while Emily's is in Education). They both list reading and hiking as hobbies although Emily also likes scrapbooking while Shane prefers songwriting and has a rock/country music album to his credit. They both love the Lord and teaching others so Shane has served as a minister and Emily a high school biology teacher. And they have both volunteered their time to work with IBTM Online Bible Correspondence Course students since 2012.

So far Shane and Emily's life has sounded fairly typical. Then this past August they moved to South Korea to do foreign mission work and typical flew right out the window. They are now living in Ulsan, located on the southeastern side of South Korea, where they work as English teachers to support themselves. But they are also helping a small Korean congregation in Busan, a town about 50 miles away. Shane described the travel between Ulsan and Busan: "I hopped onto a bus for about an hour and then got on a subway for 25 minutes and then walked a little bit more to get to worship." Travel in foreign nations can be more difficult, but the biggest challenge they face right now is learning the language.

Despite moving 7,000 miles away from home Shane and Emily have continued their online teaching with IBTM, so I asked them if this move has affected how they feel about working with BCC students. "I believe our love for the lost has grown stronger than it has in the past. I wish that there were more Christians who took the responsibility of teaching the lost more seriously." They also told me that they love being "able to connect to students around the world that you thought would not be possible." One such student that Shane has been teaching via another course asked to be baptized in Uganda a few weeks ago, but the closest congregation was at least 75 miles away. So Shane requested my help. I wrote to brethren in Uganda who aided in baptizing Shane's student, but even more exciting, helped to convert two of his friends so now there is the start of a new congregation. News like that is always a thrill!

Yes, Shane and Emily Fisher are Valiant Volunteers in the Lord's kingdom. We are blessed to have them working with us at IBTM.

Linda Hill

[Shane's album, The Power of Choice, is available at Amazon and cdbaby.com]

We CAN evangelize the entire world in OUR lifetime . . . if we work together!