

# The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our work continues to grow, great things are happening for the cause of Christ around the world! ICOTB has enrolled almost 400 students in our distance learning program. We have had 81 men to graduate from ICOTB. Our graduates and students have reported starting 140 new congregations during the past 8 years. They have baptized over 5,614 precious souls.

During the months of September through December we are busy reporting to supporting congregations. During the month of November we traveled over 2,000 miles reporting to churches in TN, KY, AL and MI.

We are currently working on several print jobs. We are printing 200,000 Gospel tracts, 3,000 sermon outline books and over 18,000 BCC booklets to ship to Africa. We also have 5,000 Bibles and New Testaments about ready to ship to Africa.

There are several building projects in Africa we are working to complete. The new church building at Siamafumba is almost completed. We have helped build a new church building in Tanzania which is now being used each Lord's Day. It is also being used as a preacher school through the week. We sent funds to help complete a new church building near Busia, Uganda. We also gave funds to help complete the new preacher school building for East Africa School of Biblical Studies in Uganda. In January we plan to build a new building for Ngweze School of Preaching in Zambia. This small building should cost around \$7,000.00. We are looking for funds to build this building. The brethren at Simafumba are needing a well drilled at the school. The cost for this well should be around \$4,000.00. We are also hoping to drill a well at Kalimindi School of Preaching in Kenya. The cost for this well is also around \$4,000.00. We are looking for funds for these projects and could use your help with this good work.

In our last Newsletter we mentioned the drought that has caused many to suffer in the Livingstone, Zambia area. We helped with several tons of maize while we were there back in August and September. Last week I sent \$3,000.00 to the brethren in Livingstone to help get food to those who are suffering. I also sent \$1,000.00 to Ngweze to help those in need in that area.

This will be our last Newsletter for 2015. Our next Newsletter we will start our fundraising for our Africa Mission trip in August of 2016. Many of you helped us reach our goals last year and we hope you will help us again this year. Please keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ, “into all the world”.

In Christ,

**Ronald D. Gilbert – Director of IBTM**

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### *Things You Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	5,614
Restorations	6,663
Congregations Established	140
Schools of Preaching Begun	5
BCC Students	21,708
ICOTB Students	385
Preachers Graduated	236

### *Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library*

**Stan Morgan** added books in memory of  
*Dorothy Morgan*

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



### *Valiant Volunteers*

**Helen York** became a registered nurse in 1958 and worked in hospitals for more than 40 years before retiring. She was actually on a night shift when she met her future husband, Vernon. Now they have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February. Helen obeyed the gospel in 1966 and has been working for the kingdom ever since. She wanted to do something with missions and found out teaching the gospel with correspondence courses was something she could do. She has been doing it now for close to 35 years - the last 14 of them via the Internet and with IBTM since February 2011. She also has a talent for memorization. As a Centurion of Scripture in the Lads 2 Leaders program she memorizes 100 Bible verses each year, and has even recited the entire Sermon on the Mount. Impressive!

Personally, I have long been impressed with how Helen's students respond to her. Sometime back I did a bit of research and Helen had the highest percentage of students to graduate of any IBTM teacher. She just seems to have a natural knack for keeping them studying. When I asked for her secret she said that she introduces herself telling the student a little about her family, tries to always respond as quickly as possible, and answers questions from the Scriptures. Having received emails from Helen myself I am sure that her responses to the students are also friendly and encouraging. Helen told me the biggest challenge to teaching – "*Perseverance. You have to keep up with the lessons every day.*" Her advice to new teachers was simple. "*Keep it up! Don't give up! Just do it!*" Why? Because her favorite memories of teaching are of students being baptized. She hasn't kept records over the years but it is a joy she has been able to savor several times, including with at least one IBTM student.

Helen recently suffered a fall and broken hip so is currently on hiatus from teaching, but I hope she will be back soon. We have been lucky to have her as one of our Valiant Volunteers. - **Linda Hill**

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