

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are currently preparing for my 20th mission trip to Africa and over all 40th foreign mission trip. We plan to be in Zambia for the graduation at Zambia School of Biblical Studies in Livingstone. Then we plan to go to Uganda for the next graduation at East Africa School of Biblical Studies. Then we hope to visit the new school in Ndhiwa, Kenya. This school is called Kalamindi School of Preaching. They also will be having a graduation. There will be over 40 men graduating from these three schools. What an exciting time to be able to see so many faithful gospel preachers finish their two year training and get into the fields preaching and teaching the word of God!

We recently received \$750.00 from the New Hope Road congregation for books for the Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library Fund. We have purchased several good books and are in the process of getting them ready to ship out soon. These books will be sent to one of the seven preacher schools we are currently working with and placed in their school library. Funds that are just sent for books for the JBH library fund will be used to place books in these libraries in memory of Jimmie. We also have a sticker that lets us put books in memory of any of your loved ones and a line where we put your name as the one who gave the book. Please help us by sending a donation of \$25.00 or more and give a living memorial in honor of your departed loved ones.

We also want to thank Keith and Cheryl Cozort who recently gave IBTM about 3,000 new books for us to send to Africa. These books will be sent to the 7 preacher schools we are working with during the next several months as we can raise funds for postage to send them.

Since our last newsletter we have enrolled a record number of students into our Distance Learning Program. We have 30 new students since our last report. Several of these are new students that we talked with while we were in Zambia in August. I also believe that we will enroll several new students on the upcoming trip.

IBTM is in need of your financial help for our work. As our work continues to grow so does the cost of doing this work. We are in need of monthly supporters to help us with our “work fund”. These funds are needed for the day to day operation of our work. These funds are needed for Bibles, tracts, postage, office supplies, printing things like BCC courses, Tonga Song Books. Funds are also needed for Linda Hill in the great work she is doing with our BCC program and our web pages and a host of other things she does each day to help make our work run smoothly. We also are paying a part time secretary for the typing of new tracts and articles and other materials and things for our web pages. As you can see brethren, we need your help. Please consider putting our work into your budget for 2014. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. We are also encouraging congregations to consider giving us one of your 5th Sunday contributions each year toward our work. This would be a great help to our work if several congregations could give us one 5th Sunday contribution each year. All funds for our “work fund” should be sent to IBTM c/o Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN 38506, and marked for “work fund”.

We are hoping to raise \$10,000.00 during the next several months to purchase 10,000 NKJV paper back New Testaments and ship them to several different locations in Africa. We just started this project a few days ago and have already raised just over \$1,000.00 for these New Testaments. If you would like to help with this project make your checks to IBTM and mark for “NT for Africa” and send to the address mentioned above.

The Lord has blessed our work so much with good results. We appreciate all of our supporters and co-workers. Please keep us in your prayers as we will be traveling back to Africa in a few weeks. Also remember we need help from congregations and individuals for our “work fund”. Let’s remember the words of Jesus, “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest”. Help us brethren, to reap this great harvest of souls!

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert - Director

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Baptisms	1,694
Restorations	2,176
New Congregations	49
New Schools of Preaching	2
Online BCC Students	10,826
ICOTB Students	268
ICOTB Graduates	49

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Donations to this library should be sent to:
New Hope Road Church of Christ
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From the Inbox

Thank you for your effort in teaching the word of God. It is a big blessing for Uganda School of Evangelism and the whole church here to have those books. Many people are going to study the word of God with your School. - **Francis Wechesa**

Thank you many times over for the opportunity and I will never be the same again!

- **IBTM Student from Kenya**

I'm happy to let you know that I thank God for you showing me the true church according to the Bible! You've helped me in making my decision to get Baptized a second time. - **IBTM Student from Trinidad**

Valiant Volunteers



Bill Schwegler is a busy man. He retired from two careers – General Motors Corp. as a Senior Administrator and the United States Air Force as E-9 Chief Master Sergeant – so now has more time for teaching the Adult Sunday School at the Price Road Church of Christ in Brownsville, Texas and preaching by appointment. He can also enjoy hobbies such as family history and genealogy, volunteering for historical societies, traveling with his wife, Judy, and visiting their three grandchildren.

That is, when he isn't teaching students around the world with IBTM.

In 2011 Bill was quick to answer my first email broadcast seeking teachers for our soon-to-begin online Bible study program. A few months later with the program growing at a phenomenal rate, I asked if any teachers would be willing to take on extra students – and Bill was quick to tell me “yes” again. He has kept that pace and now has more than 400 students assigned to him. Naturally, some have quit but about 40 have graduated. Even more exciting, 5 have been baptized and 2 have begun new congregations of the Lord's church – resulting in more new Christians! In fact, one of those now has 25-30 in attendance and Bill continues to keep in contact and assist this group in Sierra Leone. Then a few months ago Bill volunteered to do more if we needed him and began helping me to find local congregations or contacts when requested by the student. So, Bill is a very busy man.

I asked him how he manages to teach so many students since he currently has about 75 that are active. He told me, “*I teach or make myself available to teach from 2-6 hours per day, except Sunday. I'm an early riser, usually in the office by 6 AM. With a laptop and Wi-Fi this is quite easily done even when traveling.*” When I asked what he likes best about teaching online he responded, “*No postage, immediate turnaround, able to interface more directly with the students.*”

Bill has been active in the Lord's work since he taught his first Bible class at age 19. He has preached part-time numerous places and served 2 congregations as an elder. But almost 40 years ago he made a commitment that his retirement would be devoted to teaching and preaching the Word of God. I'm glad that he is keeping that commitment as a valiant volunteer with IBTM.

- *Linda Hill*