

The Seeker

“Seeking the Souls of Men and Pointing Them to Christ”

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In II Timothy 2:2 Paul said, *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”* Faithful men teaching others is a New Testament pattern. We are happy to report that this is still being done in many places around the world including Africa. Currently IBTM is working with 12 preacher schools in Africa. We are supporting 7 of these schools with the help of many brethren and congregations here in the USA. There are 153 men enrolled in these 12 preacher schools. During the months of August through December of 2017 there will be 31 men to graduate from 3 of our preacher schools in Africa. Two of the schools IBTM has helped start are new schools and are in need of finding a congregation or individuals to help support them. At this time \$500.00 per month is needed for each of these 2 new schools. More will be needed later as the schools grow but at this time \$500.00 per month for each of the 2 schools will provide the needed funds. The schools budgets are as follows:

Teachers salary 3 X \$50.00 per month.....	\$150.00
Food for the students per month.....	\$200.00
School supplies per month.....	\$ 70.00
Pay cook per month.....	\$ 30.00
Travel expense.....	\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous Items.....	\$ 20.00

If your congregation would like to help in the training of faithful Gospel Preachers please let us hear from you. Also we may have individuals who would like to support a preacher school. We currently have schools that are supported by individuals. If you as an individual would like to help support a preacher school in Africa please contact us and we will tell you which school is in need of help and tell you their location and more information about the school.

In the Spring of 2018 about March, when the rains in Zambia stop, we plan to break ground, building a new preacher school building in Solwezi, Zambia. Solwezi is located in the western province of Zambia in the Copperbelt, where copper mining is still being done. We have purchased the land and are currently having plans drawn up and getting the building permit secured and doing all the government requirements. We plan to build a building about 24 feet deep and about 70 feet wide. We are told that this building will cost about \$20,000.00. This does not include the classroom chairs and tables or beds, just the building. We have raised \$10,000.00 of the funds for this new school building. If your congregation or you as an individual can help with this building project please make your check to IBTM and mark for **“School building Solwezi”** and mail to IBTM, PO Box 49494. Cookeville, TN. 38506. A financial report will be sent to those who help with this building project.

We are working on several printing projects. We are printing the first 100,000 Gospel tracts for our August mission trip to Africa in 2018. We are also printing 4,000 Tonga song books for brethren in Zambia. We are printing 8,000 BCC booklets to ship to Africa.

As we come to the end of 2017 many churches look back over the past year and the work they have done and consider the work for the next year. We ask that you consider our work and putting IBTM into your budget for 2018 and if you can make a donation to our building project in Solwezi. Some as individuals have been greatly blessed by the Lord and for tax purposes need to make a donation to a non-profit group. Please consider our work and send a donation to IBTM.

The Lord has blessed our work with great results. Many souls are being brought to the Lord and many faithful Gospel preachers are being trained by faithful men.

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Please keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ "*into all the world*".

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert
Director of **IBTM**

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Donations to this library should be sent to:
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Fred Clayton has preached for 34 years, the last 24 of those for the Dunlap Church of Christ in Dunlap, TN. He has also taught at the Chattanooga School of Preaching & Biblical Studies since its inception in 1999.

Garland Robinson has preached for more than 40 years, is now at the Leoni Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN, and has worked gospel campaigns in several nations. He has been the editor of *Seek the Old Paths* since its first issue in October 1989 and has printed millions of tracts and booklets that have been distributed throughout the world.



John Chowning has a strong background in education since he taught public school for 17 years, plus made 9 trips to India to teach in the Northeast Bible Institute there. But he has preached for more than 30 years. He is currently the minister for the Algood Church of Christ in Algood, TN.

Ron E. Gilbert served his country in both the Army and the National Guard and is a veteran of Desert Storm. He began preaching in 1993 and has been active in local work ever since. He preaches for the South Pittsburg Church of Christ in South Pittsburg, TN.



William Howard began preaching in 1992 and is currently serving as both a minister and elder to the New Hope Road Church of Christ in Dacula, GA, a congregation he also helped to plant. He began an ongoing mission effort called *Four Corners of the Earth* in 2006 and has since led many campaigns to remote areas of the world where the church is often unknown and brethren rarely go to evangelize.

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	8,613
Restorations	8,284
Congregations Established	171
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	35,975
ICOTB Students	430
Preachers Graduated	351

Office News

I want to introduce you to 5 of our newest staff members who are generously volunteering their time to teach **International College of the Bible** students.

We are blessed to have these men join us in this gospel endeavor.

Linda Hill