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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus. The Lord greatly blessed our work in 2012. We saw our BCC program grow from a few hundred to over 6,000. We had 14 baptized into Christ this year who learned the truth from our BCC program. We also know of new congregations that were started by some who were converted through our BCC program. We also saw great growth in our Distance Learning Program, with 4 graduating and several new students enrolling. We were able to ship several boxes of books to our new students and several boxes of books to the six preacher schools we are currently working with in Africa. We shipped over 136,000 Gospel tracts to Africa this past year. During the past few days we shipped 3,000 NKJV New Testaments to different locations in Africa. Currently we are printing 5,000 Tonga song books to be sent to Zambia in the next few weeks. We are also printing 20,000 Gospel tracts in Kiswahili, 30,000 in Tonga and 50,000 in English to ship to Africa. Purchasing, printing and shipping the New Testaments, Tonga song books and Gospel tracts will cost around \$20,000.00. We are trying to get as much printed and shipped out before the middle of January because our m-bag rate will be going up. At this point we do not know how much it will go up but just a few cents on the pound adds up to several hundred dollars when you are shipping 3,000 pounds and more.

We had two good mission trips in 2012. In August we had a good trip to Zambia with 67 baptisms and 255 restored. In October and part of November we were in Malaysia and China. We are already underway for the two planned trips for 2013. In just a few days we will begin our fund raising efforts for our 2013 mission trip to Zambia. One of the first things we need to do is raise the funds to send the New Testaments, Tonga song books and Gospel tracts to Africa. We want to thank Earl Alverson for his help in raising funds to build a new church building at Siamafumba. In April we plan to be back in Malaysia. In August we plan to be in Zambia for our annual mission trip. As we said at the beginning of this newsletter the Lord has greatly blessed our work with much visible results. We want to thank each congregation and each person for your prayers and continued support of our work in the Master's Kingdom. We believe that much good is being done for the cause of Christ around the world and ask for your continued prayers and support in our efforts to take the Gospel of Christ *“into all the world”*.

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert- Director, IBTM

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Elders, church leaders and individual Christians please consider this plea:

We want to encourage you to consider putting IBTM "Work Fund" in your new budget. We are currently about \$1,000.00 per month short of our needed funds. The "Work Fund" is used for the day to day operation of IBTM which includes sending Bibles, tracts, text books, Bible class literature, postage, printing, office supplies and a host of other things as well. Some congregations are sending a one time donation per year for our "Work Fund". Still others have decided to give one fifth Sunday contribution per year to help in our work. Brethren, if your congregation could give \$50.00 or \$100.00 per month this would be a great help or in any of the ways mentioned above. We also are asking individual Christians to consider giving \$25.00 or \$50.00 per month or more if they can to help us in this work. Others who own businesses may be considering making a donation to a non-profit group at the end of the year for tax purposes. Please consider giving to our work. Checks can be made to IBTM % Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN 38506. If you have questions about our work or if your congregation would consider letting me come some Wednesday or Sunday night I would be happy to give a slide presentation concerning our mission efforts around the world.

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library Fund

We are happy to report that \$850.00 has been given since last September. Several good books have been purchased and they will be sent to Siamafumba School of Biblical Studies for text books in training Gospel preachers for many years. We are in need of more funds for books. If you can help please send funds to, New Hope Road church of Christ, PO Box 1334, Dacula, GA 30019 and mark for "Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library".

Things You Have Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	1,212
Restorations	1,193
New Congregations	37
New Schools of Preaching	1
Online BCC Students	6,390
ICOTB Students	213
ICOTB Graduates	44

Statistical News

2012 was an incredible year of growth. We had 46 new students enroll in ICOTB programs (**↑148%**); more than 150,000 Gospel documents shipped overseas (**↑130%**); 161,635 visits to our websites (**↑257%**); 4,455 new students enrolled in our online courses (**↑234%**) 842 souls baptized in conjunction with our work (**↑492%**), and reports that 34 new congregations were established. *Wow!* But let's make 2013 even better!

In Christian love,
Linda Hill

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