

# The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you have had a great year for the Lord where you live. The Lord continues to greatly bless our work here at IBTM. December was a busy month. We sent out a large shipment of 34 boxes of books, over 800 pounds, to several locations in Africa. We sent 1,467 books, 132 booklets, 34 song books, 73 Bibles, 600 tracts, 60 BCC lessons and 10 New Testaments. Many of these books were sent through our Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library Fund. Thirteen books were sent in memory of Basil Nunley, twenty four books were sent in memory of Thomas F. Eaves, and several others were sent with funds we received from the New Hope Road congregation.

Looking back over 2013 we saw 511 baptisms, 1,546 restorations, 13 new congregations established, 2 new preacher schools established, 67 graduates from preacher schools, 5,235 new BCC students enrolled, 26 new BCC teachers volunteered, 88 new students enrolled in ICOTB, 7 graduated from ICOTB, 13 BCC students were baptized, and 3 mission trips were conducted. We also shipped 800 Bibles, 3,500 New Testaments, 5,082 song books, 138,645 tracts, 2,370 booklets, 24 audio lessons, and 320 pounds of Bible class literature. We provided \$10,000.00 for preacher school support, 32 bikes and 62 suits for preachers, 6 lap top computers for preacher schools and instructors. We spent \$12,215 for special projects such as building a church building in Zambia, helping with the down payment for land to build a new school of preaching in Uganda, and providing the rent and school supplies so that a school in Tanzania can teach faithful men to preach for the next year. We also established several new “Mobile Libraries”. These libraries are located in different African nations where our students can go to them, check out good study books and keep them for 30 days to learn more of God’s Word. We are very thankful to have been a part of this good work and want you brethren to know without your help these things would not have been accomplished.

January is the time that we start our fund raising efforts for our August mission trip to Zambia each year. Here is our proposed budget for the 2014 trip:

10,000 NKJV New Testaments.....	\$12,000.00
Print & ship 100,000 Gospel tracts.....	5,725.00
Print & ship BCC lessons.....	3,000.00
Purchase & ship several text books for preacher schools.....	2,500.00
Purchase 30 bikes for preachers.....	3,000.00
Purchase 300 Bibles different African languages.....	2,500.00
Benevolence , food for needy.....	1,500.00
Funds to operate preacher school for one year.....	12,000.00
Budget for 2014 mission trip for Zambia	<u>\$42,225.00</u>

Each man going on this trip needs to raise funds for the following: Airfare and travel insurance \$2,800.00, fuel for meetings \$500.00, hotel \$500.00, food and supplies \$500.00, shots & travel visa \$500.00, miscellaneous items to take \$100.00, medical supplies to take \$200.00, miscellaneous items while there, \$100.00. A total of around \$5,200.00 will be needed.

Another project we are working on is continuing to raise the needed fund to finish the new church building at Siamafumba in Kalomo, Zambia. We need around \$10,000 to complete this building project.

As our work grows so does the cost of our work. One very important part of our work is our BCC program. Linda Hill is doing a great job with all the online things that are involved in our BCC program. With nearly 12,000 students enrolled and over 100 teachers to work with she works full time with our BCC program. We need funds to continue to pay her for her full time work with this program. The elders at New Hope Road, where Linda’s husband Jimmie also served as an elder before his death, handles the funds to pay her salary for her to continue to help us in this good work. Her funds are down over \$1,000.00 per month.

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Linda keeps our BCC program going and does all our internet work with our web pages and many other things as well. We need to raise this support to keep her in this good work that she is doing. Any congregations or individuals who can help please contact the elders at:

New Hope Road church of Christ  
PO Box 1334  
Dacula, GA 30019

In Christ,

*Ronald D. Gilbert*, Director of IBTM

### *What You Can Do To Help IBTM*

Many times we have churches and individuals that ask, "What can we do to help this work?"

1. Pray for our work.
2. Be one of our volunteer BCC teachers.
3. Send us a monthly donation. If 10 people send just \$25.00 per month it would become \$250.00 per month, if 100 send \$25.00 per month, it would be \$2,500.00 per month.
4. Help us reach our goal of \$42,225.00 for our Zambia mission trip.
5. Help us raise \$12,000.00 for the 10,000 New Testaments.
6. Help us raise \$10,000.00 to complete the church building at Siamafumba.
7. Send funds for JBH Memorial Library to get good books to preacher schools in Africa.
8. As a congregation consider putting IBTM in your monthly budget for 2014. Perhaps a onetime donation or one or more fifth Sunday contributions sent to our work.
9. Churches with web pages could put a link to our web page [www.IBTMinistries.org](http://www.IBTMinistries.org) offering a free BCC lesson.
10. Individuals could give our Newsletter to the leaders of your congregation asking the leaders to consider helping our work.
11. Congregations could contact us and set up a time when I could come and show slides explaining our work.
12. Tell others about our work.

### *Things You Have Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	1,723
Restorations	2,228
New Congregations	50
New Schools of Preaching	3
Online BCC Students	11,618
ICOTB Students	301
ICOTB Graduates	51

### *Statistical News*

I hate to talk in numbers, but 2013 was an amazing year! People from more than 6,000 cities in 218 nations came to our websites 228,409 times. That's over 625 per day and a huge jump over 2012. Another jump was in our BCC students – 5,235 new ones last year. The number of our online materials grew with new tracts and articles added plus a whole library of e-books. Our printed materials expanded with the addition of 6 Bible correspondence courses – and we already have our first postal students enrolled. But the BEST number is that over 500 souls put on Christ. Yes, 2013 was definitely an amazing year!

In Christ

*Linda Hill*

### *Condolences*

We were saddened to learn that one of our IBTM online teachers, Peggy Dugger, was killed in an auto accident in December. Her sister, Conna Lee Blevins, was also killed. Our prayers and sympathy are with their family.

### *Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library*

**Gail Womac** added books in memory of

*Basil Nunley*

**Pat Eaves** added books in memory of

*Thomas F. Eaves*

**Linda Hill** added books in memory of

*Peggy Dugger*

Donations to this library should be sent to:

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