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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2014 was a great year for IBTM! During the months of October- December I was busy reporting to supporting congregations. We traveled almost 4,000 miles during these trips.

As we begin the new year we are busy trying to work out the details for our trip to Malaysia in March of 2015. In addition to the Malaysia trip we will be busy for the next several months working on the details for the Africa trip in August. This year during our Africa trip Carolyn and I plan to visit 6 of the preacher schools we are working with in Africa. In addition to Zambia we will be visiting Kenya and Uganda. We are currently printing 200,000 Gospel tracts to ship to Africa. Of these tracts 100,000 will be in English and the other 100,000 in Tonga and Swahili. These tracts are very much needed in Africa and will do a lot of good. We are also working on printing a song book and a sermon outline book in the Luo language for our brethren in Kenya. We are printing several thousand hard copies of our BCC lessons and shipping them to different locations in Africa. They will be handed out by local preachers and turned back in to the men in Africa and graded by them also. We have sent several boxes of books to different preacher schools in Africa. We are currently working with 10 different preacher schools in Africa. One new school opened in January of 2015. Solwezi School of Biblical Studies in Solwezi, Zambia is now open training faithful Gospel preachers. This school began as a part time school training men from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This school will operate on a budget of \$500.00 per month. We were so happy to find a faithful Christian couple to sponsor this school with their monthly funds. Another school, Tanzania School of Biblical Studies in Mbeya, Tanzania, has been open now for some time but we were able to help raise funds to purchase land for the school and to raise \$500.00 per month of support for this school. We hope to be able to build a school building there as soon as we can raise the funds to do so. We have several ICOTB mobile libraries in Africa where students can go and check out books for study. We hope to open several more ICOTB mobile libraries during 2015.

If you have not visited our web pages at www.IBTM.org and www.ICOTB.org we encourage you to do so. We have new Gospel tracts and articles and on www.ICOTB.org under “gospel books” we have several new books available for reading and study. Our on line BCC program continues to grow and much good is being done by this program. Our thanks to Linda Hill for the great work she does with our BCC program and all our internet work that she does. We appreciate her so much.

ICOTB has seen great growth during 2014 as well. We had 47 new students to enroll, 26 preachers to graduate from the schools we are working with in Africa, in addition 10 ICOTB students graduated. Our graduates established 35 new congregations during the year. We also got some much needed help with the teaching of classes at ICOTB. Our teaching staff now includes: David Amos, Charles Hannah, James Rogers, Rod Rutherford, William Schwegler and Rusty Stark. We are very pleased to have these men working with us as teachers at ICOTB.

We welcome our new supporters to the work of IBTM. We are very thankful for each individual and congregation that helps with our work. Our work is still hindered by a lack of funds. We are looking for congregations that will consider putting our work in their budget for 2015. Some congregations choose to set aside one fifth Sunday contribution per year for mission work and send it to our work. We are also looking for individual who would be willing to send funds each month in any amount for our work. If we could pick up 25 new givers just giving \$25.00 per month that would be an increase of \$625.00 per month and \$7,500.00 per year!

During 2015 we face many new challenges and many new opportunities for the cause of Christ around the world. Brethren, the time is short let's do all we can to take the precious Gospel of Christ “into all the world”!

In Christ,

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Things You Helped to Accomplish in 2014

Baptisms	871
Restorations	1,226
New Congregations Established	35
New Schools of Preaching Begun	1
New BCC Students	5,246
New ICOTB Students	47
New Preachers Graduated	26
<i>Gospel Materials Printed:</i>	
Bible Correspondence Courses	20,000
Tracts	226,000
<i>Gospel Materials Shipped:</i>	
Bibles	5,879
Bible Correspondence Courses	9,711
Booklets	834
Hymnals	240
Textbooks	807
Tracts	199,040
<i>Financial Aid Given:</i>	
Preaching Schools	\$24,940
Preaching Students	\$ 2,494
Special Projects	\$27,900

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Linda Hill added books in honor of
George Young

Donations to this library should be sent to:
New Hope Road Church of Christ
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Statistical News

Numbers . . . I keep track of a lot of them during the year. Not the most exciting part of my job, I know, but the numbers I recorded for 2014 show that IBTM had an absolutely amazing year with growth in every aspect of our work. Another number to note is 2. IBTM only has 2 full-time staff members so these statistics would not be possible without the many contributors and volunteers who help with this mission to fulfill the Great Commission. *Thank you!*

Internet News

If you have been to our websites recently you may have noticed some changes.

- The “News & Notes” tab on the IBTM menu is where you will find not only the newsletter but also frequent updates on what is happening between newsletters.
- Our IBTM Bible study program is now being offered in the printed version for those who cannot do it online. The response to this postal version was immediate. We are grateful to the West End Church of Christ in St. Charles, Missouri, for working with these new students.
- Our ICOTB electronic library continues to grow, now with more than 350 volumes. It was started primarily for our students overseas who don’t have easy access to study materials, but all are welcome to use it.

Where is IBTM?

In 2014 our websites welcomed

- 283,608 visitors from
- 8,745 cities located in
- 226 nations around the world.

If the nation in this world map is colored in then we had a visitor from there – the darker the shading the more visits. We’ve also had Bible correspondence course students enroll from 184 of those nations to study with one of our volunteer teachers.

Linda Hill

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

