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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have just returned from another mission trip to Africa. This was a fast trip covering many places. Carolyn and I traveled with Jerry Sullins to Zambia for the graduation at ZSOBS. We were traveling on a missionary ticket and were allowed to check 3 bags each. We took advantage of this fact and took 25 suits, 20 pair of shoes, 22 shirts and about 200 ties for the students at the three schools we were to visit. We also carried several books and Bibles and a lap top computer for one of the instructors at ZSOBS. I was also able to carry a set of tools for one of the instructors who keeps the vehicles running at ZSOBS.

We arrived in Livingstone, Zambia on November 6th. The graduation was to be held on Saturday so there were many things to do to get ready for the graduation. While we were there we got to visit with Lloyd Henson, long time missionary and resident in Livingstone. This was my first time to be in Zambia during the hot and rainy season. It was very hot while we were there. Carolyn got the opportunity to teach the ladies class at the Highland congregation. I had the opportunity to speak in chapel and to speak on Sunday at the Highland congregation. I had a new experience that Sunday morning. There were some brethren visiting from Malawi for the graduation and they did not speak Tonga nor was their English good enough to understand during the worship service, so I had 2 translators during my sermon. Brother Jerry went to the Martindale congregation where they had one baptism. It was my privilege to speak at the graduation and encourage the men who were graduating. There were several visitors and former students from ZSOBS who attended the graduation. Among the visitors were 4 of the 5 instructors from Siamafumba School of Biblical Studies in Kalomo. We had a meeting and discussed the school being registered with the government there in Zambia. We were able to work on paper work and gave funds for the school to be registered. Hopefully when we go back in August of next year the school will be registered. One of the needs the school at Siamafumba has is a copy machine. We gave funds for the school to purchase a larger solar panel and two large batteries so they could recharge the lap top computers we brought to them and run the printer. There were 16 men who graduated at ZSOBS. Brother Jerry Sullins started this school several years ago in Botswana and then moved it to Zambia. Jerry has done a great job with this school and has been involved in training many faithful Gospel preachers.

On Monday November 11th we were to fly to Uganda by way of South Africa where we had to spend the night. While we were in South Africa there was a very bad hail storm and damaged the hotel where we were staying and some people had to change rooms due to the roof leaking.

On Tuesday Nov 12th we arrived in Kampala, Uganda where we spent the night. On Wednesday November 12th we drove from Kampala to Busia about a 4 hour drive. On Thursday 14th we arrived at bro. Alex Ouma's home where East Africa School of Biblical Studies has been meeting for the past year. Bro. Jerry and I both were able to speak in chapel and all the students had the opportunity to speak in class.

On Saturday the 16th we had the graduation for the EASOBS at the home of bro. Alex. We had a good number present and they prepared lots of good food. Another project bro. Jerry was working on was trying to find a piece of land to purchase to build buildings to locate EASOBS. A very nice spot was found of about 10 acres and, if everything checks out with clear deeds, this land will be purchased and the building project started in the next few months.

There was one more school I had planned to visit, Kalamindi School of Preaching in Ndhiwa, Kenya. We did not want to make the 6 hour trip Saturday night so we were up at 4:00AM on Sunday morning and went to the border to cross into Kenya. Busia is a border town and our hotel was about 5 minutes from the Uganda-Kenya border. We arrived at the border about 5:15 AM and we were clear and ready to travel on the Kenya side by 6:00AM. Bro. Benard Kagaga, who is the director of Kalamindi School of Preaching met us with his car at the border. We drove down by Lake Victoria to Ndhiwa. It took us 6 hours to make the trip. We arrived at the Kalamindi church building and we had missed about half of the Bible study. It was my

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privilege to preach for the morning worship service. During the evening after we had our lunch we got to meet with the 10 students and talk with them about their work and the school there. We are supplying text books and library books for this school. It was good to get to see the books we have sent at all 3 of the schools we visited. The men at Kenya will not graduate till about the middle of December. One of the schools we are working with had 16 to graduate in July and on this trip there were 26 to graduate and 10 more will graduate in December for a total of 52 men in Africa to graduate. We have also had 7 men to graduate from ICOTB in 2013. This brings the total to 59 graduates! We are very thankful to God for all these men who have graduated and know that they will make an impact for the cause of Christ in their areas.

We had a great trip and are looking forward to our trip again next year. Please keep us in your prayers.

Ronald D. Gilbert - Director of IBTM.

End Of Year Donations

As we come to the close of 2013 some of you will be making donations to non-profit organizations. Please consider giving a gift to IBTM. Also we are looking for congregations to put our work in their budgets for 2014. We believe much good is being done and many souls are being added to the Lord through our work. If your congregation can put us in your budget for any amount per month we would greatly appreciate it. We are having some congregations to give us one of their 5th Sunday contributions per year which is a great help for our work. Please consider doing what you can to help us take the Gospel of Christ, "into all the world."

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Jere & Judy Jennings have added books in memory of *Jimmie B. Hill*

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New Congregations	50
New Schools of Preaching	3
Online BCC Students	11,346
ICOTB Students	295
ICOTB Graduates	51

Internet News

The British author G. B. Stern once said, "*Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.*" I agree so I want to express mine for all who are helping with this work. We have a wonderful team of volunteer teachers, supporters and friends who are spreading the gospel with IBTM. *Thank you!!*

For anyone who would like to be more involved with this work, here are a few suggestions:

- Tell family, friends and the eldership at your congregation about IBTM
- If your congregation has a website ask that it link to our IBTM & ICOTB websites
- Create a blog or website to teach the gospel, then link it to IBTM
- Include an offer for the IBTM online Bible study with bill payments or use those postage-paid envelopes
- Print personal business cards with the plan of salvation and include the IBTM website address

Such advertising costs little but gains much. Then if you can do more, please volunteer your time to teach others with us online and/or support IBTM with your donations, prayers and good will. Thank you for all that you do for the kingdom!

Linda Hill



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