

# 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. The Lord is greatly blessing our work around the world. We are seeing many souls brought to the Lord and new schools of preaching established training faithful Gospel preachers in many places. As I write this Newsletter we are preparing for a trip to Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya in January. In Tanzania we will be working with Tanzania School of Biblical Studies. During the past few years we have been able to purchase 30 acres of land for the preacher school, church and a school for orphans. Currently there is a new church building and a staff house and a well on the property. Willy Yudah and his good wife have started a Christian school for orphans. They have just completed the first year with about 40 children finishing pre-school and are now ready to start grade one. So next year they will have pre-school and grade one. They hope to add one new grade per year. Willy's wife and some other good Christian ladies are doing the teaching at the school. Willy has the opportunity to preach to family members of the children. Currently they are meeting in a house but hopefully one day we can help build a building for these precious little children who are in need of so many things. However, their greatest need is being met in that they are being taught the truths from God's Word each day.

After Tanzania we plan to meet up with bro. Jerry Sullins in Uganda. The East Africa School of Biblical Studies is in a new building and they will be starting with a new group of students. They are hoping to have 25 men at the school in January. We will be there working with Jerry as he gets the school there started with new students. We also plan to visit 2 different preacher schools in Kenya that we are helping and to meet with faithful brethren who have a desire to start a new preacher school in the Great Rift Valley. We plan to visit with 5 different preacher schools on this trip.

Last month we reported on 6 projects we were working on. The funds to finish the new school building at Ngwezi have been sent and the building is now complete and ready for new students in January. The funds to finish the church building at Siamafumba are now raised and the work we hope will soon be done. We still are in need of around \$8,000.00 for the staff house-class room for the school in Solwezi, Zambia. We also mentioned we are seeking to raise funds to purchase 10 motor bikes for teachers at different preacher schools so they can travel from their homes to the schools. Most of these men are older men and find it difficult to ride bicycles for several miles. These motor bikes will cost about \$1,500.00 each and we have raised funds for 2 motor bikes.

Since our last Newsletter we have shipped 59 boxes of good books to different preacher schools in Africa. Currently we are getting 200,000 Gospel tracts printed. Our thanks to Garland Robinson for his help in printing so many materials for us and helping us keep the cost greatly reduced to just paper and ink. He is a great blessing to our work.

We are looking for congregations or individuals who would like to support or help support a preacher school in Africa. We currently have helped to start 6 faithful preacher schools that are in need of monthly support. These schools range in needs from \$300.00 per month to \$800.00 per month. We would ask that faithful congregations and individuals here in the USA consider putting one of these schools in your budget for 2017 and help us to train faithful Gospel preachers in Africa so they can lead many souls to the truth of God's Word. Brethren, we need your help with these schools of Preaching.

As our work continues to grow our need for more funds continues to grow. Please consider putting our work at IBTM in your budget for 2017. Thanks for your support and your prayers. Please continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ, *“into all the world”*.

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

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### *Things You Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	7,696
Restorations	7,983
Congregations Established	158
Schools of Preaching Begun	6
BCC Students	28,546
ICOTB Students	408
Preachers Graduated	316

### *Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library*

Donations to this library should be sent to:  
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### *Valiant Volunteer*

What can I say about Patricia Ann Herren? She is mother to 2, grandmother to 4 and great-grandmother to 5. From Shreveport, Louisiana, she enjoys art, drawing pencil portraits, crocheting, singing, teaching ladies' Bible classes, playing the Ukulele and is considering taking up the Pan flute. Pat likes traveling and has lived a variety of places, including Australia where she and her family were self-supporting missionaries back in the 1970s and started a congregation at Darwin in the Northern Territory. After retiring as a Licensed Practical Nurse Pat wrote a cookbook entitled **Burnt Pancakes and Crummy Biscuits** as an homage to her mother who did not love being in the kitchen. Her mother's maxim was that *"the flames of a higher fire cook a quicker meal."* Fortunately, Pat does not follow that rule.

Pat also does not apply that principle in her role as an online teacher with IBTM. She puts time and effort into studying with the almost 350 students she has been assigned in the last 4 years. Pat stated, *"I am grateful for the medium of the Internet to teach because as I grow older my memory doesn't serve me with the speed it once did and I now have time to consider my answers to student questions. I also have aids at my fingertips to share with the students. Me and Google are good partners. I call my association with IBTM as my Rocking Chair Evangelism. I would love to see more retired seniors be involved with the IBTM correspondence course. We as seniors have a lot to offer, often with years of Bible knowledge under our belt. We should not allow that to go to waste. What we don't use we lose. One of the things that we must remember as personal workers is that with every student comes a challenge to our knowledge. This is a good thing; it sharpens our skill in the Word."* Pat also stated, *"Every time you teach someone you gain experience whether they respond or not. I wish I could say after all these years of teaching that there have been hundreds who yielded to the Gospel. Sadly that is not so but we must never forget that our obligation is to teach, God will take care of the rest. May God bless International Bible Teaching Ministries and all involved with it."*

IBTM has certainly been blessed to have Pat Herren as one of our Valiant Volunteers.

Linda Hill

### *Internet News*

2016 isn't quite over yet but it has been an exciting year! So far . . . Over 2,000 baptized ▪ More than 1,300 restored ▪ 18 new congregations established ▪ 80 new preachers graduated ▪ \$72,500 in aid provided to brethren overseas ▪ Over 150,000 pieces of gospel literature shipped overseas ▪ More than 300,000 visits to our websites

I can only wonder what 2017 has in store.



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