

# 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. Last month we reported some stats for 2014. During the month of January I sent emails and letters to our 350 students seeking to find out how they are doing in their work for the Lord. I hope we hear back from most of them and they give a brief report concerning their work. It may take some time because some of them check their email at an internet café maybe 2 or 3 times per year. We have heard back from less than 50 men and we are hearing some great news. These men report 20 new congregations established during 2014. They also report 193 baptisms and 81 restored. One student from Africa sent his report and gave the number of baptisms and restorations and one new congregation he had helped to start and he listed one congregation restored! We hear of this quite often in Africa but rarely in the USA. A congregation may get off on a particular doctrine such as using choirs in the worship. Sometimes faithful Gospel preachers will go to this congregation and conduct a meeting for several days and preach the truth on this topic. They give the brethren the opportunity to ask questions in question and answer sessions. Sometimes men and women who have good honest hearts see the error of their way and the whole congregation will repent of their sinful practice and thus an unfaithful congregation is restored and becomes a faithful congregation. In Rev. 2 the Lord called on the church at Ephesus to, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent”... We could learn a lot from our brethren in Africa! How many congregations do you have in your area that needs to be restored back to the Lord because they have left the Lord? When was the last time in the USA you heard of a congregation that was restored? We appreciate the good work our graduates and students are doing around the world, keep them in your prayers.

We are finishing up the boxing and labeling of the 100,000 Gospel tracts in Tonga and Swahili. We hope all of these will be shipped out soon. We are making plans for our trip to Malaysia in just a few weeks. We plan to be there for 5 weeks and to conduct 5 Gospel meetings. We look forward to visiting and working with these good congregations in Malaysia. We are always received in a very fine way and made to feel at home.

Our Africa trip is just a few months away. Last month we started our fundraising for this trip. We are hoping this year to send several Bibles and New Testaments, print and ship 200,000 Gospel tracts, print and ship several BCC lessons, purchase and ship several text and library books to the preacher schools, purchase several bikes for preachers, purchase around 300 Bibles in different African languages, give funds to operate the preacher school at Siamafumba for one year. Our budget this year is just a little more than last year. Brethren, we need your help with this trip. If you can please help us reach our goals for this year. It is our plan this year to visit Zambia for 3 weeks working with 2 preacher schools there and conducting 3 Gospel meetings. After the 3 weeks Carolyn & I plan to travel to Uganda and work with East Africa School of Biblical Studies in Busia, Uganda. I Plan to teach some there at the school and if possible conduct a Gospel meeting on the weekend. We hope also to visit with the brethren at Uganda School of Preaching. Then we plan to travel to Ndhiwa, Kenya and work with the Kalamindi School of Preaching. There I plan to teach some at the school and conduct a Gospel meeting on the weekend. While we are there they will have their graduation at the school. Then we plan to stop at Kisumu and visit with the brethren at Kenya School of Preaching. If things go as we plan we will be able to visit and work with 6 of the preacher schools we are working with. This year we will be sending books, Bibles, tracts, BCC lessons, and other teaching materials to 10 different schools in Africa. We try each year to provide bikes for the preachers who graduate for the preacher schools. This year from the 6 schools we plan to visit there will be over 40 men graduating. We will need more bikes this year than in the past. These bikes cost \$100.00 each, if you would like to purchase a bike for one of the preachers who has graduated from a preacher school, make your checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission fund and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, P.O. Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark on the check “bike”. This is a great program and we need your help. We appreciate so much your help with our work at IBTM. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and help us as you can.

In Christ, Ronald D. Gilbert – Director, IBTM

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### *Things You Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	2,796
Restorations	3,542
Congregations Established	106
Schools of Preaching Begun	4
BCC Students	17,355
ICOTB Students	353
Preachers Graduated	209

### *Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library*

Donations to this library should be sent to:  
**New Hope Road Church of Christ**  
**PO Box 1334 • Dacula, GA 30019**

### *From the Inbox*

*"I would like to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff for allowing me to study at your Institution the Word of God on-line. I should profess to you that I am never the same and may our good Lord continue inspiring you with His divine Word."*

**Online student from Zambia**

*"Thank you very much. I've benefitted a lot. The lessons changed my life for good completely . . . be lifted in Jesus' name."*

**Online student from South Africa**

### *Valiant Volunteers*



Once there was a Roman Catholic man who lived in the Nyanza Province of Kenya with his 4 wives and 36 children - not unusual since polygamy is widespread in this nation. What is unusual is that of his 27 sons, one of them was named **Benard Ooko Kagaga**. One day Benard found a Bible Correspondence Course from **WBS**. He signed up and was tutored by **Wayne Duren**, a Christian in Alabama, who taught him there was a vast difference between truth and error. Then he received a tract entitled, "*You Can Be A Christian Without Joining Any Denomination*" and Benard determined to do just that. In May 1994 he was immersed for the remission of sins and added to the Lord's church. Immediately he began trying to lead others out of their denominational error but his natural enthusiasm disturbed many so it wasn't easy. He was even accused of being a devil worshipper, but he did not let that stop him. Benard continued teaching one-on-one until 2001 when he "*set fire on everything*" because he was given the opportunity to teach at the local Catholic church. After just two weeks of the pure gospel all but 8 of the group left, rejecting the truth, but the Lord's church was established and grew at Kalamindi.

Benard soon recognized both the dangers of liberalism that has destroyed many congregations and the need to train faithful men to preach the truth. He moved to Arusha, Tanzania for two years to attend the **Andrew Connally School of Preaching** returning to Kenya after his graduation. He then enrolled in the **International College of the Bible** and has now earned both BA and MA degrees in Bible. A few years ago he began the **Kalamindi School of Preaching** and **IBTM** helped by providing textbooks, library books, Bibles, gospel tracts and correspondence courses. The second class of new preachers will be graduating in August of 2015! Because of Benard's dedication and the men in this school many souls have been saved. There are also many newly planted congregations in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania as a result. A preacher, teacher, and school director, Benard lists his hobbies as reading the Bible and conducting gospel meetings. He is husband to his beloved wife, **Dorothy**, and father to their six children (four biological and two adopted). But despite his busy schedule Benard has never forgotten that his Christian journey began with a Bible correspondence course so he also teaches correspondence course students from around the world with the **IBTM** Online Bible study program.

I asked Benard if he had any thoughts to share and he replied, "*Let us strive to teach the whole counsel of God for we will rest some minutes after our last breath and stay with the Creator forever.*" Wonderful advice! I'm so glad Benard Kagaga is one of our Valiant Volunteers!

*Linda Hill*

*P. S.* Benard's work is sponsored by the **Glencoe Church of Christ** in Glencoe, AL. He posts pictures and work updates on his Facebook page and has a blog at [www.walkworthy-benardkagaga.blogspot.com/](http://www.walkworthy-benardkagaga.blogspot.com/)

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