

The Seeker

“Seeking the Souls of Men and Pointing Them to Christ”



Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The new year is moving along at a very fast pace. For the past several weeks we have been trying to visit and report with many of the churches that support our work. We will continue to make these visits as we can during the next several weeks. We are also trying to make appointments with new congregations and tell them about our work. If your congregation would like for me to come some Sunday and show a slide presentation about the work of IBTM please get in contact with me.

Our distance learning program continues to grow with over 430 students from 40 nations around the world. We are so thankful for these students and their desire to know more of the Word of God. We are also thankful for the faithful brethren here in the USA who volunteer their time to work as teachers with our program. We continue to work on our web page www.icotb.org so our students will have access to many good books to help them with their studies. We have hundreds of good books there for our student, but not just for our students. These books are there so they can be used by anyone who has a desire to learn more of God’s Word. We have added several new debate books and other good books during the past month and hope to be adding more books each month. We invite everyone to go to our web page and then click “Gospel Books” and you can view these good books.

Last month we sent out our fundraising letters for the Africa mission trip in August. We plan to be in Malawi for a Gospel meeting, last year there were over 5,000 in attendance for this meeting. After Malawi we plan to be in Zambia working with Zambia School of Biblical Studies in Livingstone and conducting Gospel meetings in that area. Below is a list again of our budget for the 2018 mission trip to Malawi & Zambia:

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| Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts | \$12,000.00 |
| Books for preacher schools, mainly shipping..... | 4,000.00 |
| Printing & shipping BCC lessons..... | 10,000.00 |
| Travel, taxi, hotels, food, and fuel..... | 2,000.00 |
| Air fare, travel ins., Zambia and Malawi..... | 6,000.00 |
| Benov. for preacher schools, extra help for teachers | 3,000.00 |
| Bibles in local languages..... | 4,000.00 |
| Bikes for preachers..... | 5,000.00 |
| Preacher schools extra help, food , supplies, cooking gas, | |
| Ink, office supplies, maintenance at schools..... | 2,000.00 |
| Missl. expenses for van & truck repairs..... | 2,000.00 |
| | \$50,000.00 |



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Some funds have already come in but we need to hear from many of you who have helped in the past. If you can help please make your checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. We have already started on the work for this trip. We have printed 100,000 Gospel tracts in English and have them ready to ship to Africa. We have also printed 8,000 BCC lessons books and many of these will be shipped to Africa to different preacher schools. The schools will give the BCC lessons to the local preachers who will hand them out to people in their village and then they will be returned by hand back to the preachers for grading. This allows many to take the BCC courses without paying any postage. We are also boxing up several books for preacher school libraries and for text books. We are also printing 5,000 Tonga song books that will be given to hundreds of Tonga speaking congregations.

We have raised the needed funds for the new preacher's school building in Solwezi, Zambia. We plan to start this new project during the next few weeks.

Brethren, we need your help with funds and your prayers. Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "*into all the world*".

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert
Director of IBTM

Things You Helped to Accomplish



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| Baptisms | 8,750 |
| Restorations | 8,356 |
| Congregations Established | 179 |
| Schools of Preaching Begun | 7 |
| BCC Students | 37,280 |
| ICOTB Students | 433 |
| Preachers Graduated | 354 |

Office News

Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who died in the Challenger space shuttle disaster, once said, "I touch the future. I teach." What a wonderful thought and truly accurate! At IBTM we have some amazing teachers who do just that and more . . . because they also touch souls. If you would like to be a Bible correspondence course teacher who touches souls, please let us know at info@IBTMinistries.org

Linda Hill

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of -
Alton Anderson
Cleo Turner

Donations to this library should be sent to:
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