

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. We are still having great results from our Gospel meetings in Africa. We have been sending \$300.00 per Gospel meeting for the preacher schools to take some of the instructors and students and go out for Gospel meetings in their areas. The funds are used for travel expense, food and sometimes lodging. We have had over 100 baptisms and 300 restored and some new congregations started. We have been waiting until the rains in some areas stop then we will resume the Gospel meetings. If you or your congregation would like to sponsor a Gospel meeting in Africa send the funds to us and we will wire the funds to the preacher schools in Africa. We are doing Gospel meetings in Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi and Ghana.



Volunteers from the Algood church of Christ packing materials to ship to Africa.

In our last newsletter we listed our budget for our 2020 August mission trip to Zambia and Malawi. In order to ship the 200,000 Gospel tracts, 5,000 Bibles, 10,000 song books, 12,000 BCC booklets and books for the schools we need to raise \$50,000.00. We have raised half of these needed funds. If you have not sent funds to help with our mission trip to Africa this year please do so now. We need most of these funds before the trip to purchase and ship these items. Please consider helping with this mission effort. Please make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund, and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for “Africa Trip”. We will send a financial report to those churches and individuals who help with this trip.

Zambia and Malawi are in need of food relief due to a drought in Zambia and floods in Malawi. Many of our brethren are suffering from a lack of food. In Zambia the Misika and Siamafumba areas are hit with a drought for the second year in a row. There are over 100 congregations of the Lord’s church in those areas. We have a preacher school in Siamafumba that has graduated over 50 faithful Gospel preachers and many of them along with their families and congregations are suffering from a lack of food. A 50kg bag of maize now costs \$30.00 and a family of 5 will need one and a half bags per month to feed one family. That is \$45.00 per month to feed a family of 5 of our brothers and sisters in Christ for one month. In a land where God has blessed us with so much can we share some of these great blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ who literally may die of starvation if help is not given?



Some of our brethren provided with food relief.

Please consider your great blessings and pray about this great need and send some help if you can. We will wire the funds to the preacher schools and they will purchase the maize and deliver it to the congregations in the drought areas and they will send us a financial report on how the funds were spent and some pictures of the food delivery. What one person multiplied can do! Multiplying our efforts for Jesus Christ will result in much good for the cause of Christ. Together much good can be done for the Lord. We are only limited by our own vision! Let’s use what God has given us for His glory!

We are still working on sending our first container to Africa. We are looking for the following items:

- Communion trays that hold the fruit of the vine only, we do not need the bread or offering plates
- New plastic communion cups, they come in boxes of 1,000
- Paper back and hardcover Webster Dictionaries
- Bible Dictionaries and concordances
- A few good song books in English, call before you send, we only need a few
- Men’s suits, ties, long sleeve dress shirts, dress shoes, belts, dress socks, small to medium sizes are best
- Sets of Gospel Advocate commentaries and other good books by our brethren
- Children’s clothing, shoes, socks, baby clothing - no diapers
- Men, women and children’s long sleeve and short sleeve pull over t-shirts

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- Ladies long sleeve shirts, sweaters, shoes, if dresses are sent only send dresses to the ankles
- Boys and girls toys, nothing large it needs to fit in our boxes
- Soccer and volley balls, we will let the air out and put them in boxes

No food items, no liquids, no clothing that is camouflage. We would like to have all items to us by the 25th. of March so we can box it and fill out the forms on each box to ship.

I believe that 2020 will be our best year ever! Please keep our work in your prayers and 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



Baptisms	14,927
Restorations	11,504
Congregations Established	371
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	48,683
ICOTB Students	496
Preachers Graduated	492

Campaign Report

IBTM staffer, **David A. Amos**, just returned from his 7th campaign to India with a group from the Woodstock church of Christ. He and his son, **Matt Amos**, preached about 50 times each during their 3-week trip so they obviously kept very busy. And the results were wonderful - 732 baptisms! Even more wonderful was that 248 of these new converts were denominational preachers who hopefully will now be able to convert others out of their denominational congregations. Follow-up by faithful men has been arranged to secure this continuing work.

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

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Office News

Something I haven't mentioned in a while – the Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library. Since it was named for my husband it is naturally dear to me, but there are other reasons why I think it special.

- Donations to this library provide gospel textbooks needed by students preparing to preach, probably the most important job in the world but one that requires preparation.
- These books become part of a lending-library to be used for years to come by many preaching students, so it is cost effective.
- Books in this library are a continuing memorial. Each book donated has a commemorative label placed inside to honor the loved one you wish remembered, so that makes it extraordinary.

We have JBH Memorial Libraries set up in more than a dozen locations in Africa now, but this is an ongoing need. (I know of at least 2 new preaching schools that are in desperate need of textbooks.) You can donate the specific books sought, new or good condition used. Just see our website first for a current list. You can also donate the funds for us to purchase such books. (New textbooks often cost \$25 or more to give you an estimate of what is needed to add a book to the library.) Either way IBTM will provide the postage to ship the book to the school library in Africa.

In Christ,

Linda Hill