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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are working hard to raise the needed funds for our mission trip to Africa in August. Currently we have raised about 37,000.00 of the needed 60,000.00 for our goal this year. I want to show you again what we plan to do with these funds:

Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts	\$12,000.00
Books for preacher schools	4,000.00
Printing & shipping BCC lessons	10,000.00
Funds for SSOBS preacher school, support 6-months	6,000.00
Travel, taxi, hotels, food, and fuel	2,000.00
Air fare, travel ins., Zambia and Malawi	6,000.00
Benevolence - For preacher schools	3,000.00
Bibles in local languages	4,000.00
Bikes for preachers	5,000.00
Preacher schools help, food , supplies, cooking gas.....	6,000.00
Misc. expenses for van & truck repairs.....	2,000.00
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	\$60,000.00

We have shipped most of the 200,000 Gospel tracts to Africa but we are waiting for more funds to come in to send the remaining tracts. We have just completed 3,000 sermon outline books printed in Luo for our brethren in Kenya. Our thanks to Garland Robinson and Jimmy Bates for getting these books printed and ready to ship to Kenya.

I am very thankful for the Rock Valley church of Christ for their support of our work and their allowing me to be away so much during the year for mission trips and to report to churches and to raise funds for the work. I love and appreciate these good brethren.

We are making progress on the wells in Africa that we are trying to get dug so that the brethren there can have good clean fresh water. The well at the Kalamindi School of Preaching in Ndhiwa, Kenya has been completed and the tower is up and the pump is pumping fresh, clean water into the tank for use at the school there. Our thanks to the brethren who helped make this well possible. We are waiting to hear concerning the well at Siamafumba. The funds have been sent and we are waiting for the drillers to finish their current well and move to Siamafumba.

In just a few weeks we hope to start building a building to house the new preacher school at Ngwezi, Zambia. This project should cost about \$8,000.00. John Simwezi is the director of this school and John and the other teachers are doing a great job with this part-time preacher school. The current budget for this school is \$350.00 per month and will need in the future to be raised to \$500.00 per month.

I mentioned last month we are trying to raise \$12,000.00 to replace a van for the preacher school in Busia, Uganda. Currently we have raised \$2,000.00 toward this van. If you would like to help with this much needed van please send your funds to IBTM and mark for “Van Busia”.

We have more BCC lessons that we need to ship to Africa. Our hard copies of BCC booklets are in big demand in Africa. Just last week we got a report from Willy Yudah in Tanzania where they had a seminar with 70 of our BCC students present and 3 of them were baptized into Christ.

During the past few weeks we have sent several text books to the preacher school in Solwezi, Zambia. We try to send 10 each of the books they requested. Working with 10 different preacher training schools there is always a request for more text books to be sent and we send them as we have funds to do so. We must purchase the books and then pay around \$6.00 per pound to ship them to Africa. This is why we started the Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library Fund to help get these books into the hands of students at these preacher

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schools. Recently Jason Gann gave funds for books to be placed at a school in Africa in memory of his mother, Shirley Gann. Sis Gann was a very fine Christian lady who encouraged and supported Gospel preachers and the Gospel of Christ. We have sent 7 lectureship books that are around 800 pages each to the new school at Ngwezi, Zambia in her memory by Jason and his family. Also Carolyn and I have sent 4 other lectureship books to this same school in memory of sis Gann. Jason is a faithful Gospel preacher and school teacher in McMinnville, TN. Carolyn & I also sent a set of Gospel Advocate commentaries to this same school in memory of Steve Turley. Steve & Jonell Turley and their family have been good friends and supporters of IBTM for many years. Steve was a member of the Fairview church of Christ in Clay, KY, and he will be greatly missed by all.

We hope to be able to purchase 50 bikes for preachers in Africa this year during our mission trip. These bikes will cost \$100.00 each. If you would like to purchase a bike for a faithful Gospel preacher make your checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-missions and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 39506 and mark for "bike".

We have purchased our tickets for our mission trip to Malaysia and want to thank those who helped with this trip. We plan to conduct 5 Gospel meetings while we are there. Carolyn will be working with the teachers of children's Bible classes with special projects and doing some art work on classroom walls. We have sent some Bible class materials they have requested and some NKJV New Testaments. We hope also to visit with a new congregation at Skudai in the Johor Bahru area. We plan to end our trip with a short visit in Singapore where I plan to speak at the Jurong congregation on our last Wednesday while we are there.

The Lord has greatly blessed our work. We are so thankful for the support we receive each month from congregations and individuals. We love you and appreciate you efforts. Please keep us 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	6,209
Restorations	7,429
Congregations Established	149
Schools of Preaching Begun	5
BCC Students	23,263
ICOTB Students	393
Preachers Graduated	236

Internet News

The year 2016 continues to bring great news. Already we have had almost 600 baptisms and the establishment of 9 new congregations of the Lord's church reported to us. Dave Amos just returned from his month-long campaign to India and tells us they had more than 1,100 baptisms, 43 of whom were denominational preachers. And since the beginning of this year we've had 62,000 visits to our websites and over 1,200 people enroll in our Bible correspondence course program. *Wow!*

Of course, there is also the occasional snag. One that I deal with daily is spammers. I have yet to understand the point but there are folks who submit fake lessons online, often over and over. Some will try to direct me to websites that I don't care to visit while others are just filled with gibberish. Typically, I get a handful of those daily. I simply delete them so they are only a brief annoyance to me and of no benefit to the sender. But last week I was startled when I opened up the webpage to assign students and found around 75 of these garbage lessons cluttering up my screen. My delete button got a work out!

In Christ,
Linda Hill

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Jason Gann and Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of *Shirley Gann*
Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of *Steve Turley*

Donations to this library should be sent to:
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