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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. February was a very busy month. Feb. 15-19 Carolyn and I had the good pleasure to attend the twenty-third annual **Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship** at the **Milestone church of Christ** in Cantonment, in the Pensacola area. **Sidney White** serves as the director of the school. **Ken Burleson** serves as one of the elders there at the Milestone congregation and also Ken is the preacher there. I have known Sidney and Ken for many years and appreciate the good work they and the others are doing there to train faithful Gospel preachers. The lectureship was on the book of James and you would do well to get their lectureship book.

We are getting the details worked out on our Malaysia trip in April. We plan to be in Malaysia for 5 weeks and conduct 5 Gospel meetings. I am sure there will be some workshops also to teach while we are there. We enjoy working with the good brethren in Malaysia and look forward to visiting them from time to time. These brethren are doing a great work under difficult situations. We have sent several boxes of Bible class materials to several different churches there. Carolyn plans to help some of the congregations with their Bible class rooms and putting up displays on the walls for the children.

We are hearing from some of our over 350 students enrolled in our distance learning program. We contacted as many of them as we could in January asking them to give a brief report on their work for the Lord in 2014. Some had not reported in the past several years and we requested a report from them also. We are very excited to learn of the new congregations being started and the number of baptisms and restorations. These men are doing wonderful things in very difficult places. These men are not on a salary but they continue to work hard in difficult places. Only 3 of the schools we are currently working with have men that we send a small amount to them each month as they are full time instructors at these preacher schools. Please keep our students in your prayers and the works they are doing.

The trip to Zambia is also just around the corner. We have purchased our tickets and shipped the 200,000 Gospel tracts to be distributed on this campaign. There are 6 who plan to go on this trip and each man going will need to raise around \$5,000.00. However, in addition to this each year I try to raise funds in order to accomplish several things in connection with our mission trip. The following are things we hope to be able to accomplish:

Extra funds for the trip on to Uganda and Kenya.....	2,500.00
NKJV Bibles & New Testaments.....	3,000.00
Print & ship 200,000 Gospel tracts, English, Tonga, Swahili.....	10,000.00
Print & Ship BCC lessons.....	3,000.00
Purchase & ship text books for preacher schools.....	2,500.00
Purchase 30 bikes for preachers.....	3,000.00
Purchase 300 Bibles in different languages, while we are there.....	2,500.00
Benevolence, food for needy.....	1,500.00
Funds to operate preacher school for one year.....	12,000.00

Funds in addition to my \$5,000.00 that we need to raise \$40,000.00

At the time of writing of this Newsletter we have raised about \$30,000.00 of the needed \$40,000.00 for our goals this year. Brethren, we need your help, if you have not sent help this year for our trip please do so as soon as you can so we will be able to reach our goals and do the good works we have planned for this year in Africa. Please make checks out to **Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund** and send to **Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506** and mark for Zambia trip. We will send a financial report to those who help when we return from Africa in September. Please keep our work in your prayers.

In Christ, Ronald D. Gilbert – Director, IBTM

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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	4,474
Restorations	5,892
Congregations Established	106
Schools of Preaching Begun	4
BCC Students	17,906
ICOTB Students	356
Preachers Graduated	209

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of *George Young*

Linda Hill added books in memory of *Herbert Martin Fields*

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

Statistical News

There are many statistics we don't have room to show in every report, such as Lagos, New Delhi, Nairobi, Gaborone, and Accra – just to name the top 5 of at least 3,193 cities to send visitors to our websites in February. We had 27,775 visits for an average of **992 *per day*** – a new high mark! We have now shipped more than 40,000 Bibles overseas plus another 19,259 Biblical textbooks to the preaching schools and ICOTB students we work with. And speaking of books IBTM recently purchased 200 copies of the **Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship** book. These will be sent to the 10 locations in Africa that have a *Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library*. We do stay busy even in these quiet winter months.

Linda Hill

Campaign News

The **Woodstock Church of Christ** in Woodstock, Georgia, is heavily involved with mission work in India, working closely with the **Ron and Kyle Clayton** families, full-time missionaries in that country. So on January 1, 2015, a team of workers from Woodstock boarded a British Airways craft in Atlanta bound for Hyderabad, India. Participants in this mission trip were **Reg & Kathy Berry, David & Laura Cravy, Matt & Chris Amos**, and myself, **Dave Amos**. Two of the team members (David Cravy and Chris Amos) were limited by their job schedules to fourteen days, but the others would serve with the Clayton families for twenty-nine days.

Laura Cravy, with her extensive background in nursing, provided many school children with physical examinations and recommended treatments. She and the other ladies taught several ladies Bible classes and worked with orphan's homes and clinics while the men preached constantly – often four times a day – in church buildings, in the streets and often in denominational meeting houses. The meetings were attended by great numbers of denominational folks as well as many Hindus. Also, the Claytons and a well-known Indian brother, **P. J. Joseph**, were able to arrange very large, all-day meetings in different, larger cities where 150 – 200 or more preachers attended each session. Most of these preachers were from denominations.

During this effort the Lord gave the increase of 667 baptisms! In one congregation of twenty-four Hindus where Matt Amos preached ALL were converted to Christ. Four additional denominational groups, discarding their instruments, are now congregations of the Lord's church. Thirty-three denominational preachers were converted to Christ and are now in the process of converting their own members.

India is an open field and most of the people have open hearts regardless of any prior affiliation. They simply want to know the truth. Generally, their receptivity to the truth is absolutely awesome! However, not all Hindus appreciated what we were doing and on two occasions, after we had begun to preach, we (preacher, translator, and driver) were threatened and chased quite hurriedly out of the area. Nonetheless, plans are already underway for next year's effort. Your prayers surely are coveted for our India work, as well as for other faithful brethren and their works in that country and around the world!

Dave Amos, IBTM/ICOTB Staff

