

The Seeker

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

A Publication of
International Bible Teaching Ministries
International College of the Bible

March/April 2019

Volume 8, Number 3

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord. For the past several weeks we have been working getting a big shipment ready to send to Africa. This is part of our August mission trip to Malawi and Zambia. We try to have materials ready each year to ship to different locations in Africa before we arrive in August. In Zambia during our Gospel meetings we give each congregation present Gospel tracts, Bible Correspondence Course booklets and Bibles. Just a few days ago we shipped 184 boxes that weighed 5,440 pounds. This was the largest single shipment we have ever sent. In this shipment we sent 2,600 Bibles and New Testaments; 1,000 full sets of our BCC booklets making 12,000 booklets; 100,550 Gospel tracts in 4 different languages and several boxes of text books for different preacher schools. The cost to ship this material was \$20,202.90. We are thankful to churches and individuals that have sent funds to help us pay for the shipping of this needed material to Africa. These boxes were sent to 13 different locations in 7 different African nations. Our thanks to many individuals who helped make this shipment possible. To Garland Robinson for printing materials, John Chowning for helping transport, store and load the boxes, Jim Waldron for donating several books for us to send, and several volunteers at the Algood church of Christ for helping box the materials and put labels of tracts in Bibles and New Testaments.

In addition to what we have already sent we also hope to raise enough to purchase several Bibles in local languages while we are there. These Bibles usually cost around \$12.00 each so we will be able to purchase 84 Bibles for each \$1,000.00 we raise. We hope to raise between 3,000.00 to 5,000.00 for Bibles in local languages. We also hope to be able to purchase 30 to 50 bicycles for preachers. These bikes cost 100.00 each. These bikes are used at the preacher schools for men to go out each Sunday to preach. After these men graduate from the preacher schools we try to give them a bike for their needed transportation as Gospel preachers. If you have not helped us yet with these much needed funds please help! Make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert- Mission fund and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. We send a financial report to churches and individuals who help us with this mission trip.

Our two building projects are hopefully coming to an end soon. The new preacher school building in Solwezi, Zambia is getting finishing touches. The school in Lilongwe, Malawi we hope will be ready for the students to move into during the next few weeks. The school in Malawi started classes in January using 2 rented houses with 21 full time new preacher students. We are still in need of some funds to complete one of these schools.

Dave Amos, who works with **IBTM** answering questions from our students, and his son Matt and others recently returned from a mission trip to India. They had a good trip with 760 baptized into Christ. They conducted several seminars for denominational preachers and had 230 denominational preachers baptized into Christ during their trip.

Sponsored by *Rock Valley church of Christ*

www.IBTMinistries.org • www.ICOTB.org
RDG@IBTMministries.org • ICOTB@IBTMministries.org • INFO@IBTMministries.org

International Bible Teaching Ministries
c/o Rock Valley Church of Christ
PO Box 49494
Cookeville, TN 38506

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage Paid
Cookeville, TN
Permit No 15

Our mission trip to Malaysia is coming up in just a few weeks and we are looking forward to visiting with several churches in Malaysia and spending time with the brethren there.

Jesus said in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." What was true then is also true today, the fields are white unto harvest. There are so many places in the world today where the fields are "white unto harvest" and if we fail to get the Gospel there the harvest will spoil or many souls will be lost. We need to see the urgency of getting the Gospel of Christ into the hands of those who are searching for the truth. Billions and billions of men and women around the world are lost! As members of the body of Christ we not only have the truth but the obligation and the opportunity to reach the lost with the precious Gospel of Christ. I hope we all can see the truth of Jesus' statement in John 4 and see the urgency of doing what we can as Christians to reach the lost while there is still time and opportunity! Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "**into all the world**".

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert, Director

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

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	12,744
Restorations	9,576
Congregations Established	296
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	44,125
ICOTB Students	485
Preachers Graduated	475

Office News

This winter was the wettest in U.S. history (well, at least since 1870.) But February was something really special. Parts of the tiny town where I live flooded, making travel precarious. I know that happened all across the South so it was even worse in other areas, but it was still daunting to see so much water up close and personal. It was hard to imagine anything good happening in such a wet mess. And yet, it did.

In February **IBTM** made that huge shipment. What caught my attention was the tracts. **IBTM** has now shipped more than 2 MILLION Gospel tracts overseas. Tracts are a valuable tool anywhere, but even more so overseas. I've seen estimates that tracts in Africa are read by at least 8 different people because they are saved and shared.

Also in February one of our field BCC teachers in Tanzania, Willy Yudah, held a seminar with 80 of his students . . . and ended up baptizing 27 of them! He is planning another teaching trip in March so we are hoping for more good news.

So, February turned out to be rather a good month!

Linda Hill