

# The Seeker

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*Dear brethren,*

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The year is going by very fast! IBTM is reaching many souls around the world. Since our last Newsletter we have reported from our students that 3 new congregations have been established. Many times here in the USA we get sad news that congregations have closed their doors and no longer are meeting. It sure is wonderful news to hear that new congregations of the Lord's Church are being established around the world. We have also had 29 baptisms and 75 restorations reported. We have enrolled 3 new students in our preacher training program and have about 30 that will graduate from preacher training schools in Africa this fall. We are thankful to the Lord for this good news.

We have been busy during the past few weeks getting materials shipped out to Africa. Within the past 2 weeks we sent out 13 boxes of books, tracts, Bibles and Bible materials to 7 different locations in Africa. In this material we also sent out 5,000 Gospel tracts printed in Swahili and 8,500 printed in English. We sent nearly 300 text books and 194 Bibles and New Testaments to 4 different preacher schools. We have also sent a box each of books to 3 new students.

Things are moving along with our fundraising efforts for our mission trip to Zambia in August. At this time we have raised about two thirds of the needed funds for our trip. We are still about \$10,000.00 short of the funds to accomplish all our goals for this year's trip. It is not too late to help brethren, if you have not helped this year please do so, we need your help! We also continue to make some progress with our "work fund". We have some new congregations who are helping each month with our work and we greatly appreciate your help. We are short of our goal for 2013 of the needed monthly funds. We are looking for congregations and individuals who will help with our "work fund".

During the month of May bro Charles Cox, one of the elders at the Riceville church of Christ located near Athens, TN. died. Bro. Charles was a good friend and faithful Christian. He will be greatly missed. My wife and I have placed 3 books, Strong's Concordance, Smith's Bible Dictionary and Vine's Expository Dictionary in his memory in preacher training schools in Africa. Also bro. Harold Dyer who was a member at the Pippin congregation in Cookeville, TN. passed away. Brother Dyer served as one of the elders at the Lantana congregation in Crossville, TN. while I was the preacher there several years ago. He was a good man and will be greatly missed. We plan to place 3 books in preacher school libraries in Africa in his memory.

The number of our BCC students continues to grow at a wonderful rate each month. We currently

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have over 8,800 BCC students. We are in need of more faithful Christians who will volunteer to be teachers helping grade these courses by email. If you can help us in this effort we would greatly appreciate. We have over 100 volunteers currently who are doing a great job but we are getting around 500 new students each month and are in need of more teachers. We are looking for faithful Christians who send and receive emails who would be willing to volunteer some time each week to teaching the lost the precious gospel of Christ through our BCC course program.

A few weeks ago I began a Bible study with a couple near our home area. This study was with a husband and wife and a young lady who is the cousin of the wife. For several weeks on Tuesday nights we met and studied at their home. The wife had been restored a few weeks before our study began. All three of them signed up to take our BCC courses. I am happy to report that the husband was recently restored and the cousin was baptized into Christ. We are thankful to God for these who have been restored and this one who has put on Christ in baptism. Pray for these three that they might be strong in the Lord and continue to grow.

In Christ,

*Ronald D. Gilbert* -

Director of IBTM

### *Things You Have Helped to Accomplish*

Baptisms	1,259
Restorations	1,268
New Congregations	40
New Schools of Preaching	2
Online BCC Students	8,845
ICOTB Students	234
ICOTB Graduates	46

### *From the Inbox*

The traffic to our website is not the only thing increasing. So is our email. But I am always happy to get messages such as these:

*"thank you for helping me to understand so many things that were away from my knowledge but now I can say I'm proud to receive this blessing from your teaching and I am ready to go forward in my study with you, this will keep me to walk in the way that the Lord has made for me and also to serve him as he wanted. may the Lord bless you for what you doing for his kingdom"*

- **IBTM Student from South Africa**

*"I got baptized and I am happy to be born and be in the family of God"* - **IBTM student from Namibia**

*"The course has changed my life and so far I am applying some of knowledge I have learnt to teach others and I have seen them blessed."*

- **IBTM student from Uganda**

In Christ,

*Linda Hill*

*We CAN evangelize the entire world in OUR lifetime . . . if we work together!*