

The Seeker

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



Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We just sent out a large shipment of 103 boxes weighing 3,672 pounds. In this shipment we sent 80,000 Gospel tracts, 5,000 Tonga song books, 3,200 NKJV Bibles and New Testaments and books for preacher schools. These books and materials will be of great help to the preacher schools when they arrive in Africa. One of the schools in Africa that we try to send books, tracts, Bibles, BCC booklets and other resource materials is the school in Kalamindi, Kenya. Their sponsoring congregation is the Munford church of Christ in Munford, AL. This good congregation has just finished building a new much needed preacher school building at Kalamindi. Our prayer is that hundreds of faithful Gospel preachers will be trained there during the next few years.

Another building project is the new school at Solwezi, Zambia. We helped start this school and have helped raise the funds to support this school. We have just wired \$5,000.00 to this school for drilling a well on the school property. Hopefully the well will be completed soon so we can start the new Preacher school building there. We have raised the funds to build this building and have been waiting for all the red tape to be completed so we can get started.

Another building project is the new school in Lilongwe, Malawi. We have purchased the land and hope to get the plans drawn up for the new building and start on this project as soon as we can. These building projects are so important. These brethren are in need of these building so they can train faithful Gospel preachers at these building for many years to come.

Our food relief project is going well. We have sent funds and continue to do so to help people who are suffering from the drought. I am always amazed and impressed concerning the loving, caring hearts of little children. A few years ago I was visiting Gatlinburg and had the opportunity to speak at the Wednesday night service and give a presentation concerning our work. One of the projects we were working on at that time was trying to raise \$5,000.00 to purchase 5,000 NKJV New Testaments to send to Africa. After services a mother with her 2 young sons came up to me and she told me they had both been given \$20.00 each for their vacation to spend as they wanted. They both decided to give \$10.00 each of their vacation money to help purchase these New Testaments for Africa. We have also had children's Bible classes to send funds to help with our mission efforts for Africa. Last week I got a phone call from a friend and his small children had been doing work around the house in order to earn money so they could send funds to help feed hungry people in Africa. These small children had earned \$60.00 and the parents were sending it by check. That really touched my heart to see these small wonderful children want to help feed hungry people. When these funds came in by mail I looked at the check and thought wouldn't it be great if more people had the heart of a child? I looked in the envelop and there were 2 checks, one from the little children and one from their parents. What a great example from these children and



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a great example from their parents to their children as well.

Our efforts for fundraising for our August trip continues. We are getting closer to our goal but have not reached it yet. It is not too late if you or your congregation can help we would greatly appreciate it. Make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN 38506. Please keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ “*into all the world*”.

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert
Director of IBTM

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of *Oliver Anderson*

Linda Hill added books in memory of
Opal McCain
Jimmie B. Hill

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Things You Helped to Accomplish



Baptisms	10,339
Restorations	8,829
Congregations Established	228
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	39,373
ICOTB Students	454
Preachers Graduated	361

Office News

Thomas Jefferson once said, “*I cannot live without books.*” No doubt someone will disagree with him, but I can relate to that sentiment. However, as a former homeschool teacher there is something else I know for certain about books. It is really hard to teach without them. Right now we have 153 men striving to learn God’s Word in the various schools of preaching we assist . . . and they don’t have enough textbooks to go around. IBTM is trying to fix that. Ronald D. Gilbert listed the books we need right now in last month’s Seeker so if you have some you can donate – Wonderful! But if you don’t you can still help. Check used books at your local thrift stores. Often they are only \$3-4 there. Also, shop the used book markets online. I found some great deals on Amazon that I had shipped directly to Ron, so super easy. Send an email to info@IBTMinistries.org if you want to join this book drive. I will tell you where to ship them.

Linda Hill