

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. June has been a very busy month for us. We have enrolled 13 new students with our distance learning program and have been very busy working with existing students. We currently have over 300 students from around the world taking Bible classes with ICOTB. The student enrollment is growing so fast we are having to get more men to help as teachers. In addition to answering the questions from many of our students, Dave Amos has agreed to also serve as one of our distance learning teachers. Also James Rodgers, who preaches for the Smyrna church of Christ here in Cookeville, has agreed to help as one of our teachers. We appreciate these good men willing to help in this work.

Our brethren at Siamafumba School of Biblical Studies recently had a seminar inviting the former graduates back to the school for a few days. While these men were there the teachers asked them to give a report concerning their local work, baptisms, restorations and new congregations started. Some of these men were reporting on their work for the past year or more since they graduated. Counting their reports and a few others we got during the month of June, we are happy to report 247 souls were baptized into Christ and 578 were restored and 11 new congregations of the Lord's church were established. This is great news and we rejoice to hear it!

We have also been collecting and sending Bible class materials for several churches in Malaysia. We are happy to help these good brethren there get this material for their Bible classes. During the past few weeks we have shipped 103 pounds of Bible class materials to Malaysia and have more to ship in July.

For the past few weeks we have been working on a big shipment to Africa. This shipment had 60 boxes of materials sent to 4 locations in Zambia, 2 locations in Kenya, 1 location in Uganda and 1 location in Tanzania. It went out this week. Several thousand BCC lesson books and test books for students were also sent. Back in March I sent several of our BCC lessons that we have printed to Africa and the response was overwhelming. In 2 different locations they handed out all the lesson one booklets in the first day and the preachers there are requesting more. We are getting 1,000 each of the first 3 lesson books and test books printed and plan to ship them in September when we get back for Africa. We will also ship the remaining NKJV New Testaments to Africa in September or October when we get back from this mission trip. We also shipped 30,000 more Gospel tracts and we are getting a new tract printed to take with us on this trip. We have some new books on our web page at www.ICOTB.org. Click on “gospel books” and look over the new books that we have posted.

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In just a few weeks 8 of us will be departing for Zambia. We are still short about \$4,000.00 of our goal for this year's trip. It is not too late to help brethren, if you have not done so at this time. Please make your checks to, Ronald D. Gilbert-Missions, and send to Rock Valley Church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN, 38506. We are trying to get several good used suits, ties, dress shoes and other items packed and ready for this trip. We also had a good brother and friend in Dixon, KY, who made several wooded sets of communion trays that we plan to take on this trip.

This will be my 21st mission trip to Africa. Much change has taken place and things have become more modern and a little easier in many of the places that we visit each year. During those trips there have been 653 souls baptized into Christ and 2,794 souls restored back to the Lord. Much good has been done for the cause of Christ in many of these areas. New congregations have been established and new preacher schools. There are so many brethren and congregations here in the USA that have made these trips possible. Thank you brethren, for your many years supporting our mission work efforts. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

Things You Have Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	2,416
Restorations	3,027
New Congregations	80
New Schools of Preaching	3
BCC Students	13,527
ICOTB Students	332
ICOTB Graduates	52

Library News

IBTM is now assisting 10 different foreign schools of preaching with a school library. These teaching books stay on the premises to be available to all students so they will be there for many years to come. But IBTM has also set up 20 mobile libraries in various locations around the world where several ICOTB students live in close proximity. These books are meant to be checked out which has greatly reduced our costs by providing textbooks that can be shared by our students. And in each of these 30 libraries there are books that have been added in memory of a loved one in the ***Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library***. These books are helping to train good men to preach the Gospel to all the world.

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