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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. June was a very busy month for us. It was my privilege to speak at 6 different congregations in June. June 9-13 I was in a Gospel meeting at the Plainview congregation in Sparta, TN. Our good friend Earl Alverson is the preacher there. During the Sunday afternoon fellowship meal we presented a plaque to Earl for his dedicated work in helping us raise funds for the work in Africa. The following week June 16-20 it was my privilege to be with the Sequatchie Valley congregation for another Gospel meeting in Pikeville, TN, my home town. It was good to be with Wes and Brook Garland, Wes is the preacher there. It was good also to visit with all the brethren there that we have known for so many years. One young man was baptized into Christ after services one night during the meeting. Individual brethren there gave funds to purchase 5 bikes for preachers in Africa and some Bibles. They also brought several good ties and a few suits for our trip to Zambia in August. Our thanks to these good brethren for their help.

The number of our BCC students continues to grow. Currently we have over 9,000 BCC students enrolled in our program. We are in need of more volunteers to help grade the lessons. They are all done online. We need more faithful Christian men and women who are willing to donate their time to help bring the lost to Christ. We are thankful to Garland Robinson, Bob Winton and others who have run appeals for teachers in their papers. We have picked up several new teachers because of their help. We also thank Mike McDaniel for including our appeal for teachers in the June issue of Laborers Together Newsletter, of the MSOP Alumni.

Another project we have been working on with our BCC program is printing hard copies of the lessons. We realize that not everyone has a computer and for this reason we want to make hard copies available for those who want to take our BCC courses but do not have access to the internet. We have printed 1,000 copies each of the first half of our courses. There is a book for the students to read and a test book to fill out and have graded. At present we have 2 teachers ready to grade the hard copies when we get students. The BCC hard copies will also be sent to different locations in Africa and around the world for brethren to use. They will hand them out in their areas and grade them there and not mail them back to the USA. We have several places that are waiting to get them so they can start. We are printing the answer key book for the teachers and when it is printed we will be sending them out.

Our Distance Learning Program continues to grow also. We currently have 240 students from 28 nations enrolled in our program of Bible study. We picked up 6 new students in April, 4 new ones in May and 5 new ones in June. We had 38 baptisms and 6 restorations reported by our students and 2 new congregations started in June. One of our students had been studying with 2 Pentecostal preachers and he reports baptizing them both recently. What great news!

If you have not visited our websites recently please do so. At WWW.IBTMinistries.org and WWW.ICOTB.org Under the heading “Gospel Tracts” we have around 100 tracts. If you go to the bottom of the page on most of our tracts you will see on the right side “Printable Tract” and if you click there you will find a PDF of the tract ready to print in color or black and white. We encourage people around the world to print and distribute these tracts and help spread the Gospel. These tracts can also be used by our BCC teachers to assign students to read certain tracts that will help them on questions that they have missed on their BCC lessons.

On our WWW.ICOTB.org web page under “Gospel Books” there are over 75 books and more to come. These books are being used by our students for reading assignments. These good books can be used as resource materials for Bible school teachers and any person desiring to learn more of God’s Word. Please help spread the word and use these good books.

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Our mission trip to Zambia will be here in just a few weeks. Our thanks to churches and individuals who have helped us financially for this trip. If you recall our goal this year was \$41,519.00. This included purchasing and shipping 5,000 New Testaments, printing and shipping 120,000 Gospel tracts, purchasing and shipping several text books to preacher schools, purchasing 30 bikes for preachers, purchasing 300 Bibles in different African languages, benevolence, funding SSOBS, a preacher school for one year, our air fare and supplies while we are there, food, and gas. We are thankful at the time of writing this we are only short about \$5,000.00. It is not too late to help! We would like to have all the funds in by the end of July. If you would like to help us in this mission effort, make your checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and send to Rock Valley church of Christ, Attn: Ronald D. Gilbert, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for "Zambia Trip". We will send a financial report to those who help as we do each year. We have also had two laptop computers donated recently for us to take to the preacher schools in Africa. These brethren need these computers so they can make out tests and keep student records. I plan to take a small printer and extra ink cartridges for these brethren in the bush to use. We are also working on another large shipment of books to be sent to several schools in Africa sometime in July. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Zambia in August.

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert, Director IBTM

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Janet Randolph has added books in memory of
Mary Ann Seals

Ronald and Carolyn Gilbert have added books in
memory of *Clay Worthington*

Donations to this library should be sent to:
New Hope Road Church of Christ
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We encourage you to think about donating funds for books to be placed in preacher training schools in Africa in memory of your loved ones. These books will be used for many years in training faithful Gospel preachers.

Things You Have Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	1,315
Restorations	1,278
New Congregations	42
New Schools of Preaching	2
Online BCC Students	9,188
ICOTB Students	240
ICOTB Graduates	46

Internet News

I am pleased by every soul who comes to read materials and study the Bible at our websites, but frequently it amazes me just where those websites reach. A visitor in June found us from Kosovo, a new nation on our list. As those who see our monthly stats know, adding new nations is not unusual since we have 220 represented by visitors now. But I am still impressed when those visitors come from predominantly Muslim nations because I know it took courage to seek out the Gospel. We have had students tells us that their life would be in danger if it was known they were studying the Bible. But thankfully, most continue. We have now had students enroll in our online Bible courses from 27 of the 48 nations where those who follow Islam make up more than 50% of the population.

The Internet can touch souls in places around the world where missionaries have not been or would not be welcomed if they tried to go. We need to use it more for God's glory.

In Christ
Linda Hill