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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our last newsletter we made an appeal for churches and individuals to send us \$300.00 per Gospel meeting for these meetings to be conducted Africa by the brethren there. We are having a good response and have sent funds for several meetings to be conducted in the next few months. We will give reports as these Gospel meetings occur.

We are having great success with our printed BCC lessons that have been sent to Africa and other places around the world. One success story is in Malawi. The brethren there have been working at a local prison teaching Bible classes each week for many years. They had 20 prisoners doing the BCC lessons and last week 6 of them were baptized into Christ. We rejoice to hear this great news! We just recently got another 1,000 full sets, 12,000 booklets of our BCC courses printed and paid for, thanks to those who helped with this good work. We currently have BCC students near obeying the Gospel in Nigeria, Cameroon and Malaysia. In some of these areas we are trying to arrange for Gospel preachers in those areas to do more Bible study with these students and hopefully baptize them. Please keep these in your prayers.

Our mission trip to Malawi and Zambia will be coming up soon. We are looking forward to this trip and the opportunity to preach the Gospel of Christ to many souls in Africa and to teach at 4 different preacher training schools. We have wired funds to preacher schools and are taking other funds in hopes of purchasing 800 Bibles this year in different African languages. This will be the most Bibles we have ever bought for one trip. Our thanks to brethren in different locations who gave these funds to purchase these Bibles. We also hope to be able to purchase around 50 bicycles for preachers in Africa this year. These bikes are very much needed for the students to use to go out each Sunday and preach and they receive a bike when they graduate from the preacher schools. We have purchased 2 sets of Bible lands maps for 2 preacher schools to use in their classrooms. We made an appeal also for brethren who had Jule Miller DVD's that they were not using to get them to us so we can send them to Africa and Malaysia. If you have these DVD's and are not using them please donate them for mission work or just consider purchasing a new set for us to send. We are currently trying to get 2 books printed for our work in Africa. One book is a sermon outline book on the church which was compiled by Sidney White and another is a sermon outline book on the parables of Jesus written by John Chowning. These 2 books will be very helpful for the preachers in Africa. We have sent funds to Africa each month for the past few months to purchase maize to help feed hungry brethren who are suffering due to a drought. Our thanks to Earl Alverson who has taken the lead in raising these funds for us here in the Cookeville, TN. area. The Benton Harbor church of Christ where Rusty Stark preaches has sent funds to help these drought victims also.

The 2 new preacher schools in Africa are coming along very good. The one in Solwezi Zambia is about completed and they are getting a solar system in order to have power at the school. The one in Malawi has completed the dorm and bathrooms and they have moved the students into the new building. They are currently putting on the roof and plastering the inside of the classroom and library building. We hope to be able to teach in this new building when we arrive there in August.

We have sent out emails to our graduates and students at ICOTB asking them to report on their work for the first 6 months of 2019 and we have heard back from about 14 of them and they report several baptisms, restorations and new congregations being planted.

Overall our work at IBTM is going great and we appreciate all our supporters. Recently we received a donation from a congregation that decided to give us a fifth Sunday contribution. They sent us almost \$3,000.00, what a blessing that was to our work enabling us to move closer to completing the preacher school building in Malawi. I want to appeal to congregations to consider giving one 5th Sunday contribution each year to IBTM. We would be able to do so much more work for the cause of Christ in Africa if we had these funds. Please continue to help us in our work and to take the precious Gospel of Christ” *into all the world*”.

In Christ,

Ronald D. Gilbert, Director of IBTM

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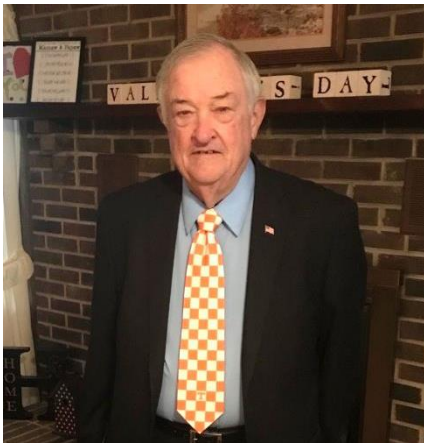
Baptisms	12,955
Restorations	10,124
Congregations Established	300
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	45,697
ICOTB Students	488
Preachers Graduated	475

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory
of
Ruth Chowning
Alice Blackburn

Donations to this library should be sent to:
New Hope Road Church of Christ
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Valiant Volunteers



Tennessee has been called The Volunteer State since the War of 1812 but really it was 1846 that sealed that title. That's when the US Secretary of War asked Tennessee for 2,800 militia volunteers for the Mexican-American War – and the state sent more than 30,000. I am so happy that same volunteer spirit lives on today. Of the 207 people who have volunteered their time to teach with our online Bible study, more than 50 of them have come from Tennessee. One of them is named Danny Rogers.

Danny Rogers hails from the little town of Benton, Tennessee, and has a strong background in teaching, which is wonderful for us. He began as a classroom teacher in 1968 but continued on as an assistant principal, principal, and even the Superintendent of Schools for Polk County. He retired in 2010 after 41 years of full-time work in education but still holds active teaching certificates for both Georgia and Tennessee. He continues to be involved in education by coaching the girl's high school volleyball team and doing substitute teaching. And in 2015 he was honored to become a member of the Polk County High School Alumni Hall of Fame

But more importantly since he was baptized into Christ in 1976 he has also been very active in the Lord's church. He preached full-time for more than 30 years and still steps into the pulpit occasionally. He teaches Bible classes, has served as a Deacon and is currently serving as an Elder at the East Side Church of Christ in Cleveland, TN. He wrote a column called "Let The Bible Speak" that ran in the Polk County News for about 20 years. For the last 7 years he has done a daily post on his Facebook page called "Today's Thought." And since September of 2013 he has worked with almost 250 online students with IBTM.

Danny met his wife, Judy, when he was a senior in high school. They have now been married for almost 54 years and they share four children and six grandchildren. For hobbies he listed gardening and playing golf but ended with "*I especially love spending time with my family. We do a lot of things together, church work, vacations and such. We have a time share in Helen, Georgia where all 15 of us spend a whole week together each year.*" Brother Rogers was very pleased to relate that not only did each of his children follow him into public education but they also are very active in the work of the church. Both of his daughters, Ann and Denise, teach Bible classes. His son Mark preaches and Michael serves as a Deacon. What a great example he must be!

He also told me that his favorite part of working online with students is "*when people respond to the gospel and become Christians.*" That has happened with two of his students so far so I know they were blessed to have him as their teacher. And we are blessed to have him as one of our Valiant Volunteers.

Linda Hill