

The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The virus has slowed down the work in many areas but good things are still happening around the world. We have received reports from many of our preachers who have graduated from the preacher schools we are working with in Africa. We have reports also from ICOTB graduates and current students. These good men report that from January through June in 2020 the following:

Baptisms.....1,284
Restored.....694

New congregations started.....20
New BCC students enrolled...3,239

Although the work has been hindered by the virus these good men have averaged over 200 baptisms, 116 restored and 3 new congregations being started each month for the past six months. We rejoice over this good news!

Our planned mission trip to Malawi and Zambia for August has been canceled by the governments in these African nations. Since the virus is so bad in the USA they do not want people from the USA coming to their country at this time. It is our prayer that things will be better and we can go back to Africa in October or November of this year. We have already shipped books, Bibles, Gospel tracts, BCC booklets and other items to several places in Africa. It is good that we shipped these things when we did because most African nations now are not allowing any packages from the USA to come in their countries.

We want to thank those congregations and individuals from TN, KY, GA, AL, MS and IN who helped us fill the container to Zambia. Over 600 boxes ready to go! This container is being stored at no cost to us at a warehouse waiting for the Zambian government to allow it to be shipped. This container will be shared by 4 different preacher schools and over 100 congregations of the Lord's church.

We are also working on a container for Malawi and currently have over 300 boxes of books, Bibles, Gospel tracts and BCC booklets. We are trying to help the new preacher school there build a good library. We plan to send them over 200 banana boxes of clothing. These items of clothing will be shared with the students at the preacher school and over 100 congregations of the Lord's church in Malawi. We are in need of men's suits, long sleeve dress shirts, socks, dress shoes, ties, belts, baby clothing,

children's clothing and shoes. If you can get any of these items to us here in Cookeville, TN. we would appreciate your help in filling this container to Malawi, Africa.

We are happy to report that the 3 buildings at the new school in Malawi are now completed and the church building there is also completed and Sunday August 2, 2020 the first Lord's Day worship was conducted at this new church building. The school building in Solwezi, Zambia is completed and the new staff house is almost ready. A new church building is being constructed in Kalomo, Zambia. We hope to start the new preacher school building in



1 container ready to ship!



New church building in Malawi - 204 in attendance the very first Sunday!

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Bomet, Kenya soon. We have purchased the land and put up a fence around the property. This project will need around 70,000.00. Currently we have around 25,000.00 and would like to have around 50,000.00 before we start the project. We are asking churches in TN and KY that received the funds from the Comer Trust Fund to consider giving part of those funds to help build this new preacher school building. If you or the congregation where you attend can help please make checks to IBTM and mark for "Bomet Preacher School" and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. This preacher school building is much needed in this area.

Last year we started a program where individuals and congregations could sponsor a Gospel meeting in Africa for 300.00. These funds were used by the preacher schools taking some of the teachers and students out in different areas to conduct Gospel meetings. These funds were used for fuel for transportation, hotels, food for the preachers and sometimes some food purchased for those attending the meetings. Several Gospel meetings were funded by brethren here in the USA and over 100 were baptized and over 200 restored with some new congregations being started also. We want to continue this good program. If you or the congregation where you attend would like to sponsor a Gospel meeting in Africa please send 300.00 and make checks out to IBTM and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for "Gospel meetings Africa".

We continue to have great success with our distance learning program. ICOTB has graduated 125 students and enrolled over 500 since 2007. Our thanks also to the faithful Gospel preachers who volunteer their time to teach these students.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support of our mission work efforts. Please continue to help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ *"into all the world."*

In Christ,

Ronald D. Gilbert, Director of IBTM

Office News

Hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy.

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Things You Helped to Accomplish



Baptisms	16,065
Restorations	11,797
Congregations Established	382
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	50,411
ICOTB Students	501
Preachers Graduated	492

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Susanna Austin added books in memory of

Bob Austin

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