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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the past several months our focus has been on our trip to Zambia in August. We have been very busy raising funds and getting shipments ready to send to Africa. We just got another large shipment out this week. Among the things we recently shipped we sent over 500 hard copies of the first 3 sets of our BCC lessons. These will be used in Africa and graded there as well so there will be no postage in sending them back to the USA for grading. We have done just about all we can do before our trip begins. We plan to teach 6 hours each day at Zambia School of Biblical Studies in Livingstone, Zambia. We will be going to the bush 2 or 3 times to conduct Gospel Meetings. Joining Carolyn and me this year will be Rusty & Laura Stark and Barry Gilreath, Jr. We are looking forward to working with these fine folks and to the work there in Zambia. We plan to purchase several bikes for preachers while we are there and as many Bibles in different languages as we have funds to purchase. We are taking several suits, ties, shirts and shoes for the preachers. We are also taking 3 or 4 laptop computers to give to the preacher schools and a printer. We will give a full report concerning this trip when we return and a financial report to those who helped with this trip.

Our distance learning students are excited about the new books we have posted on our web page at www.icotb.org under the tab “Gospel Books”. There are around 75 books posted and we plan to put several more there as we can each month. These books are not just for our students. They are for anyone who wants to study and learn more of God’s Word. I encourage you to visit this web page and look over these good books. I want to personally thank Linda for all the work she does in keeping our BCC program running smoothly. There is much she does in assigning the new students to teachers and keeping in touch with our over 100 volunteer teachers and all the posting on our web pages. We appreciate her diligent work. Also our thanks to Julie Roper for all the work she is doing with our web page in getting our almost 100 Gospel tracts with art work and in a PDF format ready to print from our web page. If you have not done so lately go to www.ibtministries.org and click on “Gospel Tracts” and at the bottom of the tract click on “Printable Tract” and you can see the layout and art work and read many good tracts on a variety of topics. We encourage people around the world to print these and distribute them. Our thanks to all who help with our work, we appreciate your help very much. Please keep us in your prayers while we are in Africa and continue to help our work as you can.

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert - Director IBTM

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Things You Have Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	1,320
Restorations	1,278
New Congregations	43
New Schools of Preaching	2
Online BCC Students	8,822
ICOTB Students	242
ICOTB Graduates	47

Internet News

Leonardo da Vinci once said, "*Learning never exhausts the mind.*" After weeks of trying to decipher the US Copyright laws and apply them to the books I have been uploading to the ICOTB website, I am inclined to disagree. Learning anything that has been written, rewritten, revised, revamped and extended by numerous legislative bodies in the past 230 years is *very* exhausting. Yet it is important since we do not want to infringe on someone's copyright.

But ensuring that the books I upload are in the public domain sometimes takes me hours of searching per book. In the process I have learned about preachers, authors and issues that may have been well-known in ages past but have now been forgotten by most of us. So

I am pleased about our new e-book library, not only because it will provide a growing study resource for our ICOTB students and be available around the world. I am also pleased because it will dust off for a new generation these books that have long been out of print. So, a little exhaustion is not a bad thing.

A little trouble with our websites, however, is a terrible thing. We have been very blessed to have had almost no down time since the websites began 2 ½ years ago. Perhaps that is what made the glitches with our webhost in July such a shock. There were several days when the correspondence course program was not working right – something that affected our teachers more than anyone else. But if you attempted to go to one of our sites to study and could not, we apologize. Thankfully, all appears to be back to normal now.

In Christ
Linda Hill

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

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