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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our 2019 mission trip to Africa is now history and it is time to begin the work for the 2020 mission trip. There is much to do during the next several months to get ready for the next trip. Those of you who have helped with our mission trips know that a large portion of the funds we raise each year goes for printing and shipping materials to Africa. Last year 2 of the items to print & ship on our budget were: Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts to Africa \$10,000.00; Printing & shipping 1,000 full sets of BCC booklets \$10,000.00. In addition to these 2 items for 2020 we plan to also print and ship 3,000 Tonga song books and 2 sermon outline books. All these items will be over \$25,000.00 for printing and shipping. We normally start our fundraising in January but since we have so much to print and ship this time we want to start early so we will have the funds to print and ship these items about January or February of 2020. If you can please help us with this project and get these items printed and shipped to Africa for our 2020 mission trip to Africa. Please make checks to IBTM and send to, Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for “Africa trip 2020”.

One of the projects we started a few months ago was “Gospel meetings for Africa”. We informed our readers that for \$300.00 we could pay the expenses to send out teachers and some students from one of the 12 preacher schools we are work with for them to conduct Gospel meetings in their areas. We have had a great response from our supporters both individuals and congregations. We have recently sent funds to conduct 36 such Gospel meetings. Some of those Gospel meetings have already been conducted and others planned for October and the next few months. I asked the schools to send reports when the meetings were over. Here are some of the reports we have received so far:

- Zambia - “Gospel meeting with teachers and some students, we conducted 167 Bible studies, baptized 12 and 4 were restored.. ...”
- Zambia - “ 31 congregations were represented in this meeting, 537 were present, 40 were restored and one was baptized into Christ...”
- Kenya - “20 students and some of the teachers conducted Gospel meeting, 28 congregations were represented, 87 Bible personal Bible studies were conducted, 21 were baptized into Christ and 18 were restored. Three congregations were restored back to sound doctrine who had left the truth.”
- Ladies Day in Kenya - “220 ladies were present for an all day session, during the ladies class the men were door knocking in the community. Then we had preaching at night, 5 were baptized...”
- Misika Zambia - “Gospel meeting 553 attended 17 were restored and 2 were baptized...”
- Siamafumba area Zambia- Gospel meeting with teachers and some graduates of the school and students, 56 were restored and 3 baptized..”
- Zambia Gospel meeting - 8 preachers taught, 167 adult Bible studies were conducted, 12 baptized and 4 restored...”
- Kenya - “Gospel meeting, 5 baptized”...
- Kenya - Mahura Bay area “Gospel meeting, 2 baptized...”
- Kenya - Benga area meeting, “60 restored back to Christ..”
- Zambia - 3 different areas Gospel meetings, “highest attendance 205, 14 restored, 2 baptized..”
- Kenya - another Gospel meeting, 5 baptized into Christ...”
- Kenya - Gospel meeting held and started a new congregation, now one month old had 25 in attendance, one recently restored...”
- Youth meeting in Malawi - over 800 young people in attendance, 32 congregations represented. They were taught Bible lessons all day.
- Tanzania - BCC students seminar, all day seminar teaching our BCC students the Word of God, 56 students present, 13 baptized into Christ...”

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- Tanzania - another BCC student seminar, 63 students present for all day session 21 baptized into Christ..”
- Tanzania - BCC seminar at local prison- 20 jailers signed up for BCC classes, 106 inmates signed up. In September 76 new students signed up, 34 baptized into Christ in September at this prison,”
- Tanzania - 470 school children have signed up for BCC lessons and waiting for lessons.”
- Tanzania - 10 more BCC seminars are planned for October-December 2019

We are waiting to hear reports from other schools that we have sent funds to for Gospel meetings. The above reports are from less than half of the Gospel meetings to be conducted. We are getting wonderful results from these Gospel meetings and many souls are being added to the Lord’s church.

John Chowning, the preacher for the Algood church of Christ here in Cookeville, has put a challenge to the congregation during the month of October. He told the members if they would give \$250.00 for a Gospel meeting in Africa he would give the remaining \$50.00 for 13 Gospel meetings. At the time I am typing this newsletter the month is not half over and they have raised funds for 10 Gospel meetings in Africa thus far. Our thanks to John for his efforts in helping raise these funds and for his generous donation toward this good work.

We received one set of Jule Miller DVD’s for Malaysia and Africa and are in need of a few more sets. If you or your congregation has Jule Miller DVD’s that you are not currently using or more than one set and would like to donate them to mission areas please send them to me and I will get them to Africa or Malaysia.

We are glad to report that the new preacher school buildings in Lilongwe, Malawi are almost finished. This has been a long project and many have helped in this good work. The third building which will house the kitchen, cafeteria and the school office is almost completed. We are in need of about \$10,000.00 to finish this project. If you or your congregation can help please send your funds to Jackson Heights church of Christ, Attn: Elders, 1031 Hermitage Dr., Florence, AL. 35630, and mark for “Malawi Building Project”. The Jackson Heights congregation is the sponsor of this preacher school.

Jesus said in John 4:35 “**Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**” Brethren the opportunities for world evangelism are endless! There is so much work to be done all around the world and so few who see the great opportunities and are willing to rise to the challenge. Evangelism is not just “a part” of the work of the Lord’s church it is to be our “main focus”, Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47.

Thanks for your support and prayers and please help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ “**into all the world**”.

In Christ, **Ronald D. Gilbert**, Director of **IBTM**

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	14,058
Restorations	10,836
Congregations Established	331
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	46,259
ICOTB Students	492
Preachers Graduated	481

Office News

One of our online teachers, Pat Herren, had an exciting September. A student from Zimbabwe obeyed the Gospel as a result of their study . . . but he didn’t stop there. He began to

teach members of his local denominational group the things he had just learned and was able to bring several of them to the truth – including the preacher! They have now begun a new congregation of the Lord’s church.

And our postal courses are going great as well. Austin Gondwe in Malawi began using our printed BCCs in his weekly prison class last year, and this year he has already baptized over 100 of his students. The warden allowed the inmates to form a congregation and even lets members from area congregations join them for worship.

It is exciting to be a part of such news!

Linda Hill