

The Seeker

"Seeking the Souls of Men and Pointing Them to Christ"

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Dear brethren:

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year was a great year for the cause of Christ in Africa. At the time of writing this newsletter we have not sent out our request to all the graduates from the schools in Africa for them to report on their work from July-December 2022. However many have reported during the year and at this point the following has been reports so far in 2022:

Baptisms.....	6,355
Restored & confessed sins.....	8,255
New congregations established.....	71
Preachers to graduate from preacher schools.....	209
Gospel tracts sent to Africa.....	200,000
Books sent to preacher schools.....	11,562
English Bibles sent to Africa.....	5,000
Funds sent to Africa for Bibles in local languages.....	\$31,476.00
Bicycles purchased for preachers in Africa.....	150
Booklets sent to Africa.....	230,000
Funds for food relief for drought victims.....	\$31,100.00
Funds for preacher schools.....	\$120,010.00
Funds for orphans in Africa.....	\$2,400.00

This was a year that many things were built in Africa. We helped repair and roof 12 church buildings. We were able to finish the new preacher school in Bomet, Kenya. We built a library building for the preacher school in Solwezi, Zambia and another building in Malawi for the preacher school and a staff house at Ngwezi, Zambia for one of the instructors to live there. We also bought 2 lots in Malawi for building staff houses at the preacher school in the future. We want to thank all the brethren who gave funds to help with these projects. We were able to build new church buildings at the following locations:

Katubya, Zambia- April 22'
Mabombo, Zambia-April 22'
Chimeza, Malawi-May 22'
Msanduliza, Malawi-July 22'
Chundwe, Zambia-Sept. 22'
Chikwera, Malawi-Oct. 22'
Solwezi, Zambia-Nov.-Dec. 22'
Nkandanzovu, Zambia-Nov.-Dec.-22'

We were able to purchase 150 bikes for preachers in Africa. We also sent funds to conduct 75 Gospel meetings in Africa. There were hundreds of baptisms during these Gospel meetings. These things could not have been accomplished without the help of many congregations and individuals.

We are also grateful for all those who work with us at IBTM to make all these things possible. Our thanks to the following:

The Rock Valley congregation-our sponsoring church
All our BCC teachers
Karen Knight BCC coordinator
Linda Hill-internet work
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All our ICOTB teachers
Dave Amos-questions & answers
Garland Robinson-printing
Earl Alverson-food relief
John Chowning-teacher and helper with so many things

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Charlie Hannah-teacher and donating stamps
The Algood church of Christ-helping with newsletter and many other projects
Rusty & Laura Stark-co-workers in mission trips
Barry Gilreath-who is joining us in January 2023
And others who help in different ways

The Lord has greatly blessed our work in 2022 and we are praying that even more souls will be brought to the Lord in 2023. We plan to continue building church buildings in Africa in places where they are greatly needed. If your congregation can help us with this work we would greatly appreciate it. We can build these small church buildings for around \$10,000.00 each and the benched for the buildings are around \$2,400.00. We are also planning to send several Bibles to Africa in 2023 and funds to purchase Bibles in local languages. These Bibles vary in price from one nation to another. They range from \$12.00 to \$17.00 each. We also hope to sponsor 100 Gospel meetings in Africa during 2023. These meetings are \$300.00 each.

Another project we are working on for 2023 is to write and print 2 more booklets in our BCC series. We plan to write one that will be used for new converts. We also plan to write one that we hope will help those who have gone through all 6 of the booklets and have not obeyed the Gospel.

Plans are underway for our mission trip to Africa in August. We will be sending out letters in the next few weeks starting our fundraising efforts for this trip.

As we come to the end of the year we want to encourage congregations to consider sending us a one-time donation to help us with some of these projects. Also we encourage congregations to consider putting IBTM in their budget for 2023. If you or your congregation can help us with these needed projects please make checks to IBTM and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506.

Our thanks to all who helped make 2022 the best year ever for our mission work efforts. Please continue to keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

84 baptisms in 2 meetings-Malawi



Young men getting Bibles-Malawi church building Chunndwe, Zambia



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Things You Helped Accomplish Since Sept. 2007

Baptisms.....37,077
Restored.....34,290
Congregations established.....753
Preachers graduated.....849