

# 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. It is that time of year again that we begin our fundraising for our trip to Africa.

## Budget for Africa Mission Trip August 2023

Printing & shipping Gospel tracts.....	10,000.00
Books for preacher schools, mainly shipping.....	3,000.00
Printing & shipping other materials.....	6,000.00
Travel, taxi, hotels, food and fuel at around 12.00 gal.....	3,000.00
Air fare, travel ins., to Malawi and Zambia, for 2.....	8,000.00
Benov. for preachers schools, extra help for teachers.....	2,000.00
Bibles in local languages.....	4,000.00
Bikes for preachers.....	4,000.00
English Bibles & shipping to Africa.....	6,000.00
Food, supplies for Gospel meetings, cooking gas for school, ink, office supplies for schools, maintenance at schools.....	2,000.00
Missl. expenses and truck repairs.....	2,000.00
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	\$50,000.00

The materials we send for our mission trip goes by ship and takes up to 3 months or more to get delivered. We try to ship it by the end of March in order for it to be there when we arrive. That means we will need over half our funds soon in order to get the materials there. We need your help to get these items to Africa. If you or your congregation can help us with this effort please make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506.

We received funds recently to sponsor 27 Gospel meetings in Africa. These funds have been wired to 7 different preacher schools in Africa. We also wired \$2,100.00 to these same schools to purchase Bibles in local languages. We are very thankful for these funds that good brethren sent. We will be reporting for the next few months on the good that is being done from these meetings and the souls that are being brought to the Lord.

We also received funds from different places for bikes for preachers. During the past few weeks we have sent funds to purchase 10 bikes for preachers and plan to send funds for 5 more soon.

For the past few weeks we have been getting benches made in Africa for the new church buildings we helped build last year. When all these benches are completed we plan to go on to the next church building project. These benches cost around \$2,400.00 per church building. These buildings can be built for around \$10,000.00 each. The local brethren make their own brick and help dig the footer and help with other things during the building process. Last year brethren in the USA helped us build 8 new church buildings in Africa. We hope to be able to build more in 2023.

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### Message from Barry Gilreath

Though I officially began my new work with International Bible Teaching Ministries on January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, I have been a supporter of this good effort for many years. The model for overseas evangelism that brother Ron Gilbert has adopted is a proven and cost effective one for getting the most “bang for the buck”. I am honored to be involved, even more so, through this great evangelistic tool. Carrying the Gospel to the world is a team effort, and you are very much an important part of that team. Your prayers, encouragement and financial gifts have helped to expand the influence of this ministry since it began in 2007. Reflecting upon the encouraging results that God has granted in previous years and in view of the plans that will be put into effect in the New Year, I am confident that the future is very bright. Thank you for being a team member and doing what you can to ensure success!

I also want to thank those who sent a contribution for my support in recent weeks. We are now only about \$15,000 from reaching our goal for 2023. I know we will get there. God is good and the brethren are supportive. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. (Those wishing to help Barry may send funds to:) Jackson Heights Church of Christ c/o Barry Gilreath, IBTM 1031 Hermitage Drive Florence, AL 35634

We continue to send funds for food relief in Africa where many are suffering from droughts. Many of these brethren will be harvesting their crops in April and May and should get some relief. We are also working on another container for Africa. This one will go to Kenya and be shared with 4 preacher schools. We are collecting good used books for preacher schools, baby clothing, children clothing, men’s suits, ties, dress shirts and pants, socks and shoes, ladies long dresses, tops, shoes, light coats. We need small toys none with batteries, children’s story books, reading glasses, tooth brushes. This is a partial list of needed items. If you are near Cookeville or plan to come through Cookeville and could get some of these items to us we would greatly appreciate it. Thanks so much for your prayers and support of our mission efforts. Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ “into all the world” Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

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### Things You Helped Accomplish Since Sept. 2007

Baptisms.....	38,898
Restored.....	36,530
Congregations started.....	777
Preachers graduated.....	849