

# 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. Things are looking good for our trip to Malawi and Zambia in August. We are still in need of help with our \$50,000.00 budget for our trip. At this time we have raised \$31,000.00 toward our budget. We still need help in raising the remaining \$19,000.00 for this mission effort. If you or your congregation can help please make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission fund and send to, Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506.

Recently we wired \$8,000.00 to different locations in Africa to purchase Bibles in local languages. These funds should purchase around 800 Bibles. We are waiting for the peel and stick tracts to be ready before we order the 4,000 English Bibles and New Testaments we plan to send to Africa. We are getting thousands of Gospel tracts and teaching booklets printed to ship to Africa.

Things are opening back up in Africa in many nations and we hope to be able to ship a container to Zambia during the next few weeks. There are thousands of tract, BCC booklets, library books for preacher schools and English Bibles on this container. We have boxes packed for a second container to send to Malawi as soon as the first one is shipped. We have thousands of communion cups and clothing in these containers also. These items will help many congregations.

We are still getting good reports on the Gospel meetings in Africa that we are sponsoring for \$300.00 per meeting. During the months of March and April we have wired \$6,800.00 to several different locations in Africa for Gospel meetings. These funds should cover the cost for around 22 Gospel meetings. We have already heard from some areas with meetings already conducted. In the past 2 weeks we have heard of 48 baptisms and 34 restored with 1 new congregation started. We should be getting reports during the next several weeks concerning these Gospel meetings.

We have helped build 8 church buildings in Africa over the past few years. One of these buildings was in Lilongwe, Malawi. This new congregation started meeting at a class room at the new preacher school that we helped build in Lilongwe. Last August they moved into the new church building and during the past 8 months they have had 88 baptisms and 9 restored. The weekly attendance is now over 100 each Sunday. They have averaged over 10 baptisms per month during the past 8 months. The preacher students at the preacher school attend at this congregation and they help with the personal evangelism.

Since our last newsletter we have purchased 2 motor bikes for 2 teachers at different preacher schools in Africa. These bikes will be a great help for these men to get to and from the preacher schools and in their preaching and personal evangelism. These motor bikes cost around \$1,500.00 each. We hope as time goes on to help other teachers at these schools with a motor bike. Below bro. Samson with his new motor bike.



Solwezi, Zambia Kitchen/cafeteria



New church building-Kalomo

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Building projects updates: The new kitchen/cafeteria in Solwezi, Zambia is getting finishing touches and should be in use in a few days. The new church building in Kalomo, Zambia is finished. They are getting the seats made and doing some final touches. Pictured on the other page is a Bible study being conducted in the new building the Saturday before their first worship service in the new building.

There are other buildings we need to build in Africa. We need to build another church building in Lilongwe, Malawi, a church building in Bomet, Kenya, a preacher school library and offices at Solwezi, Zambia, a staff house at the preacher school in Malawi and a church building in Solwezi, Zambia. These 5 building projects are needed and we hope to raise funds to start some of them very soon. I believe there are individuals and congregations that are willing to help when they see the need for these projects. I hope many of you who get our newsletter will respond to this need and help us to train faithful Gospel preachers in Africa and help our brethren there have these needed church buildings for worshipping God.

So much good is being done each month in Africa with the preacher schools we are working with. We want to thank each of you for your prayers and your support of our mission efforts. Please continue to 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 to Accomplish

Baptisms.....	21,681
Restored.....	17,483
Congregations established.....	575
Preachers graduated.....	616