



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 hard to believe but IBTM just finished year number 14 and we now have started in our 15th year. Much has happened in the past 14 years. The Lord has greatly blessed our work with many things accomplished. During the first 14 years we have seen 23,320 baptisms, 18,721 restored, 602 new congregations established and 628 preachers to graduate from preacher schools. This results would not have been possible without the support of many congregations and individuals. We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and financial support of our mission work efforts. With your help we have been able to ship over 2 million Gospel tracts, 72,715 Bibles shipped, thousands of Bibles in local languages purchased, over 29,346 books shipped to preacher school libraries, over 600 bicycles for preachers, 21 motorbikes for teachers at preacher schools, over 114,000 BCC booklets shipped to Africa, over 3,000 pounds of Bible class literature and over 25,000 song books. With your help we have helped to build 9 new church buildings, help build 21 structures at 6 different preacher schools in Africa, help purchase 4 vehicles for preacher schools, drill 7 wells so the brethren could have clean water and raised funds to fully support 6 preacher schools in Africa.

We recently had another graduation at one of our schools. Ngwezi, Zambia graduated 4 preachers on September 18th. They have started back classes with 6 new students. One of the teachers there has a motorbike but the other 2 teachers do not. We are hoping to send funds soon to get motorbikes for the other 2 teachers. The bikes now cost \$1,600.00 each.

We got a report from the congregation in Malawi where we helped them build a new church building. They reported they had 92 present for worship on Sunday September 12th. Another report was sent from the brethren in Kalomo, Zambia where we helped them also with a new church building. They reported 51 in attendance September 12th. This is a new congregation that was just recently established. They are growing and having good attendance.

The new preacher school building in Bomet, Kenya now has the roof on the building and they are working to finish the inside. The preacher school in Solwezi, Zambia does not have a library or school offices. We plan to break ground for this new building during the next few days. This building will be 50 feet by 23 feet and should take about \$18,000.00 to build. We have raised \$5,000.00 of the needed funds for this building project and hope to raise the remaining amount during the next few weeks. If you or your congregation would like to help build this building you can make check to IBTM and mark for "Preacher school Library" and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506.

We are still having great success with our Gospel meetings in Africa. We send \$300.00 for each meeting to different preacher schools in Africa and some of the instructors take some of the students for Gospel meetings. These funds are used for fuel, food and sometimes hotel stays for the preachers. So far during 2021 we have had over 400 baptisms from these meetings and a total of over 800 baptisms since we started this program. There are several Gospel meetings scheduled for September and October please pray for the success of these meetings.

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We have ordered 5,000 English Bibles and New Testaments that should arrive in the next few days. We plan to put a peel and stick tract on "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" in the front of each Bible and in the back of each Bible a tract on "How To Identify The New Testament Church". We hope to get these ready and ship to Africa with several thousand Gospel tracts and booklets very soon.

We are also working to get another container shipped to Malawi, Africa in the next few weeks. When this container goes out we plan to start packing another container to send to Kenya to be shared between 3 preacher schools. We hope this one can be a 40 foot container.

Our thanks to churches and individuals who gave funds to help the flood victims in Kenya near the Homa Bay area. Hundreds of individuals were helped with food and supplies during this disaster. I believe that souls will be reached with the Gospel of Christ by those who gave out the food. Some Bible studies have already been conducted.

Brethren, we believe much good is being done for the cause of Christ in Africa through our mission efforts together. 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

4 preachers Graduate in Sept.



New Preacher school-Bomet



Bibles in Local languages-Kenya



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Things You Helped Accomplish

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