



The Seeker

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

February 2026

Vol. 14 no. 2

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our preachers reported the following for January 2026: baptisms-238, those who confessed sins-67, new congregations started-3. Our 7 preacher schools are doing well at the present. They have just started classes for this new year. Some have returning students to finish their second year and others have new students just starting their 2 year program. In Malawi our request from students wanting to come to the school in Lilongwe was greater than our space to house these men. We were going to have to turn away around 30 men who wanted to preach because there was no room for them. We decided not to turn these men away but to select a City called Mchinji, about 3 hours North of Lilongwe, where we rented buildings to house these students. This will be an extension of our existing school which will not require reregistering with the government. We have 3 men who have graduated from Preacher Schools who will be teaching. Currently we have 24 men who plan to start classes around the end of February. We believe this will be a big help for the churches in Malawi with 30 students in Lilongwe and 24 in Mchinji. Please pray for this new school and the work they will be doing.

Our need for Bibles in local African languages is a very large project. Bibles in local languages average \$10.00 each. Not much for an American but a huge sum to some Africans who live in the bush and have no job with no income but are farmers. We encourage those who live in the cities who have a source of income to buy their own Bibles and many of them do. In the rural areas it is different. When a family farms and has no cash income and struggles to eat each day a \$10.00 Bible might mean not having food for part of the month. Many times the wife will obey the Gospel first and not the husband. If she asks for funds for a Bible he may say, "I would have to find a part time job and work 2 days for funds for a Bible". Or he might say, "the funds for the Bible would purchase enough maize to feed our family for one month". She has no funds, no allowance, and no way to purchase a Bible. With a Bible she can read and grow spiritually and read to her children and help prepare them to obey the Gospel when they are older. She might even be able to read to her husband and create interest in him so one day he will become a Christian. We send funds for relief food due to droughts to Africa and that is good. How about helping us send funds to feed the souls of men and women with the Word of God? Why not as a church decide to help with this great work and send funds to help purchase Bibles? Why not as an individual decide to help purchase 5, 10, 50 or even 100 Bibles? Currently we are seeking to raise \$50,000.00 for these Bibles. If you were a new convert how important would a Bible be to you? Psa. 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my pathway. Please help those who are in darkness have access to The Light!

International Bible Teaching Ministries
C/O Rock Valley church of Christ
PO Box 49494
Cookeville, TN 38506-0494

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage Paid
Cookeville, TN
Permit No 15

Our building new church building project is going forward in Zambia and in Malawi. We are thankful for those churches and individuals who have given \$10,000.00 to build a new church building in Africa. Currently we are just starting one in Zambia. We have needs at present for 2 more new church buildings. One is needed in Malawi near the refugee camp where we have a preacher working each day with some of the 52,000 refugees who are in this camp. We are renting a small structure outside the camp. There is no congregation in this area and we hope to start one near the camp. Currently about 60 refugees have obeyed the Gospel.

We also need to start a new congregation at the school in Mchinji. The students will be meeting in a class room at the school. In the next few months our plans are to get the students from Lilongwe to join the students at Mchinji for a 2 week campaign. There will be around 56 preachers going out each day studying with people and preaching at night. If this campaign is like the ones they have conducted in the past there may be 30 or more baptisms. If so putting them with the 26 students we would have a new congregation of around 50 members started. Even if we decided to move the school in the future we would have started a new congregation in an area where one previously did not exist. Our brethren in Malawi are working this year to help establish new congregations in areas where there are none.

We have started working on our mission trip to Africa in August. We hope to have 200,000 Gospel tracts printed before our big meeting in Lilongwe. We also want to print several thousand booklets to give out to the many preachers who will be present for this meeting. Our printing budget is \$10,000.00 for this trip. We need help with printing these good materials. As you can see brethren there are so many good projects that need to be funded for our mission work efforts in Africa. Please pray for our work and help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

A publication of International Bible Teaching Ministries
Sponsored by Rock Valley church of Christ

Websites: www.ibtministries.org www.icotb.org
Contact: rdg@ibtministries.org

Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	63,291
Restored/confessed sins.....	57,110
New congregations started.....	1,041
Preachers to graduate from schools.....	1,123