

# 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. June was a great month for us at IBTM. We had 212 baptisms reported, 18 restored and 1 new congregation started. Our radio programs in Africa are doing great. The radio program in Malawi has reached many souls with the Gospel of Christ. From 2022 through 2024 there have been 3,287 baptisms from the contacts they reach on this radio program. They have started 14 new congregations from the radio work. This radio station covers all of Malawi and goes into a few other nations. They have used many Gospel preachers to do the follow up from the radio program. This program has been so successful that we have decided to start a second radio program with a smaller station hoping to reach different people with the Gospel. Because of the good success we are having with existing radio programs we have decided to launch out with several new programs. We have sent funds to 12 different locations in 6 nations for radio programs. We are hearing back from some of the areas that many people are contacting them asking questions and wanting to study the Bible. I believe many souls will be reached through these radio programs.

Recently the school in Malawi had a seminar for all their graduates and 38 men attended. This was almost all of the graduates and they reported from 2019 through 2024 that they baptized 2,879 and 14 new congregations started. This is just one school reporting. We thank God for the good work these men are doing in spreading the gospel of Christ to many parts of Africa.

We are looking forward to our mission trip to Malawi and Zambia this year. Much work has been done in preparing for the Gospel meetings that will be conducted while we are in Africa. We are praying that many souls will be brought to the Gospel of Christ during our meetings there and during the follow up after we return back to the USA. We plan to visit 4 preacher schools while we are in Africa and conduct 6 Gospel meetings and seminars.

Our building projects continue to move forward. Currently we have finished up a new church building in Zambia and the brethren plan to have their first worship service in the new building Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Another new church building in Malawi should be finished in another week or so. We have just finished the footer and slab on a new church building in Solwezi, Zambia and almost finished a staff house at the preacher school. At the preacher school in Siamafumba we are currently building a bath house. We have also recently built 3 chicken houses at preacher schools so they can raise chickens for eggs and meat at the schools.

Thanks brethren for your prayers and support of our mission work efforts in Africa. Please continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

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## You Never Win When You Fight Against God!

The early church was persecuted and those opposed to the church thought this persecution would stop the church. Because of the persecution Christians went everywhere preaching the Word Acts 8:4. God used the very thing that they thought would stop the church to spread the Gospel.

Recently in Malawi some brethren at the preacher school wanted to start a new congregation of the Lord's church in an area where there was not one. The preacher school sent 9 men on a 16 day door knocking and preaching session. They rented a classroom from a local school. After hearing a few lessons the school authorities stopped the meeting and gave them their rent money back. They did not like what was being taught at the meeting. They said, "you men are teaching that one must be baptized in order to be saved and that one must be a member of the Lord's Church in order to please God". Our preacher students were preaching the plain simple truth and it was understood. Many preachers I hear on the radio today in the USA and in many Gospel meetings would not be accused of such because they no longer preach this in their messages. So many so called Gospel sermons today could be preached at any denomination in town and the leaders would say amen! I believe it is a great complement to our young preachers in Malawi that they made their preaching so plain that the people understood what they were teaching after a very few lessons and what they were preaching was the truth. This however did not stop the meeting. The preachers got permission from landowners across the road from the school and got busy and built a brush harbor. The Gospel meeting and door knocking campaign continued on in a different location but the same Gospel. Others also who came to the meeting understood what these young men were preaching and at present the meeting has produced 27 souls that have obeyed the Gospel of Christ. Mission accomplished, a new congregation has been started and more preaching will be done during this meeting and in the future. There is power in the Gospel and preachers need to preach the Gospel in a simple way so it can be understood and it will bring results. Men may try to fight against God and His plan but they will always loose the fight! We are very thankful for these young preachers and the training they have received and their desire to take the Gospel of Christ to lost souls.

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### Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	54,041
Restored.....	47,220
New Congregations Started.....	976
ICOTB Students Enrolled.....	569
Preachers to Graduate.....	1,018