

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. May was a great month for us at IBTM. We had 220 baptisms reported, 37 restored and 4 new congregation started. Our radio programs in Africa are doing great. The radio program in Malawi has reached many souls and over 100 have been baptized that were contacted from this program. They are having ongoing Bible studies with many individuals who were contacted because of their radio program. Because of the good success we are having with existing radio programs we have decided to launch out with several new programs. During the month of June we have committed to 12 new radio programs in 6 different nations. Some of these programs are 30 minutes and others are one hour. The prices range from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per program. We believe that many souls will be brought to the Lord through these efforts. We are praying for good results and trying to keep as many of these programs on the air as we can. We need your help to pay for these programs. As you can see the cost for these radio programs will be around \$10,000.00 for 6 months. If you would like to sponsor one program or one month of programs or even one of the 12 programs for 6 months we would appreciate your help. Please make checks to IBTM and mark for "Radio programs Africa" and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506. We will report from time to time in our newsletter about the progress of these programs.

In just a few weeks we will be going back to Africa for another mission trip. We started out with 10 that planned to go but due to different issues that came up there will only be 6 of us going. Please keep our group in your prayers that we will have a safe trip and be able to do much good for the Lord. Carolyn and I will fly first to Malawi for a Gospel meeting. We will be joined there by Stephen Loo from Malaysia. The theme for the meeting in Malawi is "Keeping The Unity of the Spirit-Eph. 4:3" Rusty and Laura Stark and Oscar Winters, all from Pennsylvania will fly to Livingstone, Zambia and conduct a meeting there. Then our group will join them in Zambia for the remaining work during this trip. We have meetings planned in Lilongwe, Livingstone, Siamafumba, Ngwezi and some one day seminars. We will be teaching the book of I Cor. at the preacher school in Livingstone, Zambia each day and speaking in chapel each morning. We are looking forward to our trip. We thank all who helped us this year with our budget for this trip.

One very important part of our work in Africa is follow up with new converts. Recently a 5 day seminar was held during the preacher school break at Lilongwe. They had 28 new converts from 13 different congregations that attended this 5 day teaching seminar. Much time was spent grounding these new converts in the doctrine of Christ and discussing worship, personal evangelism and many other topics. They are now involved in a leadership seminar. June 18-21 leaders from different congregations of the Lord's Church are gathered to discuss several issues and help ground these men in the doctrine of Christ. At the point of writing this newsletter they had 134 present from 26 different congregations in Malawi and some from Mozambique were present.

We are still having good success from the Gospel meetings we sponsor in Africa. These meetings are sponsored for \$300.00 each for fuel, food and sometimes hotel for some of the students and a few of the teachers from preacher schools to go out and conduct Gospel meetings. Several new congregations have been started from these meetings. There have been hundreds baptized from these meetings during the past few years.

We have had good success with our efforts to raise funds to purchase Bibles in local languages for Africa. We have sent funds recently to purchase several hundred of these Bibles. We have several purchased for our upcoming Gospel meetings in August so we can give new converts a Bible during our Gospel meetings. The average cost for a Bible in Africa is \$12.00 each. We are always in need of funds for Bibles. Recently we sent funds to purchase 5 bikes for preachers to be able to use during their evangelism work. These bikes were \$300.00 each.

We currently have 3 building projects going; a staff house in Solwezi, a bath house at the school at Siamafumba, and new church building in Zambia. We thank the churches and individuals who have helped with our building projects. We are getting ready in the next few weeks to send 2 containers to Africa. Barry has one that is ready to ship from Florence, AL. and we have one ready to go out from Cookeville, TN. Thanks for your support of our mission efforts and 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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Some Notable Quotes Concerning Mission Work to consider

“A congregation that is not deeply and earnestly involved in the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel does not understand the nature of salvation.”

“Let my heart be broken by things that breaks God’s heart”

“Lost people matter to God, and so they must matter to us.”

“Jesus Christ alone can save the world, but Jesus Christ cannot save the world alone.”

“A soft drink company in Atlanta has done a better job of getting brown sugar water to these people than the church of Jesus Christ has done in getting the gospel to them.”

“When God’s finger points, God’s hand will open the door.”

“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.”



Radio program Malawi



Bibles in local languages



Church building ready for roof-Zambia

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Baptisms.....	53,829
Restored.....	47,202
New Congregations Started.....	975
ICOTB Students Enrolled.....	568
Preachers to Graduate.....	1,018