



# 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. We had a great year at IBTM! 2024 saw many things accomplished and many souls brought to the Lord through our mission efforts in Africa. We give all the glory and praise to God and His Word and the power found in the Gospel of Christ, Rom.1:16. We are still hearing from our preachers in Africa concerning their work from July-December 2024. At the time of this writing they have reported for all of 2024, totals of 9,688 baptisms, 6,226 restored, 184 new congregations started and 141 preachers to graduate from preacher schools. That is an average of more than one baptism every hour of every day for the whole year of 2024! To God be the glory for this great harvest of souls.

2024 was a year of building for IBTM. We were able to build 9 new church buildings in Africa, 5 in Zambia and 4 in Malawi. There were 3 new staff houses built at preacher schools, one in Malawi and 2 in Zambia. In Zambia a new Administration building was built and a kitchen/cafeteria is almost finished. We were able to build security walls around the school property in Solwezi, and at Siamafumba, both in Zambia. One well was dug at a preacher school in Zambia.

2024 was a year for droughts in Kenya, Malawi and Zambia. Our thanks to those who helped us with funds to feed those suffering from hunger in these droughts. With your help we were able to send \$39,000.00 for the purchase of maize to distribute to 6 different preacher schools. These funds purchased food for several hundred of our brethren who would have gone hungry without your help.

We had special efforts in 2024 to raise funds to purchase Bibles in local languages. We were able to raise \$50,600.00 for Bibles. The Bibles are different prices in different locations but average \$12.00 each allowing us to send funds to purchase 4,216 Bibles for new converts. We also have some English Bibles that are packed on 2 different containers that we hope to ship to Africa in the next few weeks.

We sent funds every month to Africa to sponsor Gospel meetings conducted by the teachers and some of the students at our preacher schools. With your help we were able to send \$15,600, enough to conduct one Gospel meeting each of the 52 weeks in 2024. These meetings resulted in hundreds of baptisms and restorations. In Kenya some congregations had strayed into denominational errors and as a result of these meetings over 12 congregations repented and are back in fellowship with faithful brethren there. These Gospel meetings are making a great impact in these areas. I hope we can do even more meetings in 2025.

Many of you helped us purchase a bike for a preacher in 2024. We purchased 141 bikes at a cost of around \$21,150.00. With your help we were able to raise the funds to fully support 6 preacher schools in Africa. We are looking for help with these schools. Training faithful Gospel preachers is a great work and one that is much needed. Currently we have 1,018 preachers who have graduated from our schools we are working with in Africa. We need to find monthly supporters to support these good schools.

For the past few weeks we have been working to have our website updated. I invite you to go to our College website at [www.icotb.org](http://www.icotb.org) and click on Resources, under English Resources there are hundreds of books, articles and Gospel tracts. We have put several new books on this page. Also under Resources, other languages we are posting Gospel tracts and materials in different African languages and others are coming in Spanish also. This will allow people around the world to have access to some materials they can print in their own languages. Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ “into all the world”. Ronald D. Gilbert

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### GOD AND MAN REACHES THE FOREIGN FIELD

Each year International Bible Teaching Ministries provides Bibles, tracts, and other religious material to untold thousands of people around the world. Individual brethren and congregations of the Lord's church use IBTM as a tool to collectively spread the Gospel to places where we might not be able to do such alone. Jointly participating in such efforts has paved the way for the Kingdom of God to grow in leaps and bounds in recent times.

As a very recent example of how brethren are using IBTM to help fulfill their mission to share the news of Jesus Christ, brethren from Georgia launched a website providing a very useful teaching tool to help people learn the Gospel. The material was originally written by the late Don & Marian Starks. The website is [www.god-and-man.com](http://www.god-and-man.com) The website states:

Don & Marian Starks, along with their family, spent decades traveling throughout the United States and the Caribbean teaching the Bible. Their goal was to bring the Gospel to all nations in a simple and effective presentation. "GOD & MAN" contains the key ideas they shared face to face thousands of times.

International Bible Teaching Ministries was asked to help distribute the booklet in our work abroad. In addition to helping in the distribution of English copies into foreign fields, by request, IBTM assisted in the printing of the booklet into Chichewa which is one of the local languages found in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique. 1000 copies have already been placed in those brethren's hands in Africa. Another 1000 copies are getting ready to go to the press and will soon be available for their use. This is just one of many examples of the work IBTM is involved with around the globe.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial contributions that make IBTM such an effective tool for reaching the lost. 2024 was a banner year for International Bible Teaching Ministries. 2025 is shaping up to be even better.

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#### Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	53,558
Restored/confessed sins.....	47,728
New congregations started.....	980
BCC students enrolled.....	52,139
Preachers to graduate from schools.....	1,018