



# 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. During the month of May there were 309 baptized into Christ and 28 who confessed sins in connection with our mission efforts in Africa. There were also 2 new congregations started. This year there will be around 140 men graduating from the preacher schools we are working with. These men are from 6 different African nations. One of our goals this year is to purchase a bicycle for each of these 140 men. The bicycles are different prices in different nations. They will average around \$150.00 each for a total of \$21,000.00. Some of these students will graduate in August others in September but most of them in November. These bikes are very important for these preachers in their work as Gospel preachers. These bikes allow the preachers to travel much faster and longer distances for Bible studies, preaching and visiting the sick and doing the work that Gospel preachers do. It is a great handicap for these men to walk everywhere they go as preachers. I hope you will pray for these 140 men as they start their work after finishing 2 years at these preacher schools. Please consider as an individual to send the funds to purchase one or more bikes for these men. We also hope several congregations will consider sending funds to purchase 10 bikes at a cost of \$1,500.00. We understand that not everyone can go to Africa or other mission fields to do this much needed work but many of us could purchase a bike so a faithful Gospel preacher in Africa could travel about doing his work with greater ease. If you can help with this project make your checks to IBTM and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for "Bikes for Africa".

During the month of May we sent funds to different locations in Africa for more Gospel meetings. We are getting good results from these meetings which can be sponsored for \$300.00 each. Hundreds have obeyed the Gospel from these meetings. The brethren in Zambia and Kenya continue to suffer from the drought. In May we sent \$4,000.00 to different preacher schools to purchase maize to help feed those in need.

We completed another new church building in Malawi the Ming'ongo congregation now has a nice building out of the rain for worship.

We have had good success in raising funds to help purchase Bibles for new converts in Africa. These Bibles are in local languages. During the month of June we have sent the following funds for these Bibles: Malawi \$5,000.00, Tanzania \$2,000.00, Bomet, Kenya \$2,000.00, Siamafumba in Zambia \$2,000.00, Solwezi in Zambia \$2,000.00, Livingstone in Zambia \$2,000.00, Kisuma in Kenya \$1,000.00 and Sierra Leone \$1,000.00 and Ngwezi in Zambia \$1,000.00. Total sent for Bibles in local languages in June was \$18,000.00. Our thanks to brethren in USA, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia for helping with these Bibles. We are still in need of funds for Bibles for Africa. During the month of May there were 309 baptized. The Bibles in local languages average around \$15.00 each so Bibles just for new converts for May only would cost over \$4,600.00.

The time is getting closer for our mission trip to Zambia and Malawi. We are still working on raising the funds needed for this trip. At this time we are just about \$10,000.00 short of our budget for this trip. If you have not helped yet please do and we will be able to reach our goal for this trip. There will be 5 men and 3 ladies going on this trip. We appreciate these men and the wives for going on this mission trip.

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Our group plans to teach at 4 preacher schools and conduct 5 Gospel meetings and some one day seminars while we are there. We have a very busy schedule of preaching and teaching during our trip to Africa. Please continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world."

Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

### Support Needed for 2024

Early last year I began working with International Bible Teaching Ministries to help support the good work that brother Ron Gilbert has been involved with over the years. We were blessed to receive one-time gifts and some monthly contributions to provide for my work in 2023. As I entered 2024, I wanted to focus my fundraising first for sending a crate to provide for the poor in Malawi. We successfully raised those needed funds for shipping and the purchase of English Bibles for the container. I now need to raise personal funds to replace the one-time contributions made on my behalf in 2023. Any consideration toward a one-time gift, special contribution, or monthly support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be involved with my work, please direct these funds to:

Jackson Heights Church of Christ  
C/O Barry Gilreath Africa Work  
1031 Hermitage Drive  
Florence, Alabama 35630

Also, please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the evangelistic campaigns we will be conducting in Africa in August of this year. Barry Gilreath

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Mat 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

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### Some Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	46,878
Restored/confessed sins.....	42,615
New congregations started.....	835
ICOTB students enrolled.....	556
Preachers to graduate.....	878