



# The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the month of September we had reported 134 baptisms and 147 that confessed sins and 2 new congregations started.

Linda Hill informed us a few days ago that she is retiring from her work at IBTM. We are so thankful for the many years of service Linda has given. For many years she was in charge of our BCC work assigning teachers with students and so many more tasks keeping our BCC program going forward. During her time with IBTM we enrolled over 50,000 BCC students from over 195 different nations. Linda has also been a great help with our web pages and so many other things at IBTM. Our thanks to Linda for her great work with IBTM. For the past year or so she has had some health issues. Our prayers are with Linda and our gratitude for her many years of service.

Our brethren in Malawi continue to work with the contacts they have from the big meeting in August while we were there. They have had 70 baptisms since the meeting ended and they continue to study with other prospects. In just a few weeks the students in Malawi will be graduating. They will be going out to conduct one more Gospel meeting before they graduate. They will be helping organize the meeting and helping speak during the meeting. This is great on hands training for these students. They are expecting around 700 for this Gospel meeting. Let us pray for the success of this meeting.

## Brief report on some of our building projects

The staff house in Malawi is being painted and some touch up work being done. This house should be ready to move into in the next week or so. At Siamafumba the kitchen/cafeteria building has completed the slab and ready to start up with the walls. In Solwezi we have sent funds to get started on building a security wall around the school property. We hope this project will be finished in 4 weeks or less.

Currently we are building 2 new church buildings. The Khombe congregation in Malawi is just starting. They are digging the footer and getting ready to pour the slab. This congregation was started when several people in that area had been listening to the radio program and were baptized. One of the preachers who graduated from the preacher school in Lilongwe agreed to preach for these brethren. The Muchenje congregation in Zambia now has the walls up and they are ready to set the trusses and put on the roof. This new church building should be finished in another 3 weeks or so. We are so thankful for the 2 congregations that gave funds to build these much needed church buildings.

We are still getting great results from the Gospel meetings in Africa that we are sponsoring. These meetings cost \$300.00 for some of the teachers at the preacher schools to take students out and conduct Gospel meetings. Recently from 2 meetings they reported 30 baptisms.

We are in need of more Bibles in local languages. Last year there were over 13,000 baptisms in connection with our mission work efforts here at IBTM. Most of these did not have a Bible. The Bibles in local languages cost \$12.00 to \$15.00 each. At \$12.00 each 13,000 Bibles would cost \$156,000.00. We are not able to get everyone a Bible that needs one but we are doing what we can to get these Bibles into the hands of new converts. One of our greatest needs at IBTM is more funds for Bibles! Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

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### Update on Internet

One of the projects that we are raising funds for is the provision of satellite internet services for a dozen of our schools of preaching in Africa. In the last issue of our newsletter, we brought this need to your attention, and we had an individual contact us wanting to supply the funds for one school. We appreciate this generous gift and hope others will want to do the same. We need to raise funds for eight more schools. The estimated cost of internet access in each school is about \$1600-\$2000 per school.

We also brought to your attention the great need for constructing buildings for impoverished brethren in Africa to have a place to meet and worship. We noted that we can build these structures for about \$10,000 each. One congregation in Cookeville, Tennessee read about this need and sent funds to construct one such church building. Perhaps other individuals or congregations have funds that they could consider donating for these worthwhile and needed efforts. Please contact me or Ron and we would be happy to answer any questions about these or other needs of our work in Africa. **Barry Gilreath**

### Web Page Update

We are in the process of updating our 2 web pages [www.ibtministries.org](http://www.ibtministries.org) and [www.icotb.org](http://www.icotb.org). We are working on several new projects for our web pages. As many of you know we already have over 100 Gospel tracts in English on our sites. At the bottom of the tract one can click on "printable tract" and print a PDF formatted tract. We are working on having some tracts in different languages so people in other countries can print tracts in their language from our web page. On our college web page [www.icotb.org](http://www.icotb.org) one can click on "Gospel books" and have access to hundreds of good books. We are adding more books so brethren from around the world will have access to an online library. For some time now we have had our BCC lessons on line for people to study the Bibles with us. We are currently working with brethren to have these courses translated into Spanish and make them available on the web. We believe this will open a door to millions of souls to be reached through these BCC lessons. Please be patient as we make these changes. We will update you from time to time in our newsletter concerning the progress we are making on our web page changes.

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### Some Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	50,940
Restored/confessed sins.....	46,120
New congregations started.....	934
BCC students enrolled.....	52,116
Preachers graduated from schools.....	961