

# The Seeker

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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. September was a very good month for IBTM. Several Gospel meetings and seminars were conducted by our students and graduates. Some graduates reported on their work for the past few months. We had 794 baptisms reported and 274 restorations with 2 new congregations started. Not all this work was done in September but was reported in September.

Our radio programs continue to reach many with the Gospel of Christ. Hundreds have obeyed the Gospel in just the past few months. The program in Malawi reports that the first program in October they had 139 contacts after the program with people wanting to study the Bible. Within 3 days all these contacts were assigned to various Gospel preachers and many of the studies are being conducted already. We are needing to send funds to 6 different locations for the radio programs. The average cost for a 30 minute program is \$50.00. We are trying to send funds for the next 3 months. If you would like to sponsor one of these programs send your check and mark for "radio programs-Africa". Reports from the graduates at Lilongwe come in to the school every week. The most recent one showed 71 baptisms in the past 7 days. Recently while school was out the preacher school in Malawi conducted 2 Gospel meetings with students going out for 2 weeks door knocking and preaching at a new congregation that is one year old. The other meeting was at a congregation which is about 3 years old. They reported a combined total of 25 baptisms and 34 who confessed sins and asked to be restored. They also gave out 19,400 Gospel tracts that were printed in Malawi. That is another project we are excited about being able to print materials in several places in Africa.

We are still working on the 2 containers we hope to get out as soon as possible. We have one going out of Cookeville to Solwezi, Zambia. Barry is working on one going out of Florence, AL. to Lilongwe, Malawi. We are just waiting for the final paper work and for them to assign a date when they will drop off the containers to be loaded. We hope and pray that both will go out soon.

Our building projects continue to go forward. The print shop in Livingstone, Zambia is finished. The bath house project at Siamafumba is almost ready to roof. We have completed 2 more chicken house projects and 2 more new church buildings.

Recently we sent funds to purchase 12 new bikes for the preachers at Ngwezi, Zambia so these men could travel preaching and teaching. We are always needing funds for Bibles, bikes and Gospel meetings. Please continue to help us take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Thanks for your prayers and support. Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

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Jimmy and Linda Hill were very special friends for Carolyn and me. Jimmy and I made several mission trips to Africa and other parts of the world. For many years Jimmy & Linda worked with Truth For The World. During that time I made several mission trips with Jimmy to Africa. On March 31, 2010 Jimmy & Linda left their work at TFTW and came to work with us at IBTM. At that time IBTM was a new work having been started by me in September of 2007. At the time Jimmy & Linda came to work with us we did not have a BCC program. They came to start a BCC program with us at IBTM. Jimmie had other responsibilities but this was their main focus. In August of 2012 Jimmie died of cancer. We were so happy that Linda stayed on working with us. She assigned the BCC students and kept our web pages up to date and a host of other things. Due to her health Linda retired a few years back from her work with IBTM. At the time of her retirement there were over 50,000 students that had enrolled in our BCC program. Many of them had obeyed the Gospel over these years.

In April of 2011 Jimmie & Linda, Carolyn and I made a mission trip to American Soma Islands, Australia and New Zealand. This was a very enjoyable trip. After knowing Jimmie & Linda for several years one day Linda and I were talking about her living at one time in Pikeville, TN. I grew up in Pikeville. We discovered that we were distant relatives.

We appreciate the good work done by Jimmie & Linda during their lives especially the good work done while they were able to work with us at IBTM. Our prayers are with Julie and Bronson and their sons Cole, Jasper and Henry. May God bless them and give them strength.

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#### Things You Helped Accomplish

Baptisms.....	55,740
Restored/confessed sins.....	48,200
New congregations started.....	985
Preachers to graduate from schools.....	1,025