



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 October we had reported 173 baptisms and 48 that confessed sins and 3 new congregations started. Our work continues to go forward with many souls being brought to the Lord. During the months of November and December we have several preachers graduating from preacher schools. We have 141 men to graduate from several schools in 2024. We have been working for several months to get the funds in place to purchase a bike for each of these men when they graduate. Our thanks to those who helped with these bikes. We now have the funds in place for all of these men to get a bike so they can move about preaching and teaching the Word of God. During the past few days we have received several pictures of preachers getting their new bikes. These men are so thankful for these bikes.

We are hoping to raise \$25,000.00 by the end of the year to purchase more Bibles in local languages for Africa. These Bibles currently cost between \$10.00 to \$15.00 each. They are purchased from the Bible Societies in the African countries where we work. There are so many new converts in connection with our work and many of these new Christians do not have a Bible. We need your help with these Bibles. As we come to the end of the year we are asking congregations and individuals to consider sending funds to purchase Bibles. We are so blessed as Americans having several Bibles in our homes while others go without a Bible.

A new door of opportunity has opened for our work in Malawi. The government there is aware of the work the churches of Christ has done with their work in the prisons. The government has requested that the brethren at the preacher school in Malawi start going into the Dzaleka Refugee Camp located in the central region of Malawi in the Dowa District, located about 43 kilometers from the capital Lilongwe. Most of these refugees are from the Democratic Republic of Congo but some are from Burundi, Rwanda and Ethiopia. There has been war and unrest in the Congo for some time and many are fleeing from that country. The camp was designed to accommodate around 12,000 but currently they have over 52,000 living there. Our brethren in Malawi plan to go in and out of this camp teaching the Gospel to as many as possible. One can only imagine the horrors these refugees have experienced and the difficulties these people are currently experiencing. We will be printing materials and purchasing Bibles for this work. Please pray for this effort that many of these souls will be taught the truth and obey the Gospel.

Brief report on some of our building projects

The staff house in Malawi is finished and ready for one of the instructors and his family to move in. At Siamafumba the kitchen/cafeteria building has completed the slab and the walls are going up and will soon be under roof. In Solwezi footer has been dug and poured and they are ready to start the security wall around the school property. We hope this project will be finished soon.

The 2 new church building we were working on are now complete. Both the building in Malawi and Zambia were finished at the same time. On Sunday November 10, they both had their first worship services in these 2 buildings. The Khombe congregation in Malawi and the Muchenje congregation in Zambia now have permanent places to worship. Both congregations wanted us to express their thanks to those who gave the

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funds to make these buildings possible. There are still several places in Africa where we work that the brethren do not have a place to worship. Many are meeting outdoors under a tree.

We are still having great results with our Gospel meetings in Africa, sponsored for \$300.00 each. Each week we get reports of baptisms occurring from these meetings. Recently we received reports of over 50 baptisms from 5 Gospel meetings.

We are still having work done on our web pages and getting them updated. Our web pages may be down from time to time as these changes are being made. Also our email may not work for a time as we make these changes. We apologize for any inconvenience due to our switching over to a new web host.

Please keep our work in your prayers and help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ 'into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

Good News – Bad News

When sin is committed, a partition is created and the precious fellowship shared between God and man is broken. Isaiah said, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear (Isa. 59:1-2)." The **good news** is that God can save us, but the **bad news** is that sin stands in the way. Jesus is the bridge that spans the distance. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us (Eph. 2:14)."

International Bible Teaching Ministry is a tool Christians can use to engage in the process of evangelism. Your support of the good works that are accomplished through this effort make it possible for thousands to learn of the Gospel of Christ from afar. As we near the end of 2024, please consider giving a contribution to help us reach every soul possible? No gift is too small to make a difference. \$20 will provide a Bible for someone who can't afford one. \$200 will provide a poor preacher in Africa with a bike so that he can travel from village to village, preaching the Word of God. \$500 can provide for the printing of thousands of Bible tracts for distribution. \$2000 will provide the installation and a year of service for internet in a school of Preaching in Africa. \$5000 will provide a well for an African community of Christians who have no reliable source for clean water. \$10,000 will provide impoverished Christians in Africa with a building to meet and worship in during Inclement seasons. **Please remember IBTM in your charitable giving** as we near the end of 2024. Please keep our work in your prayers so that we can continue to evangelize world in the New Year!

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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms.....	51,031
Restored/confessed sins.....	46,145
New congregations started.....	936
BCC students enrolled.....	52,110
Preachers to graduate from schools.....	992