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 continue to get great success from our Gospel meetings in Africa. In September we had 176 baptisms and 109 restored and 5 new congregations established during these Gospel meetings. In October we had 134 baptisms and 405 restored and one new congregation established. Reports are still coming in for November.

Our first container that we shipped to Africa arrived in Livingstone, Zambia on November 9th. This was our first to send and we learned many things that will help with the next container. This container had Bibles, books, tracts, song books, BCC booklets and some clothing for 4 preacher schools in Zambia. We know these schools will be grateful to get the materials we sent. We have started our second container and plan to ship it to Lilongwe, Malawi. We are hoping to get a few congregations near Cookeville to agree to fill 100 or so boxes of clothing for us on this next container and to store these boxes at their church buildings.

Our building projects continue to go forward. The new library at Solwezi, Zambia is almost ready for the walls to start going up. The new preacher school in Bomet, Kenya is under roof and being finished on the inside. We hope both of these building projects will be completed by January 2022 when school starts back at these schools.

During the past few weeks we shipped 83 boxes by m-bag to 12 different preacher schools in Africa. These boxes contained around 5,000 Bibles and New Testaments and several thousand Bible tracts and booklets. Since these boxes are going by air through the post office we hope they will be at their destination by the end of the year. This shipment weighed 2,417 pounds and cost \$10,997.35 to ship.

We encourage our readers to go to our college web page at www.icotb.org then click on "Gospel Books" and see the many books that are available for anyone who has a desire to read them. We have added about 25 new books recently and plan to be adding more each month as we can. Many of our students around the world use this web page as their library to study and learn more of God's Word.

Our BCC program continues to move forward but we need more students. I want to encourage our newsletter readers to consider putting the following in their church bulletins and even their local newspapers:

Free Bible Correspondence Course lessons: On-line students go to www.ibtministries.org and click on "Bible Correspondence Course" then to enrollment and click on "Introduction Lesson" and fill out the form then click "Submit Answers". Postal students write to IBTM, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and request free BCC lessons by mail.

Please help us find new BCC students so that many souls will be brought to the Lord. We have teachers ready and waiting for new students. We have enrolled around 50,000 BCC students. Several of our students have obeyed the Gospel and some of the men are now preaching. This is a good program and we need your help to find students.

Recently we shipped 83 boxes of Bibles, Gospel tracts, song books, books and booklets to 12 different preacher schools in Africa. In this shipment we sent 5,000 English Bibles and New Testaments. The funds to purchase these Bibles was donated by the Algood church of Christ here in Cookeville, TN. Other churches and individuals have given funds for Bibles which we have used to send to Africa to purchase Bibles in different languages for the brethren there. During the past few months we have sent over \$10,000.00 to Africa to purchase these Bibles. The brethren there have been very grateful to get these Bibles. Our thanks to everyone who has helped get Bibles for Africa.

Container being unloaded in Africa Algood members working on Bibles

Solwezi library ready for walls







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We are always looking ahead at the work that needs to be done. During the upcoming new year we hope to be able to build a staff house at a preacher school and to build 3 new church buildings. If you or the congregation where you attend would be able to help us with these building projects let us know and we can give you more details as to our needs.

Recently we received a letter from Diane Lovell the widow of Dennis Lovell. Dennis lived in Crossville, TN. and preached for the Woody congregation when he died. We lived in Crossville several years ago and I was preaching at Lantana and Dennis was preaching at Linary. We worked together in radio programs, Gospel meetings and other good works. Dennis was a faithful Gospel preacher and good friend. I was delighted to learn that his good wife wanted to give his library to schools in Africa. Dennis also was a collector of Bibles. Over the years he had purchased hundreds of Bibles. We have gotten a pickup truck load of Bibles to send to Africa from this family. I believe Dennis would be pleased with his books and Bibles going to Africa and helping many people for years to come. We are working with 12 different preacher schools in Africa and need many books for their libraries.

As we get near to the end of 2021 please consider making a donation to IBTM and our mission efforts to reach the lost in Africa. There is so much work to be done and we need your prayers and support. Our thanks to all our supporters. We want to encourage congregations to consider putting our mission work efforts in their budget for 2022. Our work continues to grow and we need your help. May the good Lord bless each of you as you enter another new year.

Please continue to help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world".

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Recent baptism Gospel meeting-Kenya



Boxes of Luo Bibles for Kenya



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Things You Helped Accomplish

| Baptisms24 | 1,862 |
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| Restored1 | • |
| Congregations established | 609 |
| Preachers graduated | 645 |