

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 months of November and December there will be several graduations at the preacher schools we are working with in Africa. These men have worked hard and made many sacrifices to attend these schools. They have been separated from their families for weeks at a time. They have not been able to work during these weeks at school. Most of them have been given about \$20.00 per month for personal grooming items and phone cards so they can call their families each week. When these men graduate they will go home and support themselves as farmers. There will be about 74 men to graduate.

One of these schools is Lilongwe School of Biblical Studies in Malawi. This is their second graduation but the first graduation in their new buildings. We had hoped to be there for this graduation but were unable to attend due to the virus. Pictured below are the two instructors and the 9 men who graduated. The graduation was held at the new church building with 41 congregations represented and 421 in attendance. The plan is to have 25 new students at the school in Malawi when the school starts back in January 2021. The school in Malawi is supported by the Jackson Heights congregation in Florence, AL.

The school at Siamafumba, Zambia had their graduation on November 14, 2020. They had 17 men to graduate. Siamafumba is supported by the Rock Valley congregation our sponsoring congregation. They hope to have 20 men to enroll in January 2021.

There is a preacher school in Ghana that is sponsored by the Kansas Expressway congregation in Springfield, MO. Our good friend Jerry Sullins is one of the elders there. There will be 10 men graduation there in December. We sent \$1,000.00 so each man graduating could have a bicycle. We also sent funds for bikes to Malawi, Tanzania, Siamafumba and in Kenya.

Pictured below is the walk-way at the preacher school in Solwezi, Zambia. We have just completed a staff house at the school and another teacher has built a house very near the school.

Also pictured below is a stack of blocks and bricks for the new church building in Kalomo, Zambia. They are having around 35 in attendance each Lord's Day. We hope this new church building will be completed very soon and the good brethren there will put it to good use. A Gospel meeting in that area recently had one baptism and 16 restored with 277 in attendance. The brethren in the Kalomo area are working hard in this building project and in evangelism.

Malawi Graduation



Walk-way completed Solwezi



Kalomo, Zambia new church building



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We are still working on the containers for Africa. We have almost filled the container for Malawi. We want to thank the many congregations and individuals who have donated clothing, books and other items for the container. We want to thank many at the Algood congregation for having work days at the church building there and helping sort and pack these boxes. Your help is greatly appreciated. We hope that these African nations will soon be open to our shipping these containers. We have thousands of BCC lessons, books, Bibles, Bible literature, song books in English and other languages.

We have been getting reports from our preachers in Africa concerning the work in October. October stats include: baptisms 83, restored 33, new congregations started 13, new ICOTB students to enroll 20. We continue to send funds to Africa for Gospel meetings. In October we sent \$3,200.00 which should sponsor about 10 Gospel meetings. Many souls are being brought to the Lord through these meetings.

In our last newsletter we mentioned a work that we hope many of you will help us with. Our married preacher students get around \$25.00 per month for personal items and phone cards to call their families. We call this "student scholarship". For \$300.00 you can support a married student at a preacher school for one year. This can be sent all at once or quarterly or monthly. Below is a picture of Bibles being given to people in Solwezi, Zambia. Also pictured is a Gospel meeting in Malawi and a baptism in Kenya back in October.

Many good things are going on in Africa training faithful Gospel preachers and reaching lost souls with the Gospel of Christ. We want to thank you for your prayers and support of our mission work efforts. Please continue to help us take the Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director, IBTM



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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	17,022
Restored	13,013
Congregations established	437
BCC students	50,411
ICOTB students	541
Preachers graduated	492