

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. This year will soon be gone! The Lord has greatly blessed our work at IBTM in 2022. Many souls have been added to the Lord and much good has been done for the Lord in Africa.

For several years now we have wanted to get another faithful Gospel preacher who shares our interest in lost souls and in training faithful Gospel preachers to join our work. A few weeks ago we asked Barry Gilreath, Jr. to join us at IBTM and help us with this great work. He has agreed to do so and plans to start working with us part-time in January 2023. We have known Barry and his good wife Jodi since they were both children. Barry has made several trips with us to Africa and he knows the work there and will be a great asset to IBTM. We are thankful to have him working with us. Barry is currently seeking to raise his support to do this work. We are asking if you can to send a one-time donation to his work by the first of the year. This will help secure his support for the next few months while he raises his funds. If you can help please make checks to Stutts Road church of Christ and mark for Barry Gilreath, IBTM and mail to 104 Moss Cove, Florence, AL. 35634. His funds will be handled through the Stutts Road church of Christ where he also serves as one of their elders.



Barry Gilreath, Jr. has been preaching the Gospel of Christ for over 35 years. He is a graduate of the East Tennessee School of Preaching and the Memphis School of Preaching Graduate Program. He has also obtained B.A. degree in religion from Amridge University and a M.A.R. degree in counseling from Harding Graduate School. Over the years he has served as a minister of the Gospel for the Jackson Heights congregation in Florence, Alabama, Mountain Creek congregation in Chattanooga, TN, Redbank congregation in Redbank, TN, Southaven congregation in Southaven, MS, and the Highland congregation in Dalton, Georgia.

Barry is married to his high school sweetheart Jodi Gilreath. Barry and Jodi have two sons who are Gospel preachers, two daughters and six grand-children. Barry was the long-time host of the television program Fabric of Family which aired on the Gospel Broadcasting Network and several networks in the southeast. He served as an elder with the Highland congregation and helped to oversee the TV program Preaching the Gospel with James Watkins and the launch and growth of Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN). Over the years Barry has participated in about a half-dozen evangelistic campaigns upon the continent of Africa, providing support for the efforts of International Bible Teaching Ministries and the Jackson Heights church of Christ. He is presently preaching for the Stutts Road church of Christ in Florence, Alabama where he also serves as one of the elders.

We are excited to have Barry join us in our mission work efforts. We are looking forward to working with him in many different avenues in the Africa work. Please pray for Barry as he makes this change in his work and help him if you can with his support. If you wish to contact him you may reach him at his email jamesbg2@yahoo.com

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We are still making good progress with the building of several new church buildings in Africa. Currently we are working on 2 more and hope to start a third soon. One of the new congregations that was started in Malawi last year has grown a lot. They have had over 100 baptisms and on Sunday November 13 they had 256 in attendance. They do not have a church building and are meeting outside under a tree. However the rains are starting and they are in need of a church building. I hope we can raise funds to help them build a much needed church building soon.

There are so many good projects we want to do in Africa but are limited due to funds. As we get to the end of the year we ask that congregations consider putting our work in their budgets for 2023. We could use your help on a monthly basis or as some congregations do give us one fifth Sunday contribution per year. This would be a great help in our work. We also appreciate the individuals that give to our work each month. Your contribution makes a big difference in our work for the Lord. Please continue to pray for our work and help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director

New congregation in Malawi



17 preachers graduate-Malawi



Siamafumba grads with bikes



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Things You Helped Accomplish Since Sept. 2007

Baptisms.....	30,700
Restored.....	26,027
Congregations established.....	685
Preachers graduated.....	732