



# 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. Since our December newsletter we have received more reports from our preachers in Africa. We can update our 2022 report to the following:

Baptisms.....	7,302
Restored & confessed sins.....	10,650
New congregations established.....	101
Preachers to graduate.....	209
Bikes for preachers in Africa.....	150
Bibles for Africa, English and local languages.....	\$31,476.00

We continue to get good reports each month on the Gospel meetings IBTM is sponsoring in Africa at \$300.00 per meeting. We have had several baptisms in January from these meetings. We need more churches and individuals to sponsor these meetings so many souls can be brought to the Lord.

We have sent funds in the past few weeks to purchase 11 more bikes for preachers. These men are seasoned Gospel preachers but were in need of a bike. The bikes in Zambia have gone up to \$300.00 each. The high price of fuel is causing many things to be expensive in Zambia. We are in need of more bikes for faithful Gospel preachers. We are sending funds to preacher schools to purchase more Bibles in local languages. These Bibles range in price from \$12.00 to \$17.00 each. We have ordered 3,000 English Bibles and New Testaments that we will be shipping to Africa at different locations in the next few weeks. We are working with preacher schools in 6 different African nations and Bibles are needed in different languages.

For the past several months we have sent funds to different locations in Africa for food relief. In places in Zambia and Kenya the brethren have been suffering from droughts. In Malawi in one area floods caused much damage to homes and ruined many crops. We have tried to send funds each month to help these areas.

We continue to build new church buildings in Malawi and Zambia. Last year we were able to help build 8 church buildings. The local brethren do great work to help with these buildings. They make their own bricks and help dig the footers for the church buildings. They also help the brick layers with the mud and bricks and help set the trusses and put the metal on the roofs. We hope to be able to build several more needed church buildings this year in Africa. We have the next two locations ready to start soon. These buildings can be built for around \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 each. If you or your congregation would like to help build one of these buildings or even half of the funds to build a church building we would greatly appreciate your help. Make checks to IBTM and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark for "Church building". We will send you pictures as the building goes up and reports on the work and a financial report when the building is completed.

New students are being enrolled at preacher schools in Africa. Malawi has started classes January 31. They now have 26 men. Bomet has started classes with 14 men. Siamafumba will start classes February 6<sup>th</sup>. They are expecting 20 men. We have not heard from some of the other schools. We are thankful for all these good men and their desire to be Gospel preachers. Please pray for them as they prepare to preach.

We are trying to get several things printed for our trip to Africa this year. Our thanks to Garland Robinson for his help with our printing work. At this point he has printed 1,000 sermon outline booklets on the church compiled by Sidney White and 1,000 booklets on "How To Set Up The New Testament Church in Your Home". This is a 20 page booklet that is very much needed in Africa. We also have a sermon outline booklet on the Parables of Jesus written by John Chowning. We are getting 1,000 sermon outline booklet printed on the miracles of Jesus written by John Chowning. There will also be several thousand Gospel tracts printed.

We have been working with a brother in India who has translated our 6 BCC lessons into Tamil and we hope to have them in a PDF format soon so brethren there can use our BCC lessons. If you know of a congregation that does work in India where they speak Tamil and could use the BCC lessons have them get in touch with us here at IBTM. We hope that soon we will be able to send these lessons by email to brethren who do work in India where Tamil is spoken.

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Message from Barry Gilreath

Though I officially began my new work with International Bible Teaching Ministries on January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, I have been a supporter of this good effort for many years. The model for overseas evangelism that brother Ron Gilbert has adopted is a proven and cost effective one for getting the most “bang for the buck”. I am honored to be involved, even more so, through this great evangelistic tool. Carrying the Gospel to the world is a team effort, and you are very much an important part of that team. Your prayers, encouragement and financial gifts have helped to expand the influence of this ministry since it began in 2007. Reflecting upon the encouraging results that God has granted in previous years and in view of the plans that will be put into effect in the New Year, I am confident that the future is very bright. Thank you for being a team member and doing what you can to ensure success!

I also want to thank those who sent a contribution for my support in recent weeks. We are now only about \$15,000 from reaching our goal for 2023. I know we will get there. God is good and the brethren are supportive. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Additionally, the Jackson Heights congregation in Florence, Alabama is now serving as the overseeing eldership for my work with International Bible Teaching Ministries. I preached for this good congregation for about a decade and the church has been very involved in the work over the years. If you would like to give funds on my behalf for the work, their contact information is as follows:

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7 Baptisms in Kenya from our Gospel meetings



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Things You Helped Accomplish since September 07’

Baptisms.....	38,624
Restored.....	36,245
Congregations established.....	775
Preachers graduated.....	849