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Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have started getting materials printed for our 2020 mission trip to Malawi and Zambia. We hope to send out our fund raising letters in January for our 2020 trip next August. We are currently printing 200,000 Gospel tracts in English and other African languages. We are printing song books in Tonga and Kiswahili. We hope to print another 1,000 full sets of our BCC booklets, 12,000 booklets. We are also printing 2 paperback books: one on the parables of Jesus and another a sermon outline book with sermons on the church. We also will be purchasing 5,000 Bibles to ship to Africa this year and several text books and library books for the preacher schools. We want to thank Garland Robinson who does our printing for us. We appreciate his good work so much.

The Gospel meetings in Africa are very successful with many souls being added to the Lord. We are sending \$300.00 per meeting to the schools in Africa and they are going out with some of the students and teachers and conducting Gospel meetings. We have sent funds for about 50 of these Gospel meetings. They have reported 72 baptisms and 227 restored from meetings thus far with more meetings scheduled in December. We hope to make this an ongoing work and send funds every few months for these Gospel meetings. If you or your congregation would like to sponsor a Gospel meeting in Africa send your \$300.00 for meeting expenses and we will get it to one of the schools for a future Gospel meeting. These funds are used for travel, food and hotel stays for the teachers and students.

November and December is graduation time for some of our preacher schools in Africa. Eleven men will be graduating at 2 different preacher schools that we are working with. These men will be going forth preaching the precious Gospel of Christ each week to people in their congregations and seeking to evangelize by conducting personal Bible studies. Our prayers are with these young men as they go forth preaching the Word of God.

Recently we mailed several letters to churches in Tennessee and Kentucky concerning the Comer Trust fund. We are asking congregations who receive these funds to consider giving part of those funds for mission work. We have several buildings to build at preacher schools in Africa and 4 church buildings and 3 wells that are needed. We also hope to print several thousand BCC booklets and tracts and purchase as many Bibles as we can raise funds to purchase! Please consider helping our mission efforts with your trust fund money when you get it.

We are still in need of Jule Miller Visualized Bible Study lessons – either DVDs or the newest USB version – for Africa and Malaysia. If you or your congregation has a set that you are not using or would like to purchase and donate one we will ship it to the brethren there who are requesting these.

The building projects in Africa are going great. School is out during the month of December at the preacher schools and the school in Solwezi, Zambia the brethren are cleaning up and getting beds and things

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moved in for the new quarter to start in January 2020. In Malawi the third building is finished and is being cleaned up and the walkways are being poured and they are getting ready for the students to come back in January 2020. This will be a big change for both schools to be in their new school buildings. Our thanks to those who helped build these buildings. Please continue to pray for these new preacher schools that they may grow and train many faithful Gospel preachers over the next many years.

The new-year is rapidly approaching and many congregations are planning their budget for 2020. We hope you will consider putting IBTM in your budget for 2020 and help us reach the lost around the world with the Gospel of Christ. We hope to be able to print more Gospel tracts, BCC booklets, song books, sermon outline books, purchase Bibles in English and different African languages. There are so many things that we would like to be able to do for the work in Africa but we are limited by funds! Please consider putting our work in your budget for 2020 by sending a monthly donation or even a one-time per year donation. Please continue to pray for our mission efforts and help us as you can to take the precious Gospel of Christ *"into all the world"*.

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert, Director



*From everyone at
IBTM & ICOTB!*

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	14,116
Restorations	11,059
Congregations Established	336
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	46,931
ICOTB Students	493
Preachers Graduated	483

Office News

The holiday season – also known as the gift-giving season as my three grandsons excitedly remind me – has arrived. Seems like the last one was just last week, but that's another issue entirely. Yet in considering gifts the thought keeps recurring that the greatest gift we can give anyone is the gospel of Christ. There are so many ways we can do that. True, some cost money (like going or sending someone else), some require time (such as teaching a neighbor next door or on the other side of the world) and all take a love for lost souls. As we are about to begin a new year I pray we can all be more aware of the possibilities and use them for our Lord more effectively.

Linda Hill

Jimmie B. Hill Memorial Library

Ronald & Carolyn Gilbert added books in memory of
Bob Allen (Algood church of Christ)

Linda Hill added books in memory of
Robert A. Glass

Cole Rawlins, Jasper & Henry Roper added Jule Miller
Visualized Bible Study lessons in memory of
Jimmie B. Hill