

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. Several of our preacher school graduates in Africa after the first of the year have sent their reports in concerning their work for the Lord during 2020. The revised numbers for 2020 are as follows: baptisms- 6,749, restorations- 5,877, new congregations established- 184 and 75 preachers graduated from preacher schools. We rejoice at these reports from our preaching brethren. Over 500 men have graduated from these schools since September 2007 when IBTM started.

We are getting closer to sending the 2 containers to Africa. We believe we now have all the government paper work done in Africa by these 2 schools that will receive the containers. One of these schools was registered with their government but had to be reregistered in order to receive a container of humanitarian aid. Hopefully we can ship both containers soon.

We have started making our plans to go to Africa in August. We are praying that things will be open and we will be allowed to go. But even if we do not get to go there are many things we need to get done before August rolls around. Below is our budget this year:

Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts.....	10,000.00
Books for preacher schools, mainly shipping.....	5,000.00
Printing & shipping BCC lessons.....	10,000.00
Travel, taxi, hotels, food, and fuel.....	2,000.00
Air fare, travel ins., Zambia and Malawi.....	6,000.00
Benov. for preacher schools, extra help for teachers.....	3,000.00
Bibles in local languages.....	3,000.00
Bikes for preachers.....	3,000.00
English Bibles to ship.....	4,000.00
Preacher schools extra help, food , supplies, cooking gas, ink, office supplies, maintenance at schools.....	2,000.00
Missl. expenses for van & truck repairs.....	2,000.00
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We have started printing Gospel tracts and will be purchasing Bibles, books and printing other items during the next few weeks. We need your help in reaching our budget again this year. Please make checks to Ronald D. Gilbert-Mission Fund and mail to Rock Valley church of Christ, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506 and mark on the check for "Malawi-Zambia Trip". We always send a financial report to those who help with our trips.

We are still having great results with our sending \$300.00 for each Gospel meeting in Africa. These funds are used by the preacher schools for some of the instructors and students to go out and conduct Gospel meetings. These funds are for transportation, food and lodging. Since we started this program we have had over 400 baptisms from these meetings. We plan to do several more during 2021. During the past few weeks

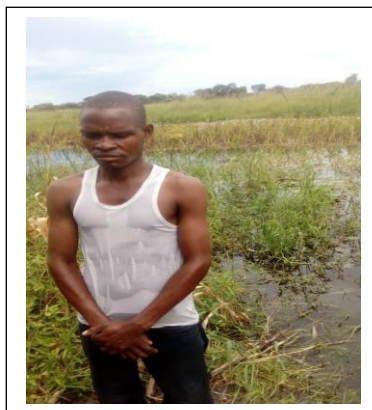
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there have been 3 more Gospel meetings in Africa during the past few weeks. During one of these meetings in Western Kenya a lady that was 115 years old was baptized into Christ. In a few weeks the rains will stop and more meetings will be conducted. If you or your congregation would like to sponsor one or more of these Gospel meetings send \$300.00 per meeting to IBTM, PO Box 49494, Cookeville, TN. 38506, and mark for "Gospel meetings". There are more meeting scheduled in the next few months but we need to send more funds soon for these Gospel meetings. Pictured below on the left is the lady age 115 being baptized in Kenya. The man in the middle is a young man from Zambia after his baptism. The picture to the right is a Gospel meeting in Kenya back in January 2021.

Our current building projects in some areas have been hindered due to heavy rains. But this is a good thing because it means that the brethren in those areas with heavy rain will have good crops this year.

The work in Africa continues to grow and the Lord has blessed our work with great results. We need your help in 2021! There is so much that needs to be done. Please keep our work in your prayers and send funds so even more souls can be added to the Lord. Help us to take the precious Gospel of Christ "into all the world". Ronald D. Gilbert-Director, IBTM



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Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms.....	18,009
Restored.....	13,872
Congregations established.....	465
ICOTB Students.....	541
Preachers graduated.....	563