

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. We are working to get things ready for our spring mission trip to Malaysia. We missed our trip last year due to health reasons but are looking forward to this year and our visit there. Our brethren there are facing many challenges that we do not face as Americans. They need our prayers and our encouragement.

In Acts 16 after Paul passed by Mysia and came to Troas he had a vision, ***“There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.”*** (Acts 16:9) From this verse we often refer to a “Macedonian call”. We have received a “Macedonian call” from many of our brethren in Africa asking us to please send more of our BCC booklets to them. We are having great results with our printed BCC lessons in Africa. During the past few months we have had over 300 baptisms from our BCC booklets. We have printed 1,000 full sets which is 12,000 booklets and they are ready to ship. We are currently printing another 1,000 full sets because of the great demand for them. Is it not wonderful to know that there are still places in the world today where people are hungry for the Word of God and eager to study through these BCC courses? We have had good response to our request for help with this project. We have raised enough to print and ship the first 1,000 sets and need about \$5,000.00 more for the printing and shipping of the second 1,000 sets. Please help us answer this “Macedonian call” for more BCC booklets for Africa.

We are well underway for our Africa mission trip in August. We have printed and shipped 100,000 Gospel tracts and have another 100,000 in several different languages ready to ship. Some have sent funds to help us reach our goal this year but we need to hear from our supporters now because although our trip is in August so much is done before our trip. As you can see below we will need \$35,000.00 before the trip.

Our budget for our 2019 Malawi-Zambia trip this August is as follows:

Printing & shipping 200,000 Gospel tracts.....	10,000.00
Books for preacher schools, text books & library books.	5,000.00
Printing & shipping BCC booklets.....	10,000.00
Travel, taxi, hotels, fuel, food.....	2,000.00
Airfare, travel ins. Malawi & Zambia.....	6,000.00
Benevolence, helping schools, teachers, needy.....	3,000.00
Bibles in local languages.....	3,000.00
Bikes for preachers, at \$100.00 each.....	3,000.00
English Bibles to ship to Africa.....	4,000.00
Ink, office supplies, maintenance at preacher schools, cooking.....	2,000.00
Miscellaneous expense, repairs to vehicles.....	2,000.00
Budget for 2019	\$50,000.00

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Brethren, there is an urgency about getting Bibles, tracts, BCC booklets into the hands of the lost. The lost are really lost! Not everyone believes that the lost are really lost! A few years ago I was visiting a congregation and during the Bible class the teacher raised the question as to whether those who had not obeyed the Gospel would really be lost at the end. I thought for some time during the class that he was playing the "devil's advocate" trying to get brethren to think and to be able to answer this false idea using the Bible. Sadly as the class drew near the end I realized he was serious and he believed that God was so good and benevolent that He would not condemn those who were ignorant of Him and His Word! I tried in the few remaining minutes of the class to show from God's Word that the lost would really be lost at the day of Judgment if they did not obey the Gospel. I am afraid that there are others in the Lord's church who do not believe that the lost will be lost. Also there are many others in the church who through their lack of concern for the lost are living as if they believed that the lost will not be lost! Please read these passages, II Thess. 1:79; II Pet. 3:9; Matt. 25:46; Jn. 8:24; Mk. 16:15-16 and Eph. 2:12-13. Without the Gospel men are lost and will be lost forever. This is a very

serious thing and demands our attention and diligent efforts to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ. Please help us as you can to take the Gospel of Christ "*into all the world*".

In Christ,
Ronald D. Gilbert, Director

Things You Helped to Accomplish

Baptisms	11,983
Restorations	9,576
Congregations Established	296
Schools of Preaching Begun	7
BCC Students	42,933
ICOTB Students	483
Preachers Graduated	475

Office News

Did you know that the death toll for 2019 is predicted to be 56 million people? That's a number too big for me to really fathom, but the statisticians who predict such gloomy numbers break it down. Today 153,425 people are expected to die worldwide. That means that in just the 3 minutes or so since you started reading this newsletter that more than 300 souls have entered eternity. I have to wonder – how many of them were prepared? Taking the Gospel of Christ to the world is truly an urgent matter.

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